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Married Deacon: Rodney Mackrill, jnr



Parish Bulletin

28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

15 October 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Next week's readings:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 45:1, 4-6, Thess 1:1-5, Mt 22:15-21

REFLECTION by Father Michael Tate :

Wedding Garments at Baptisms!

The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.

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
	St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr
Wednesday -	8.30 am— Tahmoor
	St Luke, evangelist
Thursday -	8.30 am— Tahmoor
Friday—	8.30 am - Tahmoor

Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—
October dates: 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	ADRIAN VANNAN	KEVIN DEVINE

READERS	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
VIGIL:	SANDRA RYAN	SOPHIA DE ZILVA
8.30AM	TERESA CICHOCKI	MAREE GALEA

CLEANERS:	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
	HELEN WILLIS	PAULINE BUTTIGIEG
	LISA BRUFFER	MARY ANN BUTTIGIEG

FLOWERS:	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
	JO McELGUNN	CHRIS CARBURY

SACRISTY: MARY GILBERT

MORNING TEA:
NICOLE NEWTON MARG & JENNY

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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BSB—066-711

Account number—001783

Reference—Name/collections

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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.

THE UPCOMING SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST:

The final parent only meeting will be held this Sunday 15 October following the 8.30am Mass in the Parish administration building. You need only attend one parent meeting. Further details are available from the foyer of the church.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on the following days:

Thursday 19 October, Tuesday 24 October and Thursday 26 October. The office will continue to be open on Wednesdays for this period.

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.

POSITION VACANT—Secretary/Office Administrator Corpus Christi Parish Mittagong/Bowral

To express interest or to find out more information, please contact Frances Van Leerdam, at the Office of the Bishop, 0409 901 204 or email: frances.valeerdam@dow.org.au

Applications close 27 October 2023

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



With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

CALL 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 by Saturday 21 October** 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

COMPASS Family Camping Weekend 27-29 Oct 2023

The weekend is designed to unite families of every age, including couples with or without children, single parents with their children, and grandparents, all to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. Mark your calendars now for a wonderful chance to bring families from all over the Diocese together in a laid-back setting to connect and enjoy shared meals, games, music, prayer, and Mass together. To avoid missing out on this incredible opportunity, contact us now to secure your spot.

Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (regardless of size)

For more details and to register: www.dow.org.au