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Fr Peter Tien

Parish Priest



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR A

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 30 August 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

Friday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Reconciliation (Confession)

By appointment only

Adoration: Tuesday: 5pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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LIVING & GOSPEL

Have you got what it takes?

For some people, to be a Christian is a 'soft option' – they see being Christian as being a bit 'fluffy'. This week's gospel is a reminder of the real challenge of being a Christian. Jesus reminds us that to be one of his followers we must be prepared to pick up our cross – whatever our particular cross might be – and still follow his example. To be a Christian means that we don't fall in a heap when difficulty comes our way; we take up the burden – our cross – and continue to look forward with hope. To live like Jesus is no easy option.

NEXT WEEK: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

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:

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: John Maher
9.30am: Trudy Hancock

NEXT WEEK

Sandra Ryan
John Butler
Margaret Foldes

CLEANERS:

Giuliana Giubin

Joanne McElgunn
June Paget
Frank Grima

SACRISTY:

Mary Gilbert

Gillian Dobson

SPECIAL MINISTERS will not be rostered on during the pandemic

ACOLYTES are most welcome to serve on the altar

RECONCILIATION: Congratulations to the children who made their first reconciliation recently. A total of 73, made their reconciliation, from St Antony's and the local state schools. Thank you to the parents, teachers, leaders and all involved in preparing them for this sacrament.

WEARING OF FACE MASKS—MESSAGE FROM

BISHOP BRIAN: "I encourage parishioners that whilst it is not mandatory to wear them, it is highly recommended to use masks when attending Mass."

"Attendance Monitors should also be encouraged to use masks for the protection of themselves and parishioners, as physical distancing cannot always be maintained when carrying out their duties."

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – in support of clergy care and parish ministries will be held on the weekend of 19/20 September

PARISH FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH IS BACK ON

AGAIN. We will make up a really big table so everyone is spaced out for distancing, but we will still be able to chat. So please bring something for lunch to share, and come and join in with us again, I am sure we will have lots to talk about. **We will be starting at 12 midday on Friday 4th September in the Parish Centre.** If midday is a bit early for you, late comers are always welcomed, we will still be there at 1.30.

BUSHFIRE AFFECTED: If you, or anyone from the parish you know, has been impacted by the bushfires please contact the parish office.

FACE MASKS—ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Fabric face masks are available for \$5 each, all proceeds to St Vincent de Paul, please phone Maura 0414856365

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY STATEMENT - SUNDAY 30 AUGUST: TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL: MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY

The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools, and communities. In fact, most of us will experience a mental health problem at some point over the course of our lives. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. Our parishes, organisations and communities can be places of acceptance care and healing, not places of rejection, judgment, or stigma. The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental illhealth, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. The statement is aimed at inspiring reflection and action for the following 12 months, is now available as a free download at the Social Justice Website - www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au Launching the Social Justice Statement, Bishop Terry Brady said that "our society tends to push away or draw away from those who confront us with our frailties and limitations" but "this is not the way of Jesus". He encourages us to follow Jesus by "drawing near to those who are experiencing mental ill health" and acknowledging that "they are members of the Body of Christ - 'they' are part of 'us'!"

LATEST DIRECTIVES FROM BISHOP BRIAN

- 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. Maximum allowed is 100*
- 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.*

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.

They can also be collected on a Tuesday or Thursday, please call into the parish office, between 9am—3.00pm

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.

SEASON OF CREATION: This coming month marks the commencement of the Season of Creation, commencing with a world day of prayer on 1 September and concluding with the feast day of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. Join with Christians around the world in joyful celebrations, prayer, formation and activities that focus on our common home at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

YOUTH MINISTRY ONLINE Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong has launched LIVE - Check it out at. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdC-Q7_-OVY This is a great way for young people to build not only your faith but to build lasting friendships. To get in touch with the NET team and be part of this, simply follow the "CYMW" Facebook page or by Instagram at "wollongongnetteam"

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