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**Fr Peter Tien**  
Parish Priest



## Parish Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent — Year A

Sunday 26 March 2023

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12-14

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

### SECOND READING: Romans 8:8-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;

whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

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### GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

**Next week's readings:** PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord  
Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

### ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH—TAHMOOR

Saturday Vigil—6.00 pm

Sunday—8.30am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday - 5.00 pm – ADORATION

5.30 pm— Tahmoor

Wednesday - 8.30 am— Tahmoor

5.30 pm **Stations of the Cross**

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Friday— 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—

March dates: 31<sup>st</sup>

### Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5.00 pm—5.30 pm

### Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

**Adoration:** Tuesday 5.00 pm

### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9am—3pm

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## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### *Rage against Death*

This Gospel tells us that Our Lord was moved with compassion in an almost violent way, raging against the seeming finality of death. The raising of Lazarus was a demonstration of his power to rob death of its supposed supremacy.

But, Our Lord did not set Lazarus completely free! You may think that to be raised from the dead was not a bad start, but Lazarus was still shuffling: bound, constrained, constricted by the past. To those gathered around the tomb Jesus issued the command: 'Set him free, unbind him.' It was the collective effort of others which enabled Lazarus to walk as a liberated son of God.

You may find yourself commanded by the Lord to help unbind a person who has had a deadening experience which has drained them of life. We get the courage to respond because it is the command of the One who definitively conquered death.

We could pause for a moment to resolve to help liberate others already helped by the grace of Him whom we believe to be *the Resurrection and the Life*.

### PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Paul Wise, Sandra Wise

### RECENTLY DECEASED :

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** Florence Hinton, Debbie James, Jean Le Roux, Marie Darlington, Christine Jupe, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Mauro Mariano, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

### PALM SUNDAY—VIGIL MASS

COMMENTATOR: GAIL HANGER

1ST & 2<sup>ND</sup> READINGS &

PRAYER OF FAITHFUL SOPHIA DE ZILVA

PASSION

NARRATOR: SANDRA RYAN

JESUS: FR PETER

SINGLE VOICE TRISH LINDNER

CROWD THE CONGREGATION

### PALM SUNDAY—8.30AM MASS

COMMENTATOR: ANTONY INGREY

1ST & 2<sup>ND</sup> READINGS &

PRAYER OF FAITHFUL JOHN MAHER

PASSION

NARRATOR: PAUL WYATT

JESUS: FR PETER

SINGLE VOICE: MAREE GALEA

CROWD THE CONGREGATION

**READERS:** NEXT WEEK

VIGIL: TBA

8.30AM: TBA

**CLEANERS:** COLIN DUNN HELEN WILLIS &  
LISA BRUFFER

**FLOWERS:** NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

**SACRISTY:** M A R Y G I L B E R T

**MORNING TEA:**

NICOLE NEWTON & MARG & JENNY  
PAULA



**PALMS REQUIRED:** If you have any palms suitable for Palm Sunday, could you please deliver them to the foyer of the church by Friday 31st

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**— will be held on Wednesdays at 5.30 pm, in Tahmoor church.

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES:** Could these all be returned by Easter please

**ADVERTISING ON THE BACK PAGE OF THE PARISH BULLETIN**—If you or someone you know have a business or service you would like to advertise, please contact the parish office.

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**LITURGY TRAINING WORKSHOP** Saturday 1 April 2023. Ingleburn Parish is hosting a Ministry Workshop, specifically for Readers, Ministers of Communion and Acolytes, both for existing ministers and those interested in joining these ministries. The day will begin with mass at 9am, followed by the workshop at 9.30am and conclude with a light lunch at approximately 1pm. A contribution to the lunch would be appreciated. If you would like to register for this Workshop please ring Sr Monica Barlow on 0417881001

**CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKENDS FOR 2023**  
***Save these dates*** and join us for a good time with great people. May 19-21 & October 27-29, 2023 - Fridays 4pm till Sunday 3pm, Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility/Environmental Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale (15 minutes from Picton)

**APPIN MASSACRE MEMORIAL CEREMONY** Sunday 16 April 2023 Cataract Dam Picnic Area 11am - 3:30pm  
Hosted by: Wunga Myamly Reconciliation Group The event will take place regardless of weather conditions. Please see the flyer for contacts and additional details.



### **Fifth Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 March**



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations.***

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## EASTER TIME TABLE

**2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION**—Friday 31 March at 5.00pm

**PALM SUNDAY**—1/2 April Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday 8.30am

**CHRISM MASS**—Tuesday 4 April, 7.00pm at Wollongong Cathedral

**HOLY THURSDAY (LAST SUPPER)** - Thursday 6 April at 7.00pm

**GOOD FRIDAY—STATIONS OF THE CROSS**—Friday 7 April—10.00am (outdoors)

**GOOD FRIDAY**—Veneration of the Cross - 3.00pm

**GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING**

**EASTER VIGIL**—Saturday 6.00pm

**EASTER DAY**—Sunday 8.30am



### FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS

Due to the popularity of the Cross + Generation technology program, **CatholicCare**, will again partner with St Benedict's Oran Park and **CEDoW** to help with the technology that you may be struggling with. Bring in your device, either your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident in downloading apps, sending messages or even using google maps.

The first day will be Tuesday 9 May from 12pm – 2.30 – this will include lunch on the day, a briefing chat followed by training.

The following dates will have afternoon tea provided.

Tuesday 16 May 1pm-2.30pm

Tuesday 23 May 1pm-2.30pm

Tuesday 30 May 1pm-2.30pm

Tuesday 6 June 1pm-2.30pm

Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect with seniors, and students for some information sharing in a fun relaxed setting at St Benedict's Catholic College Oran Park.

Places will fill quickly, so please contact Jane Hollier Parish and Community Officer **CatholicCare** on 0417018152 or [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

the Father, his constant trust, his desire always and only to do the Father's will and give glory to him. ...When Jesus asks us to take up his "yoke which is easy", he asks us to be enriched by his "poverty which is rich" and his "richness which is poor", to share his filial and fraternal Spirit, to become sons and daughters in the Son, brothers and sisters in the firstborn brother (cf. Rom 8:29). (Pope Francis, Lenten Message 2014) <https://justiceandpeace.org.au/lent-easter-social-justice>

### CATHOLICCARE - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer?

We need foster carers who provide love, care, and support to help these children thrive and reach their full potential. Carers receive comprehensive support from the Fostering Futures team to ensure they have a full range of resources and networks to nurture their forever home. Our team have over 30 years' experience helping carers give vulnerable children a loving home and a brighter future. For more information, please call 0418783956, or

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**THE JOURNEY**, 26 March 2023 – This Week: Fr Mark De Battista says in the Gospel Jesus leads us into an explicit affirmation of faith in him. Mother Hilda says the raising of Lazarus teaches us how to deal with grief. The Triumph Lenten series continues with Ken Bryant and Br Lewis Harwood. Plus, Mike Delaney on the wonder & restrictions of mobile phones. The Journey podcast available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT** Christ's poverty which enriches us is his taking flesh and bearing our weaknesses and sins as an expression of God's infinite mercy to us. Christ's poverty is the greatest treasure of all: Jesus' wealth is that of his boundless confidence in God

**menALIVE's — reFUEL** Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions— Every Tuesday 7.30pm reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening on Zoom providing the chance to: break open the Sunday reading using a Lectio Divina style exercise "catch up" with great men from across Australia and New Zealand. gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men. pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others. Join via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468>



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