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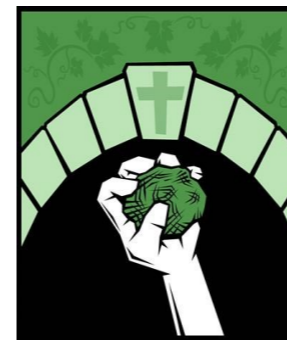
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Married Deacon: Rodney Mackrill, jnr



Parish Bulletin

27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

8 October 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He leased his vineyard to the other farmers.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Next week's readings:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6-10, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20, Mt 22:1-14

REFLECTION by Father Michael Tate :

Good Wine requires Hard Work

In the Hebrew scripture, Israel is spoken of as the Vineyard of God. We can say that now the Church is the vineyard of God. God is the Landlord, we are the tenants. It is our job to faithfully tend it and make sure it bears good fruit. If we are unfaithful, then God *will* find other people to carry on his plan, other tenants to tend his vineyard.

Certainly, we see that within the Universal Church. With the decline of the Eurocentric church, who has God turned to as new tenants for his vineyard? Look at the surging numbers of Catholics in sub-Saharan Africa, Nigeria, the Philippines, Korea. The persecuted Church in Vietnam and China is surviving and growing despite the severity of oppression.

I think we may agree that the vineyard of the Church in Australia is not as fruitful as it could be. This is a challenge for us. It is wonderful to see the energetic work of the new immigrants and refugees in our parishes (including the Bishop of Parramatta!).

We could pause for a moment to commit to taking up the privilege and duty to work in the vineyard of the Church.

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
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

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:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anne Flower

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 STAN CICHOCKI ADRIAN VANNAN

READERS
VIGIL: BETH NOLAN SANDRA RYAN
8.30AM JOHN MAHER TERESA CICHOCKI

CLEANERS: COLIN DUNN HELEN WILLIS
LISA BRUFFER

FLOWERS: SUE SPITERI Jo McELGUNN

SACRISTY: MARY GILBERT

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MARY GILBERT NICOLE NEWTON

CATECHIST MEETING

The next meeting will be Friday 3 November at 10am in the Administration building.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

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

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EFTPOS—Tap and Go

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

Cash/Envelopes

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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.

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.

WORLD MISSION MONTH 2023

Catholic Mission is launching the celebration of World Mission Month 2023, focusing on Pope Francis' World Mission Sunday message, 'Hearts on fire, feet on the move.'

The October appeal highlights the burning passion that drives missionaries around the world to take action for a more just world.

Sr Carolina, who is the face of the awareness and fundraising campaign, is a great example of the devotion of missionaries, dedicating herself to providing critical healthcare services to the rural community of Venilale in Timor-Leste.

Through Catholic Mission, you are invited you to journey with Sr Carolina, and walk alongside the Salesian Sisters and the resilient community of Venilale. Parishes, schools, and supporters across Australia will be encouraged to provide resources for the Clinic to continue to provide life-giving services to the local community.

Envelopes will be available at Masses on 21 -22 October 2023.

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.

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS

The Faithful are encouraged to pray for the Synodal Process underway from 4 - 29 October in Rome, specifically that the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your

name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen

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 Flyers available from the foyer of the church.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

An opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best-life in love! Come and join us on 27-29 October 2023 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, a stunning and tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.

Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or Email: nswbookings@wwme.org.au

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

MADE FREE: Creative Retreat, Carmel House (Varroville), 20-22 October 2023 Come on retreat with the MGL Sisters and recapture the freedom you were made for through a range of creative prayer experiences aimed to help you let go of what is burdening you so that God might fill you again with life. More information: email mgl-sisters.sydney@gmail.com Book online - <http://www.trybooking.com/CFBRD>

CENTENARY OF ST MICHAEL'S PARISH, THIRROUL

Now taking orders for Centenary keepsakes - centenary book, engraved wine glasses and wine (red or white). Order forms available on the parish website (www.thirroulcatholic.org.au), Parish Office (4268 1976) and in the church. Those wishing to attend on 28 October (www.dow.org.au) Please contact parish office by 14 October for catering purposes. Judy Bull judy.bull@bigpond.com. 0407 672 417.

THE JOURNEY 8 OCTOBER 2023

On The Journey This Week: Bishop Brian Mascord says Jesus is challenging us, the tenants of the new vineyard of the church, to produce the fruits of justice, love, and peace. Mother Hilda on grasping Jesus' essential message that a life of loving, not being loved is when lives change and take on the colour and texture of the life of Jesus. Plus, Robert Falzon on growing good men, and Fr Mike Delaney.