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



Parish Bulletin

22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

3 September 2023

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 who call to you.

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..

Next week's readings:

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

REFLECTION by Father Michael Tate

'Get behind me, Satan'

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus *wanted* him to suffer a tortured, agonising death. Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.' What can this mean? I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love.

First, it was the Father's will that Jesus remain true to the mission to preach and embody the gospel of mercy and forgiveness. It was inevitable that powerful elites would find this intolerable and have Jesus eliminated. Secondly, God so loved the world where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death.

The temptation to avoid that dread-ful necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get *behind* me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, *follow* me.'

We could pause for a moment to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for us.

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
7.00 pm— Confirmation
Tahmoor
Thursday - 8.30 am— Tahmoor
Friday— 8.30 am— Tahmoor

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—
September dates: 1st, 15th, 29th*

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00 pm—4.30 pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9am—3pm

Wednesday 9am—1pm

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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: John Bell

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, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

READERS: THIS WEEK NEXT WEEK
VIGIL: SOPHIA DE ZILVA LISA BRUFFER

8.30AM MARG FOLDES JENNIFER FOLDES

CLEANERS: THERESE NEILSON COLIN DUNN
CHRIS NEILSON

FLOWERS: Jo McELGUNN SUE SPITERI

SACRISTY: MARY GILBERT

MORNING TEA:
DIANA & TONY DEBBIE JAMES

CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND FOR 2023

Join us for a good time with great people. 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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: Planned Giving Envelopes are ready to be collected

If you are not part of supporting the parish financially through Planned Giving and would like to, please contact the parish office. Giving can be via weekly envelopes, via direct debit or credit card.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 23—WONDER

‘I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder’ Isaiah 29.14

This exciting event will be held from 28 September to 10 October 2023 at the Cathedral Precinct Waitara. IGNITE Conference has something for Everyone—with streams for kids, high schoolers. Young adults and deeper sessions for those aged 25+.

For more information and registration go to IGNITECONFERENCE.COM.AU.

Flyers available in church foyer.

CONGRATULATIONS:

RODNEY MACKRILL was Ordained as a Married Deacon, at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Saturday 2 September.

As a parish we congratulate him and wish him well in this vocation. Following Mass today there will be a morning tea to celebrate this occasion. Please join in this celebration.

CONFIRMATION GIFTS: The piety stall in the foyer of the church, will be open for purchases of gifts and cards, for someone special, following weekend Masses.

COLUMBARIUM: The Parish has been investigating the installation of a columbarium in the grounds of the Tahmoor church. A small committee has been established to progress this matter. A Development Application has now been lodged with Wollondilly Council and is awaiting determination. If approved, the columbarium will be situated in the grassed area on the western side of the church building, and be completed in early 2024.

WELCOME BISHOP BRIAN: This Wednesday, Bishop Brian will be in the parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation is one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. It is one of the three sacraments of Initiation.

We hope the candidates for Confirmation will grow in their love of God and proclaim the message of Christ's Good News to the world, along with the parish community.



CATECHIST MEETING: All Catechists are invited to attend a Catechist meeting in the parish admin centre on Friday 15 September at 10am.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023 The Parish of St Anthony's and the Diocese of Wollongong are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all

people. In 2023, Safeguarding Sunday falls on September 10

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY RESOURCES The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has launched its 2023-24 Social Justice Statement. Australia's bishops have been publishing such statements, urging the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues, since the 1940s. This year's statement is titled *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*. "Strengthening our relationship with our First Peoples is integral and indeed critical to the strengthening of the whole nation" Copies of this Social Justice Statement are available from the foyer of the church.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL will be promoted in our parish on the weekend of 16/17 September "Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired clergy, who have always cared for us; and a sound and holistic formation of our young seminarians, our future priests, are my responsibilities as your Bishop. I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated." + BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD

CATHOLICCARE FOSTERING FUTURES The Fostering Futures team are urgently looking for a forever home for Ollie* who is 8 years old. Ollie is a very engaging, outgoing, polite and active boy. Ollie enjoys swimming, going to the park, playing Nintendo, watching movies, colouring in, and trying new foods. Ollie would love to learn to ride a bike and play soccer or Oz Tag. Ollie is looking for a forever home with carers who are kind, caring, calm, and patient who can give him a sense of security and belonging. You can find out more by calling 0418 783 956, email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au> for more information.

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*name has been changed for privacy

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...



GROWING GOOD MEN Father and Teenage Son Weekend Experience 20-22 October 2023 Cataract Scout Camp Appin One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide, is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith and gifts as they take their place in the world. Don't miss this life-changing father and son weekend! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons aged between 12-and 16 years. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE. Register online <https://www.dow.org.au/events/menalive-growing-goodmen-weekend/> or contact Jude Hennessy on 4222 2407 jude.hennessy@dow.org.au

MARY IN SCRIPTURE: SAVE THE DATE You are invited to discover the unique role of Our Lady, as the Ark of the Covenant, New Eve, and Queen Mother in this eye opening in-service presented with Mr Daniel Saliba (CCD Wollongong) revealing the deep theological connections between Mary and her ancient biblical types. Whether you are a catechist, or someone seeking to deepen their understanding of Mary's role in salvation history, this short in-service will provide invaluable insights into the profound symbolism and theological depth of Catholic teaching on Mary. There are two options for attending the seminar: Campbelltown - Monday 18th September 9:30am - 12:00pm Level 1, Micah House 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown OR Wollongong - Friday 22nd September 9:30am - 12:00pm Conference Room, Xavier Centre 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong.