



St Anthony's Parish Picton

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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR A

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 26 July 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING: Kings 3:5, 7-12

A reading from the book of Kings
You have asked for wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

St Anthony's Church - Tahmoor

Saturday Vigil - **5.00 pm**
Sunday - 7.30 am & 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday - 5.00 pm Adoration
5.30 pm - Tahmoor
Wednesday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor
St Martha
Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor
Friday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor
St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

Reconciliation (Confession)

By appointment only

Adoration: Tuesday: 5pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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www.stanthonypicton.org.au

Scriptural Context

Matthew Ch 13

Over the last few weeks we have now heard Matthew Chapter 13 almost in its entirety. We heard first the parable of the sower then last week three short parables about weeds amongst the wheat, the mustard seed growing into a great tree and leaven in the flour. Finally, today we have had these additional pithy parables. The entire chapter seeks to paint metaphoric images of the kingdom. Woven through these images is a suggestion that the kingdom is open to all – all are presented with the invitation – but not everyone will accept that invitation or respond to it in the same way.

NEXT WEEK: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

DIRECT DEPOSITS: - can you please ensure that you use your name of Planned Giving envelope number as a reference, so monies given can be recorded against your name.
Some have COVID19 as a reference, which does not allow proper recording of monies given.

**Diocese of Wollongong church buildings are
NOT OPEN for private prayer
Churches can be opened only for:
Masses, Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms and
Reconciliation**

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Lord grant them eternal peace & joy and to their families and friends strength and comfort

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kristinu Borg

PRAY FOR THE SICK Christine Jupe, Janelle Clifton, Peter Wood, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Lesley Thompson, Mauro Mariano, Mary McMahon, John Debono, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, Lesley Gardiner, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Jim Matthews, Elizabeth Linsell

READERS:

THIS WEEK

Vigil: Trish Lindner
7.30am: Don Turvey
9.30am: Maree Galea

NEXT WEEK

Sandra Ryan
John Maher
Olga Upton

CLEANERS:

Giuliana Giubin

Joanne McElgunn
June Paget
Frank Grima

SACRISTY:

Gillian Dobson

Mary Gilbert

SPECIAL MINISTERS will not be rostered on during the pandemic

ACOLYTES are most welcome to serve on the altar

FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP: Mass in the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel will be livestreamed at 10am, August 8th followed by a time of prayer at the tomb.

The details will be posted on the website:
marymackillopplace@mmp.org.au

Prayer Reflections suitable for prayer at home will also be posted on the website for three days August 6th, 7th and 8th.

Mary MacKillop knew what it was like to face unknown and unpredictable times in her life. May she companion us as we live through this pandemic which is affecting all aspects of our family, work and community life.

God is good and has brought light and help when all was very dark, words by Mary MacKillop 1899

AUGUST 15 VIRTUAL NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S

GATHERING : This free half day gathering, will look to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship four sessions with inputs from Australian Bishops and lay leaders to inspire and renew men in the Church for mission. Participate individually but also in around 30 locations around Australia, 4 in the Diocese of Wollongong. Simply register at www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

The Diocese will bring men together in four locations on Saturday 15 August from 9.30-2.30pm:

- **Wollongong:** Xavier Centre 38 Harbour Street: Host: Peter Crowe – 0407 913 696
- **Macarthur:** Venue TBC: Host: Eddie Ferry – 0417 049 418
- **Nowra:** Venue St Michaels Parish: Host: Nigel Porter – 0430 365 383
- **Southern Highlands:** Venue TBC: Host: James Glynn – 0431 636 027

THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG WEEKLY PODCAST – 'THE JOURNEY' – 26 July 2020

This week you will hear all about the upcoming National Men's Conference and new content from Darren McDowell in his segment – leading for mission – asking us why we would bother? The Journey available every Friday for free download – go to www.jcr.org.au

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

It must not be forgotten that the passing of time and the changing of social circumstances will require a constant updating of the reflections on various issues, in order to interpret new signs of the times. – Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are now available for collection from the back of the church. If you would like to join the planned giving with envelopes, please leave your name with the parish office.

There is a link on the front page of the parish website that goes to Diocese of Wollongong showing what Masses are on live.
www.stanthonypicton.org.au

LATEST DIRECTIVES FROM BISHOP BRIAN

1 July 2020

- 1) *The total number of people allowed to attend Mass is now replaced by the rules of social distancing—4 square metres of space for each person.
Tahmoor church has capacity for just over 100 people.*
- 2) *First time Mass goers must have their names and contact phone number recorded with the parish, prior to attending.
After that please have your named checked off when entering the church, on each occasion, that you attend.*

You are not required to pre register for weekday Mass.

Those who cannot attend Mass, can continue to nurture their faith through watching Mass on line or other prayerful means.

+ If you are 65years+ and have underlying health concerns or 70+ years please consider staying at home for your safety

+ Mass attendants must prove well and must use sanitizer when entering the Church.

+ When leaving please leave your kneeler down, so those areas can be cleaned.

+ Offering (Sunday Mass only) is to be placed in boxes provided (mounted on wall) at the entrances, as you enter the Church or after Mass, or ideally given through direct debit.

Collection plates will no longer be passed around to avoid spread of germs/viruses.

+ No longer holy water in the bowl at the entrance door.

+ Please do not touch any statues/paintings/icons

+ Not to shake hand at any event.

+ Holy Communion given into the hand only and in one line.

- 3) *Reconciliation/Confession: by appointment with Fr. Peter (his phone: 0406001540.)*
- 4) *Baptism: by appointment either on Saturday or Sunday*
- 5) *You are encouraged to install the COVID-19 App onto your mobile phone.*

MONITORS: These are to help people enter the church safely and to ensure social distancing and not to congregate before or after Mass, and other similar things Each Mass will require 2 monitors—if you would like to assist in this important role—please contact the parish office

DATES LOCKED IN FOR PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLIES The two assemblies for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will be held in Adelaide from October 3-10, 2021, and in Sydney from July 4-9, 2022. The new dates mean that the celebration of the Plenary Council has effectively moved 12 months from the original plan of a first assembly in October 2020 and a second assembly in June/July 2021.

ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING

Given that some parishioners are unable to attend Mass in our church, many who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish.

Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances. Please contact the Parish Office (4683 2230 or picton@dow.org.au) if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you.

If you would like to commence giving by direct debit or via credit card, new forms are available for you to complete, they are available in the racks in the foyer of the church, or they can be emailed to you.

ALTERNATIVE:

2nd collection—(all parish expenses)

Picton Parish

BSB 066-711

Account number: 001783

1st collection— (Priests & their living expenses)

Picton Presbytery

BSB: 066711

Account number: 002196

If you are giving electronically, please use your name or envelope number as a reference, so the contributions can be allocated to you.

CLEANERS: The church, where people have sat, and frequently touched surfaces, need to be cleaner after every Mass, to help ensure the safety of our parishioners—all materials supplied. If you are willing to help in this important role—please contact the parish office.

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