



St Anthony's Parish Picton

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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



THE HOLY FAMILY

OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH—YEAR A

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 29 December 2019

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
Concerning the Christian life in the world.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
 and the fullness of his message live within you.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among us.

Next Weeks Readings:

The Epiphany of the Lord—Year A

Is 60:2-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

St Anthony's Church - Tahmoor

Saturday Vigil - **6.00 pm**

Sunday - 7.30 am & 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday - 5.00 pm—Adoration

5.30 pm—Mass—Tahmoor

Wednesday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Sts Basil the Great and Gregory

Friday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5.00 pm—5.40 pm

Adoration: Tuesday: 5pm

St Patricks Church—Menangle

6.00 pm Mass on the First Sunday of the month

Douglas Park

Sunday 9.00 am Mass

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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PRAYER FOR RAIN AND THOSE AFFECTED

Eternal God,

In wisdom and love you created
 our earth to sustain us and give us
 life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope
 and love, asking you to look with
 favour on our drought-stricken
 land, on our starving animals, on
 our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new
 heart to our farmers and to all who
 are affected by drought; be with
 those who support them.

In your loving providence, send
 abundant rain and restore our
 parched earth. Father of all com-
 passion, hear our prayer through
 Jesus Christ your Son, in whom
 the promise of new life has
 dawned, and through the power of

the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver
 of life: Renew your faithful peo-
 ple; Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
 Mary, help of Christians –
Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop –
Pray for us.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

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

GREETERS: THIS WEEK

Vigil: Sandra Ryan
7.30 am Sandy Porter
9.30 am Allan Cox

NEXT WEEK

Sandra Ryan
Anne Cordingley
Allan Cox

READERS: THIS WEEK

Vigil: Trish Lindner
Sr Julie
7.30 am Don Turvey
9.30 am Trudy Hancock
Maree Galea

NEXT WEEK

Sophia De Zilva
Sandra Ryan
John Butler
Margaret Foldes
Jennifer Foldes-Hielman

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER

Vigil: Michael Chaumont
Gaynor Mason
Sandra Ryan
7.30 am Stan Cichocki
Anne Cordingley
9.30 am Adrian Vannan
Allan Cox
Anna Schutt

NEXT WEEK

John Ryan
Beth Nolan
Frances Micallef
John McGarry
Anne Cordingley
Kevin Devine
Allan Cox
Anna Schutt

CLEANERS

WEEK COMMENCE: 29.12.19
COLIN DUNN

WEEK COMMENCE: 5.1.20
JO McELGUNN, JUNE PAGET
FRANK GRIMA

FLOWERS

THIS WEEK 28.12.19
MURIELLE AZZI

NEXT WEEK 4.1.20
CHRISTINE CARBURY

SACRISTY

WEEK COMMENCE: 29.12.19
Gillian Dobson

WEEK COMMENCE 5.1.20
Mary Gilbert

MORNING TEA: 7.30 am next week: Anne Connell
9.30 am next week: Debbie & Ray James
Charmazel Haslam

“We need always to let ourselves be renewed by the smile of the Baby Jesus. Let His disarming goodness purify us from the waste that often encrusts our hearts.” Pope Frances



- Saturday 28 December, we welcome *Fr David O'Brien*, who will be looking after our Parish while Fr Peter is away

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

Friday Mass will now be at Tahmoor Church, at 8.30 am. It will resume at Picton when school resumes in 2020.

ROSTERS: Rosters for Greeters, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and cleaners are now ready to be collected, from the table in the foyer of the church.

THE RELICS OF MUCH-LOVED CARMELITE SAINT, ST THERESE OF LISIEUX PLUS HER PARENTS, ST'S LOUIS AND ZELIE MARTIN are coming to Australia for a national tour in 2020. They are coming to Varroville for a visit from 22 January until 1 February 2020, when the official tour begins. The relics will be in the Parish Church at Our Lady of Mt Carmel, from Saturday 25 January until Tuesday 28 January 2020, for public veneration and all are most warmly invited to attend. The flyer in the foyer shows the dates and time for Mass.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT Amongst the poor you have found a privileged place to encounter Christ. This is a precious gift in the life of the follower of Christ: to receive the gift of encountering him among the victims and the poor. The encounter with Christ among his beloved ones refines our faith. — Pope Francis 7/11/19

THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE 2 – 8 January 2020
The Epiphany Pilgrimage, through the Blue Mountains, is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way. Registration and details at epiphanypilgrimage.org and facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage

I wish you all a faith filled Christmas and a very happy new year.

May each of us feel blessed by grace and love of Christ in this community throughout the New Year of 2020.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have contributed and worked hard in our parish in 2019.

May Christ help us to continue to build up a loving and caring community.

Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest

"May God send you good fortune contentment and peace And may all your blessings forever increase"

PARISH FETE

There are still some vouchers leftover from the fete. If you are interested in any of the following, please contact the parish office

- Glitz N Glamour \$565 package - This 3.5 hour package is inclusive for 1 female, 1 male and 2 kids 12years and under (11'x 14' PRINT INCLUDED WITH RETOUCHING)
- Glitz N Glamour \$515 package- This 3.5 hour package is inclusive for 1 female, 1 male and 2 kids 12years and under (10'x8' PRINT INCLUDED WITH RETOUCHING)
- The Brow Studio— \$100 off eyebrow tattoo
- Pumphouse Gym - 1 month membership
- Framed Cigarette Cards
(Pictures of frames/cards in foyer of church)



we remember

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Our parish remembers the two fire fighters who lost their lives protecting our community, their families and fellow brigade members.

Our thoughts are also with those who have lost their homes and possessions.

*Comfort them with Your love O God
Wrap them up in Your strong embrace
Shelter them from the storm O Lord
Envelop them in Your tender care*

THANK
YOU

A very big thank you to all of the emergency services who have been looking after our community over the last few weeks, during the horrific fires.

Thank you also to the families they leave at home, while they protect others.

Dear God,
I want to take a minute,
Not to ask for anything
from you.
But to simply say
Thank you

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