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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



Parish Bulletin

21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

27th August 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
Save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
From him, through him, and in him are all things.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church
The gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Next week's readings:

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A
Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

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 Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr

Wednesday - 8.30 am— Tahmoor

Thursday - 8.30 am— Tahmoor

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 Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY: John Bell

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, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

READERS: THIS WEEK NEXT WEEK
VIGIL: SANDRA RYAN SOPHIA DE ZILVA

8.30AM: MAREE GALEA MARG FOLDES

CLEANERS: PAULINE BUTTIGIEG THERESE NEILSON
MARYANN BUTTIGIEG CHRIS NEILSON

FLOWERS: MONIQUE SMITH Jo McELGUNN
VANESSA BOYD

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

MORNING TEA:
LORRI & RICHARD DIANA & TONY

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



FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH—

1 SEPTEMBER—12 NOON

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

CONGRATULATIONS:

Next Saturday, 2 September, **RODNEY MACKRILL** will be Ordained as a Married Deacon, at St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

As a parish we congratulate him and wish him well in this vocation.

Rodney will deliver the Homily, at both Masses next weekend. Following the 8.30am Mass on Sunday, there will be a morning tea to celebrate this occasion. Please join in this celebration.

CONFIRMATION GIFTS: The piety stall in the foyer of the church, will be open for purchases of gifts and cards, to purchase a gift for someone special, following weekend Masses.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY RESOURCES The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has launched its 2023-24 Social Justice Statement. Australia's bishops have been publishing such statements, urging the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues, since the 1940s. This year's statement is titled *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*. "Strengthening our relationship with our First Peoples is integral and indeed critical to the strengthening of the whole nation" *Copies of this Social Justice Statement are available from the foyer of the church.*

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

CATHOLICCARE FOSTERING FUTURES The Fostering Futures team are urgently looking for a forever home for Ollie* who is 8 years old. Ollie is a very engaging, outgoing, polite and active boy. Ollie enjoys swimming, going to the park, playing Nintendo, watching movies, colouring in, and trying new foods. Ollie would love to learn to ride a bike and play soccer or Oz Tag. Ollie is looking for a forever home with carers who are kind, caring, calm, and patient who can give him a sense of security and belonging. You can find out more by calling 0418 783 956, email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au> for more information.

Fostering Futures will support you every step of the way.

**name has been changed for privacy*

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.

THE JOURNEY, 30 August 2023 - Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week Fr Chima Ofor says Peter's declaration about Jesus also forms the foundation of our call to social justice. Mother Hilda tells how the Word of God has power to change your life. Plus, Fr Tony Percy and Bishop Vincent Long on Social Justice Sunday. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au

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