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Married Deacon: Rodney Mackrill, jnr



Parish Bulletin

33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

19 November 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20,30-31
A reading from the book of Proverbs
Give her a share in what she has worked for.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 5:1-6
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night..

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Because you have been faithful over a few things; enter into the joy of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

Next week's readings:
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A
Ezek 34:11-12,15-17, Cor 15:20-26, 28, Mt 25:31-46

REFLECTION by Father Michael Tate :

Befriending Time

God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.

In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of *omission* – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar: "There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in stillness and miseries."

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: 'Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master's happiness.'

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
The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday - 8.30 am — Tahmoor
St Cecilia, virgin, martyr
Thursday - 8.30 am — Tahmoor
Friday— 8.30 am - Tahmoor
Sts Andrew Dűng-Lac, priest,
and companions, martyrs

*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

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

<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
VIGIL	J O H N R Y A N	
8.30AM	KEVIN DEVINE	JOHN MCGARRY

<u>READERS</u>		
VIGIL:	TRISH LINDNER	BETH NOLAN
8.30AM	PAUL WYATT	JEFF BROWN

<u>CLEANERS:</u>		
	PAULINE BUTTIGIEG	THERESE NEILSON
	MARY ANN BUTTIGIEG	CHRIS NEILSON

<u>FLOWERS:</u>		
	CHRIS CARBURY	MURIELLE AZZI

SACRISTY: M A R Y G I L B E R T

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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:

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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.

'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.

VINNIE'S JESSE TREE Your local conference is struggling to meet the requests for special help for Christmas. We have many families who only just get by week to week, some with our regular assistance. If we are going to offer them something a bit extra to help them celebrate the Birth of our Saviour this year, we really need you to help if you can. The Jesse Tree will be in the foyer from this week until 10 December. **Please if can you take an envelope and make a donation of cash or vouchers, and return it to the Second Collection at Mass before 10 December**, that would be a great help to us. We assure you this will go to a local family or person on their own in time for Christmas.

If you think Conference Work may be for you, please contact Lesley on 0488 666 326. We can work around whatever regular time you can offer, but we are building a team to work from our Picton Shop on Thursdays for a couple of hours.



To the parishioners that came along to the Working Bee last weekend. A big welcome to the new Volunteers, your attendance and contribution was very much appreciated—hope to see you at the next one.

MASS COUNT—at the request of the Diocese: The count will take place over the 4 weekends of November. These counts give the most complete annual picture of people attending Mass as possible.

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 or phone 1800024413



CATHOLICCARE are currently looking for **Community Support Workers**. Becoming a Catholic-Care Community Support Worker will give you a career that you love, whilst providing a valuable connection to people living with a disability or the

aged in our Diocese. If you want to find out more about becoming a Community Support Worker go to catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/careers/ or call 4227 1122.

ONE MUSIC FESTIVAL | Saturday 25 November 2023 | 2pm-9pm:

A Christian music and arts festival for all ages to be held at Kiama Show-ground 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>

PURPOSE CONFERENCE—Free Bus from Wollongong/Macarthur—18-35 Years Old .

The 'Purpose Conference' will feature world renowned Catholic speakers Jason Evert and Matt Fradd, and hundreds of young adults from Sydney and all over Australia. We are also providing a free bus from Wollongong Diocese where you can connect with other local young adults on the way to the event. Tickets to the event are limited and so are spots on the bus, so register for both as soon as you can! Book your tickets: Book your own ticket to the conference via: dow.sh/Purpose23

Book your travel on Free Gong Bus: Feel free to make your own way to the Conference on Thursday 7 December, but be sure to reserve your spot on our Free Gong Bus for Friday 8 December by registering here (dow.sh/YA-BUS) and connect with other young adults from our Diocese on the journey - departing from West Wollongong Parish at 4pm or Rosemeadow Parish at 4.45pm.

Deadline for booking a spot on the bus is 3 December.

Contact Fr Duane and the team at : vocations@dow.org.au if you have any questions.

THE JOURNEY 19 NOVEMBER 2023

On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista says that this is a parable about the Lord trusting us with talents and skills and burying them simply doesn't cut it with the Lord. Mother Hilda has been reading the book of Ezekiel and its recurring line "and they will know that I am God." Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Mark Raue, and Pete Gilmore. The Journey Podcast is available at www.jcr.org.au

A VOCATION VIEW:

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour. (Matthew 25:13)" If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au