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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



Parish Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter — Year A

Sunday 30 April 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: Peter 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Next week's readings: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7; Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH—TAHMOOR

Saturday Vigil—5.00 pm

Sunday—8.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday -	5.00 pm – ADORATION
	5.30 pm— Tahmoor
	St Athanasius, bishop, doctor
Wednesday -	8.30 am— Tahmoor
	Sts Philip and James, apostles
Thursday -	8.30 am— Tahmoor
Friday—	8.30 am—Tahmoor

Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—

May dates: 12th & 26th

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00 pm—4.30 pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

Adoration: Tuesday 5.00 pm—

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9am—3pm

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The Shepherd's Voice

In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'.

In John's gospel, Judas, the *thief* from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

Barabbas was a *brigand*, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem.

So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence. In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly.

Alleluia!

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY: Sabatino Piperni

RECENTLY DECEASED : Margaret Brown

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

READERS: THIS WEEK

VIGIL: KATRINA COLLIMORE

8.30AM: TERESA CICHOCKI

CLEANERS: HELEN WILLIS &
LISA BRUFFER

FLOWERS: CHRIS CARBURY

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

MORNING TEA:

MICHELLE HIGGS

KATE & JASON KNIGHT

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.

CATECHIST RETREAT 2023: Prayer, a journey of friendship with God - The retreat will be facilitated by Fr Aloysius Rego OCD, the regional vicar of the Discalced Carmelite Friars in Australia-Oceania and is a much loved and experienced retreat facilitator. The retreat will be held in Campbelltown on Monday, 1 May, and in Gerringong on Friday, 5 May.

Catechists will be able to register for either retreat and spouses are welcome to attend. Please register by visiting <https://www.dow.org.au/events/> and selecting the Catechist Retreat.

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) Flyers available from the racks in the church foyer.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH— 7th MAY—12 NOON

Everyone is invited to the admin building, to share in friendship and fun. Please bring your own lunch, tea and coffee provided.



This Sunday is **“GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY”** and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. While we should always support and celebrate all vocations and will do so more explicitly in the first week of August, this Sunday has a special focus on Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Let us pray in particular for the present need for more priests to serve the parishes of Wollongong Diocese. Prayer cards are available with pictures of our 7 seminarians as well as a prayer that all would respond to the loving call of Jesus, our Good Shepherd wherever he may lead us. If anyone would like help discerning a vocation to Priesthood, Religious Life, Marriage or Single Life, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

ORDINATION of Joshua Whicker MGL and Justin Uzabeaga MGL Please keep in your prayers Josh and Justin for their priestly ordination on Friday 28 April at St Christopher's Cathedral in Canberra by Archbishop Christopher Prowse. God Bless them.

2023 PILGRIMAGE IN THE “FOOTSTEPS OF ST MARY MACKILLOP” You are invited to join Fr David Catterall (Parish Priest of St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park) and fellow parishioners from across our Diocese and beyond on a pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Mary MacKillop. This pilgrimage (that departs Melbourne 16 October 2023 and returns Adelaide 26 October 2023) is a graced opportunity to set out together on a true Australian Pilgrimage through the life and times of Mary MacKillop, as we rekindle the story, landscapes, and spirit of our nations' first canonized saint. You can download the pilgrimage brochure at: <http://bit.ly/2023parishpilgrimage>

THE JOURNEY: 30 April 2023 – Your Diocese of Wollongong, Weekly Podcast: On The Journey This Week: Fr Mike Delaney's gospel reflection for Good Shepherd Sunday. Mother Hila says you'll be surprised where you can hear God's voice. Divine Renovation author, Fr James Mellon, continues his conversation with Jude Hennessy, plus the new tool from Alpha for young people. The Journey podcast is available at www.jcr.org.au

AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE –

FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS 9.00AM-12.30PM

CatholicCare, with the assistance of the Committee for the Aged will be holding a **FREE** information session for Parishioners. Guest speakers will include representatives from My Aged Care, CatholicCare, local funeral director and solicitor.

When: Wednesday 10 May

Where: Campbelltown RSL, 1 Carberry Ln, Campbelltown NSW 2560

Morning tea provided.

To register, **Call:** 02 4227 1122

Or online: www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events

For any other information contact Jane Hollier:

Email: janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

Call: 0417 018 152

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

MISSION: TRANSFORM LIVES - THEIRS...AND YOURS

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MEN'S ROSARY GROUP – an Invitation to all Men Men from the Parish of Rosemeadow invite other men from around the Diocese to join with them on the last Tuesday of the Month to pray the Rosary, commencing at 7pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow. Such men's groups are, at this time, springing up around the world to honour Our Lady and to pray for the Church and the World. Mass is celebrated at 6:30pm on Tuesday evening's and you are welcome to also attend this prior to the Rosary if you wish. For more information, please contact David at djbarrett85@gmail.com or phone: 0410 487 630.

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>

UNDERSTANDING ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC

SPIRITUALITY Come for an introduction in Aboriginal Catholic Spirituality. Designed as an in-service for SRE Catechists, the talk will be open to all parishioners interested about learning more about Aboriginal Spirituality, and in particular the beautiful Aboriginal Art Resource: Sacrament Series by artist Donna Marie Sadler.

There are three options for attending the course, which will run at each location from 9:30am - 1:30pm:

- Nowra - Monday 8 May
- Campbelltown - 15 May
- Wollongong - 22 May

Morning Tea will be provided.

To register: <https://www.dow.org.au/events/understanding-aboriginal-catholic-spirituality/>

CathFAMILY: CathFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts, and recipes from their website to assist parents and grandparents in being the first educators in faith for their kids. Don't miss CathKids <https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/>

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