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**Fr Peter Tien**  
Parish Priest



*Parish Bulletin*

19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

13 August 2023

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Look to your covenant, O Lord  
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**FIRST READING:** Kings 1 19:9, 11-13

A reading from the book of Kings  
*Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 14:22-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Command me to come to you over the water.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
Who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

**Next week's readings:**

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A  
Is 56:1, 6-7, Rom 11:13-15, 29-32, Mt 15:21-28

**ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH—TAHMOOR**

**Saturday Vigil—5.00 pm**

**Sunday—8.30am**

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

Tuesday -	5.00 pm – Adoration
	5.30 pm— Rosary
	6.00pm— Tahmoor
	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday -	8.30 am— Tahmoor
Thursday -	8.30 am— Tahmoor
Friday—	8.30 am— Tahmoor

*Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—  
August dates: 18th*

**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 Fr Michael Tate**

*Keep Rowing!*

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to 'the other side', the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. Many of our contemporaries are openly hostile or contentedly indifferent.

In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We are not to throw Tradition with a capital 'T' overboard. To jettison the spirit-led experience of the Church over two millennia will not help us. Discerning tradition from nostalgia, we must make our way to the other shore.

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures: 'Do not be afraid'

**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Salvatore Mercieca

**RECENTLY DECEASED :** Phil Bowdler

**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

**READERS:** THIS WEEK NEXT WEEK  
VIGIL: TRISH LINDNER BETH NOLAN  
8.30AM: JOHN MAHER TERESA CICHOCKI

**CLEANERS:** COLIN DUNN

**FLOWERS:** CHRIS CARBURY MURIELLE AZZI

**SACRISTY:** MARY GILBERT

**MORNING TEA:**  
NICOLE NEWTON MARG & JENNY

**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.

**RAISING FATHERS:** Fathering from the Front Line Speaker: Robert Falzon Monday 28 August 2023 Level 1, Micah House Resource Centre 7:00pm-8:30pm Cost: Free Robert Falzon unpacks practical advice and shares stories that are powerfully important, impacting, informative and instructional for fathering in today's world. RSVP by 27 August. Enquiries: jude.hennessy@dow.org.au Register: dow.sh/RF2023  
Pamphlets available in church foyer

**MENALIVE MACARTHUR REGIONAL WEEKEND,** 9-10 September, Micah House, Campbelltown. Cost \$70 per person (\$50 concession) Come along to our menALIVE weekend and be impacted by an encounter with the Gospel in the presence of other good men seeking to be renewed in faith and life. So many men have had their faith transformed and renewed by the experience of menALIVE, and this is an opportunity for men who have attended a menALIVE regional weekend in the past, and men who haven't, to come together to affirm the words of St Irenaeus all over again: "God is glorified when men are fully alive!" Register: dow.sh/MACampbelltown2023\_RF2023  
Pamphlets available in church foyer

**ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE INVITATION**

Bishop Brian Mascord DD will be ordaining to the diaconate, Lawrence Burns and Rodney Mackrill on Saturday 2 September 2023 at 10.30am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. Light refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the ceremony in the Xavier Conference Room. RSVP by 25 August 2023 by contacting the Diocesan Office 4222 2400

**A WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE A CURSILLO THREE-DAY WEEKEND**

A Cursillo weekend will be held at Carmel House, Varroville from Thursday evening 5 October to Sunday afternoon 8 October 2023. To find out more, please email: cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com or ring Geraldine Dayball on 0421 329 365

**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  
Pamphlets available in foyer.

**ADVANCED NOTICE:**

**WORKING BEE 26th August.**  
**8am-12noon**

More details on work to be done, next week



**MADE FOR MORE THAN THIS -** Arete Centre for Missionary Leadership OPEN NIGHT! Join Fr Chris Ryan MGL and an exciting panel of guests including Fr Rob Galea, Fr Simon Lobo, Co-author of Preaching on Purpose and Parish Priest at St Benedict, Halifax, and others, for a wide-ranging conversation about the powerful role lay people can play in the Church's Mission. Guests can also find out more about the Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program and how they can enrol for 2024. The Open night takes place on Thursday 17 August 2023 at 7.30 pm.

Register at www.aretecentre.org for this free event. 2023

**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

**SCAM EMAIL & PHONE WARNING**

There is an email and phone scam circulating using names of priests of the Diocese. It includes a prayer, designed to make it seem genuine, and a "request that it must be managed discreetly". Eventually the scammer asks for money, or gift cards, or similar. It is easy for the scammers to set up an email address and then sign off with the name of a priest. Please be wary of this scam. Also, note that my email address, firstname.surname@dow.org.au is the standard format of an email address for a priest of our Diocese. If ever in doubt, please

contact the Parish Office before replying to a message. Be assured that I will never personally contact any of you via email or text asking for money, gift cards, or other financial support. God bless you all.

**CCD LEVEL 1 CATECHIST COURSE** (Term 3) will run on the following dates in:

- Campbelltown Venue:  
Level 1, Micah House  
35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown  
Dates: Monday 31 July, 7, 14, 21, and 28 August 2023  
Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm
- Wollongong Venue:  
Conference Rooms, Xavier Centre  
38 Harbour St, Wollongong  
Dates: Friday 4, 11, 18, 25 August and 1 September  
Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm

Zoom option: If you are unable to attend in person, you are able to join the Wollongong session on Zoom. To register contact Cindy Oliver at support@ccdwoollongong.com.

Please note that the first day of the Level 1 course includes the Child Protection and Classroom Management training update that must be revisited by SRE Catechists every three years.

**IS IT IN YOUR NATURE?**

For some children life doesn't always go to plan. Foster carers come from all walks of life and from every cultural background. What matters most is your ability to care for and nurture a child or young person in loving and safe homes as foster parents. There is an ever-increasing need for Foster Carers in our community with over 60\* children within the Illawarra and Macarthur currently requiring care. To learn how you can make a positive impact on a child's future with short term, respite, emergency or permanent care contact Rachelle on 0418 783 956 or fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au

**THE JOURNEY**

13 August 2023 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week Fr Mark De Basta says Jesus is inviting Peter and each of us to step out into the storms of life and go out to him and at that moment when you feel that force of the wind, keep your eyes fixed on Christ. Mother Hilda says observe how much life there is all around you, over which you have absolutely no control. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Byron & Francine Pirola and Fr Mike Delaney. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.