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Married Deacon: Rodney Mackrill, jnr



Parish Bulletin

31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

5 November 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God: be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING: Malachi 1:14-2;2, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi
You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia

GOSPEL: Matthew 23:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
They do not practise what they preach.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You will show me the path of life,
The fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Next week's readings:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Wis 6:12-16, Thess 4:13-18, Mt 25:1-13

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
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Friday— 8.30 am - Tahmoor
St Leo the Great, pope, doctor

*Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—
November dates: 10th and 24th*

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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REFLECTION by Father Michael Tate :

Titles and Burdens

There have been periods in the church's history where the burdens placed on the shoulders of people – particularly an exaggerated sense of guilt for certain sins – truly weighed people down, creating a terrible sense of unworthiness, leading to the living of distorted lives.

Our Lord makes it clear that leaders cannot evade responsibility for this by hiding behind honorific titles.

In the Gospels, we find the One who said: 'Come to me all you who toil and are burdened and I will *refresh you*. Take my yoke upon you *and you will find rest for your souls*. For my yoke is easy and my burden light. (Matt 11:28-30)

If people don't find that the burden laid on them by Church leaders (who often long to be greeted obsequiously) leads to refreshment and rest for their souls, then it is right to question the burden, and to question the leaders who impose such burdens.

Perhaps we could pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis whose favoured titles are simply: 'Bishop of Rome', 'Servant of the Servants of God'.

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	JOHN RYAN	
8.30AM	STAN CICHOCKI	ADRIAN VANNAN

<u>READERS</u>		
VIGIL:	GAIL HANGER	TRISH LINDNER
8.30AM	JENNIFER FOLDES	TRUDY HANCOCK

<u>CLEANERS:</u>	COLIN DUNN	HELEN WILLIS LISA BRUFFER
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<u>SACRISTY:</u>	MARY GILBERT
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<u>MORNING TEA:</u>		
	DIANA & TONY	DEBBIE JAMES

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:

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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.

PLEASE BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!

Join the WORKING BEE

Saturday 11th November 2023

8am start, finish noon(ish), Morning tea supplied.

Target work list:

- ◇ Clear fire hazards
- ◇ Gutter cleaning on units
- ◇ Mowing and edging if required
- ◇ Stump removal
- ◇ Unit 4 handrail on steps
- ◇ Collection of tree litter
- ◇ Weeding
- ◇ General cleaning of church exterior

NOVEMBER BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:

If you would like the name/s of a loved one placed in the book, please provide the name/s to the parish office, as early as possible. Names can be on the envelope in your set of planned giving envelopes, or envelopes are available from the table at the rear of the church. Envelopes can be placed in normal Sunday collections.

CAN YOU OFFER A FEW HOURS PER MONTH TO HELP THE PARISH:

Volunteers are needed to assist in providing and serving morning tea, after the 8.30am Mass, about every 5-6 weeks.

Also needed are volunteers to join the **cleaning of the church roster**— a few hours every 5-6 weeks is all that is required, training is provided. (Cleaners are desperately needed—there is no toilet cleaning involved.)

New **readers** are always welcome and once again training is provided. If you would like to assist please contact the parish office.

2023 MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT—AT REQUEST OF DIOCESE:

The count will take place over the next 4 weekends. These counts give the most complete annual picture of people attending Mass as possible.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATECHIST MASS

The Annual Catechist Mass and awards ceremony will occur on Saturday 11 November, at 10am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. We look forward to welcoming all our Life Members, award recipients, active and retired Catechists, special guests and their families.

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord and concelebrated by clergy of the Diocese. A light luncheon will follow in the Xavier

Conference Rooms. Please check your email for your invitation. For more information please contact Helen Bennett on helen.bennett@dow.org.au

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

SUMMER SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION (SYDNEY)

7-14 January 2023: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville NSW Summer School is a week-long, live-in, life-changing retreat featuring praise and worship, inspiring talks, engaging liturgy, time to chill & learn and more in the midst of a community of 150+ young people aged 16-35.

Registrations open 31st October. Register by 30th November to receive early bird rates (concession \$525/adult \$625).

More info: contact@summerschool.org.au.

Bookings: summerschool.org.au

ST MARY'S SINGERS

is presenting a concert in St Mary's Cathedral Sydney called 'Church Music Through the Year' 17 November 2023 It features Mozart's Coronation Mass in C Major K217 (excluding the Credo). The programme takes us on a journey through a year in the musical life of the sacred liturgy. It includes many choral favourites including Haydn's 'The Heavens are Telling' from the Creation and two movements from Handel's Messiah 'For unto us a child is born' and the 'Hallelujah' Chorus. William Byrd's unaccompanied 'Emendemus in Melius' and the Pentecost plain-chant verse 'Veni Creator Spiritus' provide moments of quiet contemplation.

There will be solo organ works and congregational hymns when audience participation is encouraged.

The soloists are soprano Anna Sandstrom, alto Anna Fraser, tenor William Varga and bass/baritone Ben Caukwell. The choir is directed by Titus Grenyer with Callum Knox on the Grand organ. Tickets on sale now via: trybooking.com/events/landing/1097546

ONE MUSIC FESTIVAL | Saturday 25 November 2023 | 2pm-9pm:

A Christian music and arts festival for all ages to be held at Kiama Showground and Pavilion. Organised by local Kiama Churches in partnership with Scripture Union NSW. Live music including Emu Music, Aslandia, May-Fair Lane, Seraph Music, Fern Johnston, Thirsty Tree Music, Naomi Grace and more.

Creative arts space, Quizworx Kids Show, Food Vans, market stalls, games, messages of hope and all with scenic views. For more information and tickets go to : <http://www.onemusicfestival.com>

A VOCATION VIEW:

"you turned from idols to serve the living and true God". Destroy the false gods in your life which prevent you from serving the one true God. (1 Thess ; 1-10). To discuss your vocation please contact the vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

EL ROI: THE GOD WHO SEES ME (Women's Retreat)

being held at Carmel House 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville 17-19 November 2023. Prepare for Advent through this women's retreat with the MGL Sisters, as we spend time together listening to God's unique heart of love for each one of us. This retreat is supported by the Catholic Women's Network in the Archdiocese of Sydney. Bookings: trybooking.com/CFBRE (by 3 November)

AUSTRALIAN YOUNG CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 2024/2025

This initiative of the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry (BCELM) has been offered since 2006 to young women aged 25-35 years. The Fellowship provides financial sponsorship toward a graduate certificate in theological studies and a supportive community of women and spiritual accompaniment for future leaders.

A more detailed outline of Fellowship inclusions and schedule can be found at www.nce.catholic.org.au/womensfellowship Applications close Thursday 16 November.