

Catholic Parishes of Taree & Wingham



Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

Taree Parish Mass centres of Cundletown, Harrington, Lansdowne & Old Bar

Wingham Parish

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

19th of June 2016

This Weeks Readings

First Reading

Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1

*They will look on the one whom
they have pierced.*

Second Reading

Galatians 3:26-29

*You who have been baptized have
put on Christ.*

Gospel

John 10:27

*You are the Messiah sent by God. It
is necessary for the Son of Man to
suffer much.*

Reflection

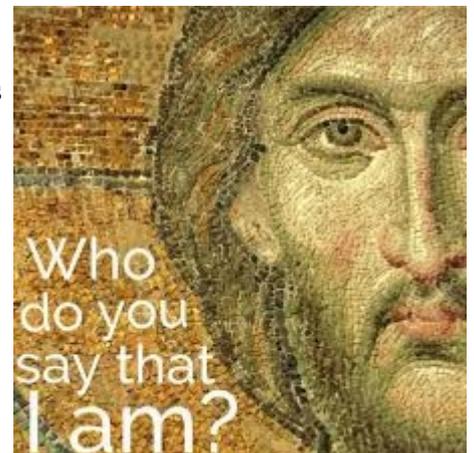
In today's Gospel, we hear Peter proclaim: 'You are the Christ of God.' This inspired insight is good, so far as it goes. But Jesus knew Peter very well. His birth name was 'Simon'. Jesus changed that to 'Peter'. It was a nickname full of irony. It means 'rock' in Greek and conveys the idea of rock solid. But for this effervescent, changeable fisherman, 'Sandy' might have been more accurate than 'Rocky'.

If anyone could claim to understand the true identity of Jesus, but then completely misunderstand it, it was Peter. So, he was told to keep quiet.

Nevertheless, grace had been given to Peter to find correct words to express the faith of the disciples.

This is still the role of the successor of St Peter. By the grace of God, the Pope is to find the right words to express the faith of the followers of Jesus. So he may lead the world to a deeper understanding of the identity of Jesus, that He is: the body language of God, the conqueror of death, the vanquisher of the grave, the One who will transfigure our bodies in the light of his resurrection.

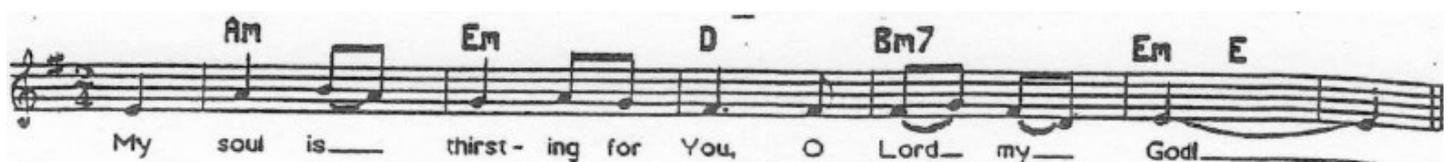
We could pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis that he will continue to proclaim the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth in inspired language which can inspire the whole of humanity.



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Responsorial Psalm:

My soul is thirsty for you, O Lord my God



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia

My sheep listen to My voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow Me.

Alleluia

Planned Giving Tax Receipts

All parishioners that require a tax receipt for planned giving for the financial year 2015/16 must notify the parish office before the 30th of June. Please be advised that any request not received before this date will lead to the parishioner not receiving the requested tax deduction.

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

Wingham St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal will be held within the coming weeks. They would like to thank everyone for their untiring, generous support in the past. St Vincent De Paul Conference this year has given to date \$60,000 in food vouchers, accommodation and transport to those in need in our area. Let us keep all those in need this winter in our prayers and give generously to this appeal.



White/Moylan Family Group

To meet on the Sunday the 19th of June at the Brown's, 6 Palanis Drive, Taree, 12 noon. BYO everything, Tea and Coffee supplied. Please call Loris if attending on 65511063.

Swift/Durea Family Group

Will meet on Sunday the 19th of June for soup and games at Gibb's home. Please phone Joan on 65524848 by Tuesday the 14th at the latest with your soup/cake/other contribution. Mention group game ideas too please.

Musicians needed for Wingham Church

Wingham Church is in need of musicians to assist with the music for Sunday Masses. Please contact Helen Scriven for further information on 65508062.

Reconnecting with RCIA

A series of workshops will be held at St Laurence O'Toole Centre in Broadmeadow for Church members who are already involved in the RCIA ministry or who are just beginning that ministry. From 9.30am until 1pm on Saturday the 2nd of July, Saturday the 13th of August and Saturday the 22nd of October. To register your attendance please contact Daphne Peterson on 0402318074.

