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Married Deacon: Rodney Mackrill, jnr



Parish Bulletin

25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

24 September 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress.
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
My thoughts are not your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
For me to live is Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Why are you jealous because I am generous?

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Next week's readings:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezek 18:25-28, Phil 2:1-11, Mt 21:28-32

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
Wednesday - 8.30 am— Tahmoor
St Vincent de Paul, priest
Thursday - 8.30 am— Tahmoor
Friday— 8.30 am - Tahmoor
Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00 pm—4.30 pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

OFFICE HOURS

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REFLECTION by Father Michael Tate

No salvation outside the Church?

This is a story of the day labourers of Jesus' time. The 'early birds' contracted for the just wage of one denarius and did the hard work over the course of a long day. They were outraged when latecomers also received a denarius.

This little parable circulated in the Christian community of the first century because there was great antagonism between the Jews who became followers of Jesus and the non-Jews, the 'Gentiles'. Jewish Christians looked at their long history of hardship preparing for the coming of the Messiah. And, now, here were these Gentiles who had done nothing by comparison, and God appeared to be granting them whatever it took to enjoy the 'daily bread' of the Kingdom of God.

Jewish Christians had to be shocked out of *their* idea that God's grace could *not* be lavished on those outside the boundaries of the Chosen People.

We could pause to pray to be taken by happy surprise by those billions of people outside the Church who, by the grace of God, will share with us 'the Bread of Life', given for the salvation of *all* the world.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY: Franco Medici, Charlie Buttigieg, Christopher Buttigieg, Mary Buttigieg and Joyce Zammit

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 McMahan, Daniel Clarke, James McNeil, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

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

READERS		
VIGIL:	SANDRA RYAN	TRISH LINDNER
8.30AM	PAUL WYATT	JEFF BROWN

CLEANERS:	PAULINE BUTTIGIEG	THERESE NEILSON
	MARY ANN BUTTIGIEG	CHRIS NEILSON

FLOWERS:	MURIELLE AZZI	MONIQUE SMITH
		VANESSA BOYD

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

MORNING TEA:		
	KATE & JASON	SUE & PAUL

REMEMBER!
VOLUNTEERS LIVE LONGER.
SO COME TO OUR WORKING BEE
Saturday 30th September 2023

8am start, finish noon(ish),
Morning tea supplied.

- Target work list:**
Clear fire hazards at rear of grounds
Concrete a mower edge around hydrant bollards
Mowing and edging
Stump removal
Unit 4 handrail
Collection of tree litter
Weeding

(Other jobs also available, your choice of jobs)

CHANGE TO VIGIL MASS TIME

From Saturday 7 October 2023 the Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 6pm.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL Thank you for your generous support of this appeal last weekend. In addition to your donations made ONLINE, a gift has been forwarded to Bishop Brian as our response to his appeal. Donations are still being gratefully received online via the Diocese of Wollongong 's website: www.dow.org.au/giving. " I am very grateful for your support in helping me to ensure that we can provide for the retirement and health of clergy, and the sound and holistic formation of our young seminarians. God bless you."
+ BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD

SEASON OF CREATION 2023 We are in the Season of Creation and there are some wonderful activities and resources for families delve into at <https://seasonofcreation.org> Take the time as we move into Spring to pray, to plant, to recycle and enter into the awe and wonder we find in dwelling on and being in God's creation.

THE UPCOMING SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST: The parent only meetings will be held on: Wednesday 11 October at 7pm, **OR** Friday 13 October at 1pm **OR** Sunday 15 October following the 8.30am Mass. Only one of these meetings needs to be attended. All meetings will be held in the Parish administration building. Further details are available from the foyer of the church.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S EMERGENCY APPEALS—MOROCCO/LIBYA

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died, and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water, and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in our annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on 18 October 2023. Last year 40,000 Australian children participated. Free resources can be found online including reflections for children and a prayer of consecration for children to the Mother of God. To learn more and to register visit www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren.

CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES
by St. Francis of Assisi

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honor, and all blessing,
To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no human is worthy to mention Your name.
Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who is the day and through whom You give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor;
and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather,
through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night,
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.
Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us,
and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord,
through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.
Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.
Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no one living can escape.
Woe to those who die in mortal sin.
Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.
Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.

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.

A WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE A CURSILLO THREE-DAY WEEKEND: Do you feel there is more to your life? Is your spiritual life a little sluggish at the moment? Join fellow Catholic women as we explore our faith and discuss where this faith is taking us. Father Chris Roberts is our Spiritual Director and will offer Mass daily. Our next weekend is being run

at Carmel House, Varroville, from the evening of Thursday 5 October until Sunday afternoon, 8 October. Please phone Geraldine on 0421329365 or scan the QR code for more information on what Cursillo is



BLESSING OF ANIMALS MONDAY 2 OCT 9.30AM
As usual, the Blessing of Animals will take place on the Monday of the long weekend, 2 October at 9.30am at the Parish of Saint Michael, Thirroul. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. Blessed are you, Lord, maker of all living creatures. May we always praise you for your beauty in creation.

