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Parish Bulletin

26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

1 October 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Remember your mercies O Lord.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Next week's readings:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 5:1-7, Phil 4:6-9, Mt 21:33-43

REFLECTION by Father Michael Tate :

No, no, no, no...Y-yes!'

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

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
Wednesday - 8.30 am— Tahmoor
St Francis of Assisi
Thursday - 8.30 am— Tahmoor
Friday— 8.30 am - Tahmoor

Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—
October dates: 13th, 27th

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00 pm—4.30 pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

OFFICE HOURS

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PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY: Franco Medici, Charlie Buttigieg, Christopher Buttigieg, Mary Buttigieg and Joyce Zammit

RECENTLY DECEASED :

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

ACOLYTES THIS WEEK NEXT WEEK
VIGIL JOHN RYAN
8.30AM JOHN MCGARRY STAN CICHOCKI

READERS
VIGIL: TRISH LINDNER BETH NOLAN
8.30AM JEFF BROWN JOHN MAHER

CLEANERS: THERESE NEILSON COLIN DUNN
CHRIS NEILSON

FLOWERS: MONIQUE SMITH SUE SPITERI
VANESSA BOYD

SACRISTY: MARY GILBERT

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SUE & PAUL MARY GILBERT

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH— 6 OCTOBER 12 NOON



Everyone is invited to the admin building to share good company with friends. Please bring your own lunch—tea and coffee provided.

SEASON OF CREATION 2023 We are in the Season of Creation and there are some wonderful activities and resources for families delve into at <https://seasonofcreation.org> Take the time as we move into Spring to pray, to plant, to recycle and enter into the awe and wonder we find in dwelling on and being in God's creation.

PARISH SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY BLESSING: On Sunday 29 October at the 8.30am Mass, any parishioners who have celebrated, or will be celebrating, this year, a milestone wedding anniversary—25, 30, 40, 50 or 60 years is invited to attend to receive a special blessing during Mass. Please let the parish office know if you will be attending.

CHANGE TO VIGIL MASS TIME

From next Saturday 7 October 2023 the Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 6pm.

MOROCCO EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Please support Caritas Australia's Morocco Earthquake Appeal. Morocco has been struck by a devastating 6.8 magnitude earthquake, which has caused thousands of deaths. Your support is needed now. Donate online: www.caritas.org.au/morocco

TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in our annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on 18 October 2023. Last year 40,000 Australian children participated. Free resources can be found online including reflections for children and a prayer of consecration for children to the Mother of God. To learn more and to register visit www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren.

CALLED BY NAME: MACARTHUR YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING—Campbelltown Catholic Club Saturday 28 October 6.45pm-9pm

We live in a chaotic world that often leaves us struggling to understand who we truly are, our purpose, and our calling in life. If you've found yourself contemplating these questions, you're not alone! We all crave a profound sense of purpose in our lives, and an understanding of "whose" we are and what we were created for.

We extend to you this personal invitation to engage with fellow young adults from 17–35 years old, guided by a panel who will openly share the stories and learnings from their own journeys, with an opportunity for Q&A throughout the discussion.

This event is the beginning of a regional initiative connecting young adults in the Macarthur, though young adults from all throughout the Diocese are most welcome. Register now: dow.sh/cbn23 If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

THE UPCOMING SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST:

The parent only meetings will be held on: Wednesday 11 October at 7pm, OR Friday 13 October at 1pm OR Sunday 15 October following the 8.30am Mass. Only one of these meetings needs to be attended. All meetings will be held in the Parish administration building. Further details are available from the foyer of the church.

CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES

by St. Francis of Assisi

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honor, and all blessing,
To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no human is worthy to mention Your name.
Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who is the day and through whom You give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor;
and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather,
through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night,
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.
Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us,
and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord,
through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.
Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.
Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no one living can escape.
Woe to those who die in mortal sin.
Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.
Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.

A WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE A

CURSILLO THREE-DAY WEEKEND: Do you feel there is more to your life? Is your spiritual life a little sluggish at the moment? Join fellow Catholic women as we explore our faith and discuss where this faith is taking us. Father Chris Roberts is our Spiritual Director and will offer Mass daily. Our next weekend is being run at Carmel House, Varroville, from the evening of Thursday 5 October until Sunday afternoon, 8 October. Please phone Geraldine on 0421329365 or scan the QR code for more information on what Cursillo is



BLESSING OF ANIMALS MONDAY 2 OCT 9.30AM

As usual, the Blessing of Animals will take place on this coming Monday 2 October at 9.30am at the Parish of Saint Michael, Thirroul. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. Blessed are you, Lord, maker of all living creatures. May we always praise you for your beauty in creation.

THE JOURNEY 1 October 2023

Fr Mike Delaney asks where do we stand today in Our response to God's call to be a disciple in the Vineyard? Mother Hilda on harnessing the energies of love. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Trish McCarthy, and Deacon Josh Clayton. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au