Manning Uniting Church Luncheon

Wednesday the 29th of June at 12 noon in the Ministry Centre, 29 Albert St, Taree. Guest speaker Heather Bramble. Musical item and stall. Donation \$12. Please RSVP by June 24th Audrey Walker on 65516303 or Faye Kohlhausen on 65524073.

Missionary of Mercy

Father Richard Shortall will be travelling in a motorhome, focussing on those Churches where there is no longer a resident priest, as well as other significant places where mercy is sought and given. He will spend time in each place and will be available to all people who seek mercy, a listening ear and forgiveness.

Father Richard will be ministering to the following Mass Centres;



Cundletown

Sat 2nd 6.00pm - Vigil Mass followed by a shared supper with parishioners.

Sun 3rd 6.00pm - Mass, conversations with Fr Richard and Reconciliation.

Mon 4th 9.30am - Healing Mass at Bishop Tyrell Place, Cundletown.

Tues 5th 9.30am - Healing Mass at St Paul's, Cundletown.

Wed 6th 9.30am - Mass, conversations with Fr Richard and Reconciliation.

Thurs 7th 7.00pm - Guided Prayer for Healing and Mercy.

Please note: Could parishioners please bring along a plate for the shared supper on Saturday the 2nd.

Old Bar

Sunday 10th - Thursday 14th of July.
Program to be confirmed.

Wingham

Sunday 17th - Thursday 21st of July.
Program be confirmed.

Mercy Presentation

with Sister Lynette and Sister Maureen

To be held on the Wednesday the 29th of June at 10.30am till 12 noon in the Taree Resource Centre.

Sister Lynette and Sister Maureen will focus on 'Understanding Pope Francis' vision for the Jubilee of Mercy'. If you would like to attend, please bring in a shared plate for morning tea. Everyone welcome.

Please pray for the sick in the Taree & Wingham parishes:

Patricia Wolfenden, Bev Crouch, Julie Rice, Tom Berryman, Helen Trappel, May and Terry Bailey, Teresa Harvey, Pauline Wills, Kelvin Cowan, Debbie Hitchen, Margaret Cross, Joe Zarb, Sue Davis, Eve Collins, Bill Walker, Rose Sansom, Nino Menta, Paul Cantwell, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Mary Trapple, Bill and Dorothy Wright, Bryce Gaudry, Eric Trad, Major Ray Allen and Shirley Scanes.

Anniversaries: Geoff Gallagher, Thomas Johnson, William Johnson, Jack White, Kathleen McDonald, Margaret Coleman, Vivian Connolly, Agnes McDonald, Bart Callose, Joan Ryan and Joseph Litjens.

Recently Deceased:

May they rest in peace.



Take up your cross and follow Me ...

'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, that man will save it.' Luke 9:23

We must be convinced that there is only one Jesus, and he is the crucified Jesus who rose from the dead. Christianity without the cross is not Christianity; only through the cross of Jesus have we gained salvation. So, when we suffer, we should not consider our suffering a burden; rather we must look upon the cross we bear as an immense gift from God.

Blessed Mother Theresa once said: "Suffering is a sign that we have come so close to Jesus on the cross that he can kiss us and that he can show that he is in love with us by giving us an opportunity to share in his passion." Undoubtedly there are many forms of suffering that are quite mysterious. However, the need to carry our cross as an essential dimension of Christianity does not take away the need and the duty to seek cures for illnesses and to make this life a better life for everyone.

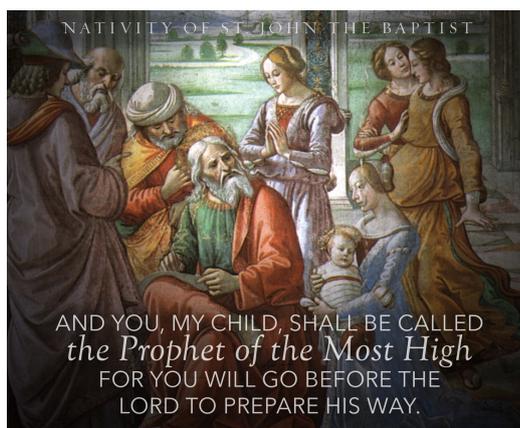
Although human progress might make this earth a better place for everyone, suffering, in one form or another, will always be a part of our existence.

The meaning of suffering only makes sense when we contemplate Jesus Christ crucified and risen from the dead.

When we ask the question why, we need only look upon the crucifix. It is there that we will find the meaning of suffering and the exact reason why we too must carry our own cross.

Each of us has a cross to carry. We must all identify our crosses and carry them with patience, joy and love. Why should we complain about something that will be the means by which we will gain eternal life?

Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist



Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John..." But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: "Yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Luke 7:28).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life.

His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His Baptism, he said, was for repentance. But One would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John is not worthy even to carry his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. "I need to be baptized by you" (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15b). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. John thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people ("all Judea") to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.

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