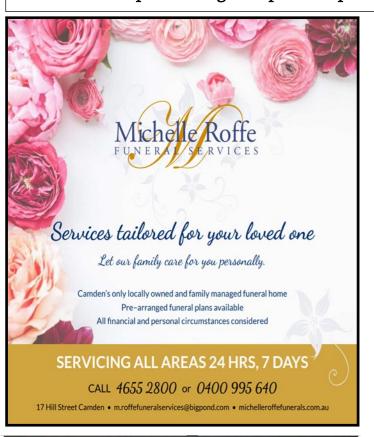
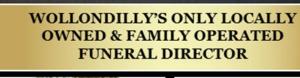
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Parish Bulletin

32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

12 November 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16 A reading from the book of Wisdom Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Next week's readings:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, Thess 5:1-6, Mt 25:14-30

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

St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—

November dates: 24th

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5.00—5.30pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9am—3pm Wednesday 9am—1pm Parish Phone 4683 2230 Fr Peter 0406 001 540 20 Stratford Road, Tahmoor 2573 Email: picton@dow.org.au

Website: www.stanthonyspicton.org.au

REFLECTION by Father Michael Tate:

The Hour and The Time

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' Some (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into our history, into our moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ACOLYTES THIS WEEK

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

NEXT WEEK

ACCEPTED	TITIO VVLLIN	INLAI VVLLIA
Vigil	John	RYAN
8.30 _{AM}	Adrian Vannan	KEVIN DEVINE
<u>READERS</u>		
Vigil:	Trish Lindner	Trish Lindner
0.2044	TRUBY HANGOOK	DALIL MAYATT
8.30am	TRUDY HANCOCK	Paul Wyatt

CLEANERS:	HELEN WILLIS LISA BRUFFER	Pauline Buttigieg Mary Ann Buttigieg
FLOWERS:	Jo McElgunn	CHRIS CARBURY

MORNING TEA:

SACRISTY:

DEBBIE JAMES MICHELLE HIGGS

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

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parish account:

Bank details

Account name—St. Anthony's Parish BSB-066-711 Account number-001783 Reference—Name/collections

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 MASS: 9am for anyone who would like to come office on 46832230 or picton@dow.org.au Place LUNCH: Bring your own, plenty of tea and coffee here vour envelopes on either the first or second COST: \$30 (Morning Tea provided) collection plate.

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.

'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 will be a limited number of copies available for \$4 Direct debits can be set up to deposit into the each from the Piety Stall from the weekend of 18/19 November.

RETREAT DAY 'LET THERE BE LIGHT'

Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo

Saturday 2 December 10am-3:30pm

This day is especially set aside as a day of reflection with Christmas in mind. We see it as, a day to visit hope, a day to To set up a direct debit using your credit card please look forward toward the light that may just have escaped us during this past year, and yet still shines brightly beyond the clouds, beckoning us toward all that is good in the time head. There will be three input sessions by the Sisters along with time for quiet reflection and a guided meditation by one of the Sisters as well.

To register please phone 42 360011 Ext 106 (Just leave your name and number

CARITAS AUSTRALIA GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

An estimated 1 million people have been FELLOWSHIP 2024/2025 displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, This initiative of the Bishops Commission for health, and psychosocial needs.

The escalation of violence has only exacerbated 25-35 years. The Fellowship provides financial needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who sponsorship toward a graduate certificate in already live in dire conditions. We are working with theological studies and a supportive community of our partners on the ground to provide women and spiritual accompaniment for future comprehensive and critical support to over leaders. 17,000 families affected by this devastating A more detailed outline of Fellowship inclusions conflict.'

Australia. With your support, we will be able to Applications close Thursday 16 November.

help our partners on the ground to by the current conflict.

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).

Bookings: summerschool.org.au

More info: contact@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 organised and articulate professional to join the a journey through a year in the musical life of the sacred liturgy. It includes many choral favourites successful applicant will provide case support, including Haydn's 'The Heavens are Telling' from the Creation and two movements from Handel's professional development sessions. The Messiah 'For unto us a child is born' and the 'Hallelujah' Chorus. William Byrd's unaccompanied 'Emendemus in Melius' and the Pentecost Diocese to safely carry out the evangelising plainchant verse 'Veni Creator Spiritus' provide moments of quiet contemplation.

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

Anna Fraser, tenor William Varga and bass/ position, please email safeguarding@dow.org.au baritone Ben Caukwell. The choir is directed by Titus Grenver with Callum Knox on the Grand organ. Tickets on sale now via: trybooking.com/ events/landing/1097546

AUSTRALIAN YOUNG CATHOLIC WOMEN'S

Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry (BCELM) has 'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. been offered since 2006 to young women aged

and schedule can be found at Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas www.nce.catholic.org.au/womensfellowship

assist people displaced and affected ONE MUSIC FESTIVAL | Saturday 25 November 2023 | 2pm-9pm: A Christian music and arts festival for all ages to be held at Kiama Show-Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate Churches in partnership with Scripture Union NSW. Live music including Emu Music, Aslandia, MayFair 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

POSITION VACANT—Safeguarding Support Officer

Do you want to work for the mission of the Church by helping people ensure that our Diocese is a safe place for people to encounter Christ? Do you want to be a bearer of Christ's love by ensuring that our Diocese is a place where people who have been hurt can feel safe and heard? If you answered yes to these questions, you may be interested in joining the Office of Professional Standards and Safeguarding (OPSS) in the Diocese of Wollongong. OPSS is looking for an team as a Safeguarding Support Officer. The project support and represent the office at Safeguarding Support Officer will be part of a team that assists the pastoral works of the mission of making Jesus known and loved in the Illawarra, Macarthur, Shoalhaven and Southern Highlands. "Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth" - 1 John 3:18

The soloists are soprano Anna Sandstrom, alto If you are interested in finding out more about this and the Application Pack will be emailed to you. The position description for this role is also available on the Diocesan website www.dow.org.au

Applications close at 5pm on 21 November 2023