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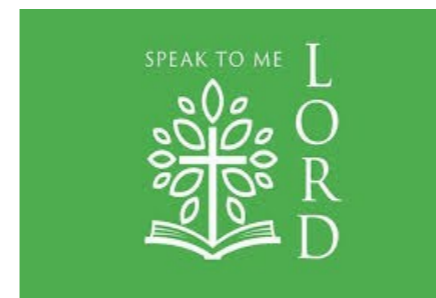
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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



Parish Bulletin

20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

20th August 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your eyes, O God, our Shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Woman, you have great faith.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

Next week's readings:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A
Is 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36, Mt 16:13-20

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH—TAHMOOR

Saturday Vigil—5.00 pm

Sunday—8.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday - 5.00 pm Adoration
5.30 pm—Tahmoor
The Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday - 8.30 am— Tahmoor
Thursday - 8.30 am— Tahmoor
St Bartholomew, apostle
Friday— 8.30 am— Tahmoor

*Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—
September dates: 1st, 15th, 29th*

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

On Catholic Dogs

A pagan woman approaches a Jewish man and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable pagan woman stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: "Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

Jesus recognises her faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

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: BETH NOLAN T B A

8.30AM: TERESA CICHOCKI MAREE GALEA

CLEANERS: PAULINE BUTTIGIEG
MARYANN BUTTIGIEG

FLOWERS: MURIELLE AZZI MONIQUE SMITH
VANESSA BOYD

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

MORNING TEA:
MARG & JENNY LORRI & RICHARD

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.

CELEBRATING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Everyone is invited to come along to hear the inspiring, true story of Charbel Raish, Founder of Parousia Media and how Islam led him back to Christ. Charbel had an encounter that radically transformed his life and filled him with zeal and passion for the truth. Enjoy fellowship and a lovely afternoon tea after Charbel's talk on Sunday 10 September at 3 pm at Sts Peter & Paul Parish Meeting Room, Kiama. Gold coin donation and plate would be appreciated. RSVP: Sheelagh Abela 0409562830 or smabela@bigpond.com

INVITATION

An opportunity for **FREE HEALTHY OUTDOOR EXERCISE** in the company of friendly, community minded people! More "doers" are needed to help with a working bee at St Anthony's Tahmoor church.

WHEN? - Saturday 26/08/2023, 8am start
Morning tea is provided, friendly, casual conversation included free.

Some tools and equipment available, or bring your own

Choose from the work list:

Fire hazard reduction (Near Sr Cathy's house)
Edge trimming *Pile burn
Mowing *Small mower servicing
Unit 4 handrail *Check Unit 2 shower screen
Stump removal *Collection of tree litter
Complete bollard installation Remove old sign
Meeting room 2 door sticking
Roof gutter cleaning *Shrub pruning
Rectify downpipe spillage onto wall near church toilets
Cleaning of brickwork Shrub pruning
Painting *Weeding
Levelling of ruts in grassed areas Edge trimming
Pile burn (If required)

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

PART -TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ALL SAINTS PARISH SHELLHARBOUR CITY

Shellharbour parish is seeking the services of a part-time secretary for 18 hrs per week—currently Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, but negotiable.

The position requires skills in administration, bookkeeping, maintaining a database, and high skills in MS Word, Excel and Powerpoint. The parish secretary needs to be a person who is supportive of the Catholic ethos of the Parish, who bears witness to Christ and Christian values in their own lives and in their work.

If interested, please make contact via email to request an application pack for this position to: frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au

Applications close 5pm Monday, 28th August 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.

THE CHOSEN—A TV SERIES ABOUT JESUS

The Chosen is a new 'free to view' series, now in its third season, that beautifully and creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and are receiving acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen to watch or get the free app for use on your phone/laptop via The Chosen app (download) or for your smart TV. Watch it on your own, or better still with family and friends.

THE JOURNEY 23 August 2023 - Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast.

On The Journey This week Fr Dominic Murphy tells how you can change God's mind Mother Hilda says as truly as water is necessary for fish, just as truly the life of God is necessary for you and I. Plus, Fr Tony Percy's 200 Word reflection and Peter Gilmore is listening to silence. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.