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**Parish Priest: Fr Peter Tien**  
**Married Deacon: Rodney Mackrill, jnr**



*Parish Bulletin* OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE—YEAR A 26 November 2023

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**  
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 34;11-12, 15-17  
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel  
*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**  
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**SECOND READING:** Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 25:31-46  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men from one another.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**  
The Lord sits as King for ever.  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Next week's readings:**  
**First Sunday of Advent—Year B**  
Is 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8, Cor 1:3-9, Mk 13:33-37

**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
	St Andrew, apostle
Friday—	8.30 am - Tahmoor

*Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—  
December dates: 8th and 22nd*

**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  
**Website:** www.stanthonyspicton.org.au

**REFLECTION by Father Michael Tate :**

*Necessities of (Eternal) Life*

The eternal destiny of every human being of a certain maturity is determined by decisions made in relation to food and drink for the famished, clothing and housing for those without decent clothing or shelter, visiting those in circumstances which cut them off from life-giving contact with others (the sick and prisoners).

Those who provide such assistance, in the words of Pope Francis, touch the wounds of Christ! A Christian can be fully conscious of this, but for non Christians it is possible to do so without any of our awareness or belief. Christ is *completely* incognito to them: 'When did we ever see you hungry and feed you ...?'

We know the doctrine of the Real Presence in the poor and marginalised. Woe betide those of us who ignore this fact of faith. We are on the way to a Hellish state of existence. That is equally possible for those who do not share our faith, but who ignore the plight of the marginalised and continue in a self-absorbed way.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we, and many billions of non-Christians, may hear the invitation: 'Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

## 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	JOHN RYAN	
8.30AM	JOHN MCGARRY	STAN CICHOCKI

<u>READERS</u>		
VIGIL:	BETH NOLAN	SANDRA RYAN
8.30AM	JEFF BROWN	JOHN MAHER

<u>CLEANERS:</u>		
	THERESE NEILSON	COLIN DUNN
	CHRIS NEILSON	

<u>FLOWERS:</u>		
	MURIELLE AZZI	NO FLOWERS

<u>SACRISTY:</u>		
	MARY GILBERT	

<u>MORNING TEA:</u>		
	KATE & JASON	TBA

## 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:

### **Bank details**

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.

## FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH 1 December 2023

### 12 noon

Everyone is invited to the admin building to share good company with friends. Please bring your own lunch—tea and coffee provided.



## 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.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CANDIDATES WHO MAKE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND

*"Today when the priest gives you Holy Communion,*

*It may seem like ordinary bread, but it is not.*

*It is really and truly Jesus.*

*Today Jesus will come into your heart and soul.*

*When you receive Holy Communion,*

*He will be closer to you than anyone else ever could be."*

## MASS COUNT—at the request of the Diocese:

This weekend, is the last weekend of the count. Thank you for your understanding. 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](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800024413

CATHOLICCARE are currently looking for **Community Support Workers**. Becoming a CatholicCare 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](http://catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/careers) or call 4227 1122.

## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au) if you have any questions.

## POSITION VACANT—PROGRAM COORDINATOR AT ARETE CENTRE

As the Program Coordinator at the Arete Centre, you will play a pivotal role in ensuring the efficient operation of our organisation. This position is part-time, with a commitment of one day a week.

The Program Coordinator will be responsible for fostering a positive and professional student journey. They will coordinate four Intensive Retreats each year and serve as the primary point of contact for students. Additionally, they will oversee the coordination and management of Student Mentor groups, upkeep of student database, and be responsible for all associated administrative tasks.

To apply, please submit your resume and cover letter to the Laura Neeson: [office@aretecentre.org](mailto:office@aretecentre.org). Please specify "Program Coordinator" in the subject line. Only successful applicants will be contacted. Applications close Wednesday 6 December 2023.

## THE JOURNEY 26 November 2023 - Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast

On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista says that we're celebrating something that is yet to come, that Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. Mother Hilda has a story of a dud toaster acting like God. Plus, Fr Tony Percy on doing a spiritual audit, Fr Dave Callaghan, and Fr Mike Delaney.

The Journey podcast available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au).