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Parish Priest: Fr Peter Tien
Married Deacon: Rodney Mackrill, jnr



Parish Bulletin

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT—YEAR B

3 December 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: Cor 1:3-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia

GOSPEL: Mark 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
And our earth shall yield its increase.

Next week's readings:

Second Sunday of Advent—Year B
Is 40:1-5, 9-11, Pet 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH—TAHMOOR

Saturday Vigil—6.00 pm
Sunday—8.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday - 5.00 pm—Adoration
5.30 pm—Tahmoor
Wednesday - 8.30 am — Tahmoor
Thursday - 8.30 am — Tahmoor
St Ambrose, bishop, doctor
Friday— 8.30 am - Tahmoor
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—
December dates: 8th and 22nd*

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5.00—5.30pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9am—3pm

Wednesday 9am—1pm

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

2ND RITE RECONCILIATION:

6.00pm – Friday 15 December – Tahmoor

CHRISTMAS EVE: Sunday 24 December

5.30pm – St Patrick's Menangle

6.00pm – Tahmoor

7.00pm – St Mary's Towers Douglas Park

CHRISTMAS DAY: Monday 25 December

8.30am – Tahmoor

9.00am – St Mary's Towers Douglas Park

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY:

RECENTLY DECEASED :

PRAY FOR THE SICK Archie McGregor, 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

<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
VIGIL	J O H N R Y A N	
8.30AM	STAN CICHOCKI	ADRIAN VANNAN

<u>READERS</u>		
VIGIL:	SANDRA RYAN	SOPHIA DE ZILVA
8.30AM	JOHN MAHER	TERESA CICHOCKI

<u>CLEANERS:</u>	COLIN DUNN	HELEN WILLIS LISA BRUFFER
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<u>FLOWERS:</u>	NO FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS
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SACRISTY: M A R Y G I L B E R T

MORNING TEA: SUE & PAUL

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Your financial support of St Anthony's Parish is always appreciated and much needed.

Direct debits can be set up to deposit into the parish account:

Bank details

Account name—St. Anthony's Parish

BSB—066-711

Account number—001783

Reference—Name/collections

To set up a direct debit using your credit card please contact the office.

EFTPOS—Tap and Go

We now have Tap and Go at the back of the church.

Cash/Envelopes

If you wish to use envelopes, please contact the office on 46832230 or picton@dow.org.au Place your envelopes on either the first or second collection plate.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATION WORKING BEE

Saturday 9 December 2023

Please help prepare to celebrate Christ's Birthday! 8am start, finish noon(ish), Morning tea supplied.

Target work list:

- Mowing and edging
- Collection of tree litter
- Weeding
- General cleaning of church exterior
- And more.....

PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Parish is in need of a qualified **Electrician** to undertake periodic inspections of Church property. Also we are in need of someone with the experience to help build/create a new **parish website**.

If you would like to volunteer some time for these valuable activities, please contact the church office.

'THE SIGN' ADVENT BOOKLETS

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.'

Luke 1:46

The Advent Program is a pocket-sized book that includes daily reflections from the beginning of Advent to the Baptism of the Lord. The book also includes beautiful artwork from the Masters with accompanying artwork reflections.

There is a limited number of copies available for \$4 each from the Piety Stall .

VINNIE'S JESSE TREE Your local conference is struggling to meet the requests for special help for Christmas. We have many families who only just get by week to week, some with our regular assistance. If we are going to offer them something a bit extra to help them celebrate the Birth of our Saviour this year, we really need you to help if you can. The Jesse Tree will be in the foyer from this week until 10 December. **Please if can you take an envelope and make a donation of cash or vouchers, and return it to the Second Collection at Mass before 10 December**, that would be a great help to us. We assure you this will go to a local family or person on their own in time for Christmas.

If you think Conference Work may be for you, please contact Lesley on 0488 666 326. We can work around whatever regular time you can offer, but we are building a team to work from our Picton Shop on Thursdays for a couple of hours.



COME & SEE, GO & MAKE - a vision for Parishes in the Diocese of Wollongong by Bishop Brian Mascord

The beating heart of the parish is the person of Jesus, made present in Word, Sacrament, and the living community of believers. This heart beats with the words "come and see", and "go and make". Come and see! Encounter the person of Jesus, be transformed and renewed, and become disciples. Go and make! Share the joyous Good News with a world that does not know, or has forgotten Christ—our Lord Jesus is King, not by violence, force, or coercion, but by an invitation of love, mercy and grace!

You will be receiving the following documents today:

- *Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes*— the vision I have developed which I now invite you to prayerfully read.
- *Principles and Foundations*—a short explanation of key principles described in the vision document.
- *Go Deeper*—a short compendium of additional reading on key concepts discussed in the vision

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY St Patrick's College welcomes the community to our next Open Day. If you have a daughter in Year 5 or 6 in 2024, we encourage you to attend and learn more about the St Patrick's Community. Register for your preferred time slot:

<https://www.saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/book-tour/register-open-day/>

DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER—Catholic Diocese of Wollongong Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Youth Ministry Leader in the Diocese of Wollongong.

Applications close on Tuesday, 12 December 2023.

For more information and a detailed role description, please go to: dow.org.au/position-vacant-diocesan-youth-ministry-leader/ or for enquiries contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au

PLENARY COUNCIL:

"To the People of God in Australia—*Reflecting on the Fifth Plenary council of* "

There is a report from the Plenary Council, on the back table in the Church, to be taken home and read.

'CARITAS AUSTRALIA GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.


'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.'

Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia. With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.



Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800024413



CATHOLICCARE are currently looking for **Community Support Workers**. Becoming a CatholicCare Community Support Worker will give you a career that you love, whilst providing a valuable connection to people living with a disability or the aged in our Diocese. If you want to find out more about becoming a Community Support Worker go to catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/careers/or call 4227 1122



Will you give hope

Over 982,000 people have fled their homes and left everything behind since the coup in Myanmar in 2021. Internally displaced children and families fear their safety and struggle to source basic necessities like food and medicine.

The Church in Myanmar and dedicated missionaries are taking action and providing essential food packs, hoping to reach another 2,000 families in critical areas of conflict.

Will you give hope to internally displaced children and families this Christmas?

Your generous gift can help provide a food pack for one family and bring hope to those forced to flee their homes. A gift of \$180 can help provide 100kg of rice, 6.5kg of chickpeas and 6.5kg of cooking oil.

Make a difference this Christmas for children and families in Myanmar by visiting catholicmission.org.au/myanmar or scanning the QR code.

to families like Thiri's this Christmas?