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



*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  
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**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 :

**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

### ACOLYTES THIS WEEK NEXT WEEK

VIGIL JOHN RYAN  
8.30AM ADRIAN VANNAN KEVIN DEVINE

### READERS

VIGIL: TRISH LINDNER TRISH LINDNER  
8.30AM TRUDY HANCOCK PAUL WYATT

**CLEANERS:** HELEN WILLIS PAULINE BUTTIGIEG  
LISA BRUFFER MARY ANN BUTTIGIEG

**FLOWERS:** JO McELGUNN CHRIS CARBURY

**SACRISTY:** MARY GILBERT

### MORNING TEA:

DEBBIE JAMES MICHELLE HIGGS

## 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:

### **Bank details**

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.

## 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 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 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 ahead. 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.

MASS: 9am for anyone who would like to come

LUNCH: Bring your own, plenty of tea and coffee here

COST: \$30 (Morning Tea provided)

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 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](http://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](mailto:contact@summerschool.org.au). Bookings: [summerschool.org.au](http://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 plainchant 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](http://trybooking.com/events/landing/1097546)

## 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](http://www.nce.catholic.org.au/womensfellowship) Applications close Thursday 16 November.

## 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, 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 organised and articulate professional to join the team as a Safeguarding Support Officer. The successful applicant will provide case support, project support and represent the office at professional development sessions. The Safeguarding Support Officer will be part of a team that assists the pastoral works of the Diocese to safely carry out the evangelising 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

If you are interested in finding out more about this position, please email [safeguarding@dow.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@dow.org.au) 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](http://www.dow.org.au)

Applications close at 5pm on 21 November 2023