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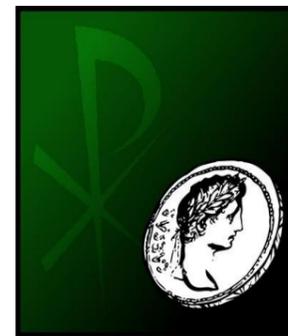
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Parish Bulletin 29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A 22 October 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 1:1-5
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Next week's readings:
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 22:20-26, Thess 1:5-10, Mt 22:34-40

REFLECTION by Father Michael Tate :

Whose Image and Likeness?

Jesus first cleverly throws his questioners on the defensive. *They* are the ones carrying the coinage, not him. Then he poses the crucial question, 'Whose image is it and whose inscription?' They said to him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to them: 'Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.'

The coin bore the image and inscription of Caesar. Genesis teaches us that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the political and financial authorities have their coinage. It is their legal tender. But they cannot have human beings. Human beings belong to Another. They belong to God.'

We are fortunate to live in a wonderful democracy. But even a democracy can violate the dignity of a human being created in the image and likeness of God. As Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, *and on the basis of a correct conception of the human person.*' (Italics added)

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the inscription, 'Child of God', effectively engraved on our hearts by baptism.

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

*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 :

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

<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
VIGIL	JOHN RYAN	
8.30AM	KEVIN DEVINE	JOHN MCGARRY

<u>READERS</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
VIGIL:	SOPHIA DE ZILVA	LISA BRUFFER
8.30AM	MAREE GALEA	MARG FOLDES

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

<u>FLOWERS:</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
	CHRIS CARBURY	MURIELLE AZZI

<u>SACRISTY:</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
	MARY GILBERT	

<u>MORNING TEA:</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
	MARG & JENNY	LORRI & RICHARD

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.

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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

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

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

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATECHIST MASS

The Annual Catechist Mass and awards ceremony will occur on Saturday 11 November, at 10am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. We look forward to welcoming all our Life Members, award recipients, active and retired Catechists, special guests and their families.

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord and concelebrated by clergy of the Diocese. A light luncheon will follow in the Xavier Conference Rooms. Please check your email for your invitation. For more information please contact Helen Bennett on helen.bennett@dow.org.au

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



This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

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CALLED 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 this Sunday 22 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

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. No dormitory space left—only for camping.

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

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

EL ROI: THE GOD WHO SEES ME (Women's Retreat)

being held at Carmel House 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville 17-19 November 2023. Prepare for Advent through this women's retreat with the MGL Sisters, as we spend time together listening to God's unique heart of love for each one of us. This retreat is supported by the Catholic Women's Network in the Archdiocese of Sydney. Bookings: trybooking.com/CFBRE (by 3 November)

THE JOURNEY 22 October 2023

On The Journey This Week: Fr Christopher del Rosario says there are three key points we can take from this week's Gospel. Mother Hilda says that when we carry out random acts of kindness it's as though a healing balm enters the other person's life. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Byron & Francine Pirola, and Fr Mike Delaney
The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.