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Fr Peter Tien  
Parish Priest



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time —YEAR B

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 29 August 2021

## FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

*You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.*

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

## GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

*You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.*

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

### 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— NO ADORATION  
5.30 pm— NO MASS  
Wednesday - 8.30 am— NO MASS  
Thursday - 8.30 am— NO MASS  
Friday - 8.30 am— NO MASS  
St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

### Reconciliation (Confession)

Not currently available.

Adoration: Tuesday: Not this week

### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

Parish Phone 4683 2230

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## Responsorial Psalm

R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.



# YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

“Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life”

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

## PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH (POPE FRANCIS)

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary! To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

## PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

## ANNIVERSARY:

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Bell, Don O'Brien  
(former principal of St Anthony's Primary School)

PRAY FOR THE SICK Marie Darlington, Christine Jupe, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Lesley Thompson, Mauro Mariano, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, Lesley Gardiner, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

READERS: THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

VIGIL:

7.30AM:

9.30AM:

CLEANERS:

FLOWERS:

SACRISTY:

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## NEXT WEEK READINGS:

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B**  
Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

## HOMILY:

**SUNDAY 22, B.**

A spiritual Guru asked his students, 'what is the thing that a person should always avoid at any cost!' They answered, 'an evil eye, an unfaithful friend and a crooked heart!' He then asked them, 'and what is the thing that a person should always strive for at any cost?' They answered, 'a pure eye, a faithful friend and a pure heart!'

The Gospel today speaks of what we need to have when we come before the Lord to make prayer heard or an offering acceptable!

Referring to the Jewish traditional practices before and after eating meals, things that we do in our modern days too: washing and cleanings hands, cups, and vessels before and after eating, Jesus said that we must do the same for our heart and soul before we come before the Lord to make our prayers or offerings.

A prayer made from a clean heart and a clean soul is acceptable to God. Jesus blesses those with clean hearts, the kingdom of God belongs to them!

In opposition to a clean heart is an unclean heart made unclean and dirty by inner, corrupt thoughts; by evil, greedy, and selfish desires ... things that come from within a person. Jesus names some of those in the Gospel.

Jesus also speaks of what kind of worship true worship and acceptable to God!

Jesus rejects the kind of worship made by the Pharisees. They worship God, not with their lives with their clean hearts, but only with their words calculated. Jesus calls it 'a lips-service, or a fake worship.'

Jesus points out to them that their lives in the Temple are different from their lives outside the Temple, or outside the worship hours! In other words, they lead a double life, for their lives while in the Temple do not reflect the same lives outside the Temple.

A true, genuine worship must flow from a person's life, and not only from the mouth of the person. A word-service is a lips-service. Where are you standing in this?

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Leader:** Let us pray to God our heavenly Father that our faith may be sincere and be a matter of the heart, for that is the only worship that truly honours Him.

**Reader:** We pray for Pope Francis, bishop Brian, priests of the Diocese, and all those in position of leadership, that by word and example, they may encourage the faithful to live the Gospel. **Lord, hear us.**

For all the followers of Christ, that in setting goals for their lives they may be guided by the values of the Gospel.

**Lord, hear us.**

That people suffering through loneliness, the breaking up of relationships, or discrimination may experience the healing presence of the Lord. **Lord, hear us.**

For all the sick, the homebound, and elderly, of the parish, that through the love and care of others, they may find health and self-worth. **Lord, hear us.**

We pause to pray for our own needs and intentions!

**Lord, hear us.**

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, knowing that you value purity of heart above all else, we pray you create within us heart full of love for you and for others.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** are now available for collection from the foyer of the church.

(When Masses resume)

If you are not already in planned giving and would like to contribute to support the parish, please contact the parish office.

Giving can be done via the envelope system or by direct debit or credit card.

## **AN INVITATION TO JOIN 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.

Please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/> to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.

**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](mailto: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.

## **BISHOP'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM PARENTAL SURVEY**

A discussion paper to assist in the development of a Sacraments of Initiation policy for the Diocese is being developed and Bishop Mascord is seeking feedback from parents and, via parishes, is reaching out especially to parents with children in state schools who have presented their sons daughters for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If that is you, we would love to hear from you!

You can access the Survey by going to: <https://dow.sh/SacramentsSurvey> and we would be most grateful for your feedback

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT**

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 August. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. To read more go here <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/> and to listen to an interview with Dr Sandie Cornish from the ACBC's Social Justice Council on this Year's Social Justice statement, go to our Diocesan podcast at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

**QR CHECK-INS:** If you do not have a smartphone, there is an alternative – Service NSW is launching personalised check-in cards.

The cards contain a unique QR code that holds a person's registered contact details.

When they attend a venue, a staff member can scan the card to register their attendance and details, rather than having them fill out a form. The cards are available from [Service NSW online](#), or by calling 13 77 88

If you have planned giving envelope **No.68**, could you please contact the parish office or let Fr Peter know, thank you

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

## **MASS ON T.V.**

As all Masses in the area have been cancelled due to the recent COVID restrictions—Mass can be watched every week on Sunday morning at 6.00 am on Channel 10

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