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



Parish Bulletin

23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

10 September 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING: Ezekial 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekial
If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God:
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Next week's readings:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 27:30-28:7, Rom 14:7-9, Mt 18:21-35

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 John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
Thursday - 8.30 am— Tahmoor
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Friday— 8.30 am - Tahmoor
Our Lady of Sorrows

Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—
September dates: 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

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REFLECTION by Father Michael Tate

Boundaries and Juries

Our Lord acknowledged that the community he was establishing had to set boundaries. Who is to decide who is within or outside those boundaries?

In today's Gospel, Our Lord teaches that a nuanced step by step process should be invoked. First, there is private conversation, then slightly extended to bring in two or three others, then a sort of church community jury before a person is put beyond the pale. Our Lord promises to be with them to help guide their decision.

We all know of marriages which are fractured and where one partner has found intimacy and security in a second (civil) marriage. Pope Francis has not suggested that the second marriage be regarded as valid. But he has suggested a process of discernment to allow a divorced person to receive 'the Eucharist . . . a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' Could a jury of ordinary Catholic lay people help make that discerning judgement, and then advise the Bishop as to the next step?

We could pause for a moment to ponder the promise: 'Where two or three are gathered into my name, I am there with them.'

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, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

ACOLYTES THIS WEEK NEXT WEEK
8.30AM STAN CICHOCKI ADRIAN VANNAN

READERS
VIGIL: LISA BRUFFER GAIL HANGER
8.30AM JENNIFER FOLDES TRUDY HANCOK

CLEANERS: COLIN DUNN HELEN WLLIS
LISA BRUFFER

FLOWERS: SUE SPITERI CHRIS CARBURY

SACRISTY: MARY GILBERT

MORNING TEA:
DEBBIE JAMES MICHELLE HIGGS

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.

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 2024.

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

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

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.

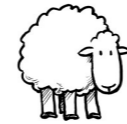
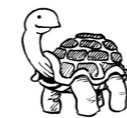
CATHOLIC MENS CONFERENCE 2023

'Be Not Afraid' 16 September
The Inaugural 'Catholic Men's Conference' - BE NOT AFRAID' is a one day conference for men (18YRS +) at St Mary's Cathedral Hall from 8am to 4,30pm. The conference will include breakfast, coffee/tea, talks by guest speakers, Q&A Panel, adoration, confession, Mass in the Cathedral, lunch and fellowship.
Tickets are \$55 and Concession ticket is \$45. CLERGY and SEMINARIANS are FREE.
Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/CKKFQ>

IGNITE CONFERENCE 23—"WONDER"

Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship' Join over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priest and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church.
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BLESSING OF ANIMALS MONDAY 2 OCT 9.30AM



As usual, the Blessing of Animals will take place on the Monday of the long weekend, 2 October at 9.30am at the Parish of Saint Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. All animals under 800kgs and their carers are welcome, though please keep the larger crocodiles on a tight leash. The feast of St Francis of Assisi is on Wednesday, 4 October, with Mass at 9am—animals are welcome at that Mass. Blessed are you, Lord, maker of all living creatures. May we always praise you for your beauty in creation.

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/

ST PADRE PIO PARISH—GLENMORE PARK: On 24 September 2023 at 10am, there will be a Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio followed by Solemn Feast Mass. After the Mass, the pilgrims will be blessed by the Relic of St Padre Pio, Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

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 4 2 2 2 2 4 0 7 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