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



*Parish Bulletin*

30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—Year A

29 October 2023

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength  
constantly seek his face.

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus  
*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

I love you, Lord, my strength.

**SECOND READING:** Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians  
*You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
and exult in the name of our God.

**Next week's readings:**

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10, Thess 2:7-9,13, Matt 23:1-12

**REFLECTION by Father Michael Tate :**

**True Perspectives**

Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'.

Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

**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 - 6pm — Tahmoor  
Thursday - 6pm— Tahmoor  
Friday— 8.30 am - Tahmoor

*Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—  
November dates: 10th and 24th*

**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

**ACOLYTES THIS WEEK NEXT WEEK**  
VIGIL JOHN RYAN  
8.30AM JOHN MCGARRY STAN CICHOCKI

**READERS**  
VIGIL: LISA BRUFFER GAIL HANGER  
8.30AM MARG FOLDES JENNIFER FOLDES

**CLEANERS:** THERESE NEILSON COLIN DUNN  
CHRIS NEILSON

**FLOWERS:** MURIELLE AZZI MONIWUE SMITH  
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BSB—066-711  
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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.

**ALL SAINTS**—Wednesday 1 November  
6.00 pm Mass at Tahmoor  
**ALL SOULS DAY**—Thursday 2 November  
6pm Mass at Tahmoor

**CATECHIST MEETING**  
The next meeting will be Friday 3 November at 10am in the Administration building.

**NOVEMBER BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:**  
If you would like the name/s of a loved one placed in the book, please provide the name/s to the parish office, as early as possible. Names can be on the envelope in your set of planned giving envelopes, or envelopes are available from the table at the rear of the church. Envelopes can be placed in normal Sunday collections.

**FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH 3 November 12noon**  
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. New **readers** are always welcome and once again training is provided. If you would like to assist please contact the parish office.

**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

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**SUMMER SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION (SYDNEY) 7-14 January 2023**

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**ONE MUSIC FESTIVAL | Saturday 25 November 2023 | 2pm-9pm**

A Christian music and arts festival for all ages to be held at Kiama Showground and Pavilion. Organised by local Kiama Churches in partnership with Scripture Union NSW. Live music including Emu Music, Aslandia, MayFair Lane, Seraph Music, Fern Johnston, Thirsty Tree Music, Naomi Grace and more. Creative arts space, Quizworx Kids Show, Food Vans, market stalls, games, messages of hope and all with scenic views. For more information and tickets go to : <http://www.onemusicfestival.com>

**A VOCATION VIEW:** “you turned from idols to serve the living and true God”. Destroy the false gods in your life which prevent you from serving the one true God. (1 Thess ; 1-10). To discuss your vocation please contact the vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@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](http://trybooking.com/CFBRE) (by 3 November)

**AUSTRALIAN YOUNG CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 2024/2025**

This initiative of the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry (BCELM) has been offered since 2006 to young women aged 25-35 years. The Fellowship provides financial sponsorship toward a graduate certificate in theological studies and a supportive community of women and spiritual accompaniment for future leaders.

A more detailed outline of Fellowship inclusions and schedule can be found at [www.nce.catholic.org.au/womensfellowship](http://www.nce.catholic.org.au/womensfellowship) Applications close Thursday 16 November.

**THE JOURNEY 29 October 2023**

On The Journey This Week: Fr James Arblaste says the Gospel doesn't cancel out the Old Testament but continues its timeless message with two simple Do's. Mother Hilda has an antidote for our life's regrets. Plus, Fr Tony Percy and Dr Eammon Mathieson from the Catholic Medical Association of Australia. The Journey podcast available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)