



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

2ND JULY, 2017

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
2ND JULY 2017

FIRST READING: 2 KGS 4:8-11.14-16

Elisha promises a son to an influential woman.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: ROM 6:3-4.8-11

We are baptized into Christ's death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

JN 15:26-27

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MT 10:37-42

Take up your cross.

REFLECTION

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

© Dianne Bergant

PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

SICK: Patricia Wolfenden, Mary and Helen Trapple, Bev Crouch, Julie Rice, Tom Berryman, May and Terry Bailey, Teresa Harvey, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Helen Wooster, Mikala Corben, Sonia Pinkerton, Monica Moy, Anne Cleal, Jim Wills, Robert MacGregor, Anne Hile, Laura Mirabello, Pat Anderson, Cecily Bohringer, Jan Daines, Ambrose Mason, Sandra Baker, Rupert McLennan, Sue Berry, Bill Walker, Marie McGovern, Corizon Wynter, Brendan Maloney, Peter Rinkin, Laurence Matheson, Michael Allen, Bernie Eddlebutt, Margaret Boyton, Fercus Cranston and Margaret Boyton.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jack Mason, Edward Neal McDonnell (Don), Elizabeth White, Donald White, Patricia White and Clare Patricia Day. *May they rest in peace.*

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
9TH JULY 2017

FIRST READING: ZEC 9:9-10

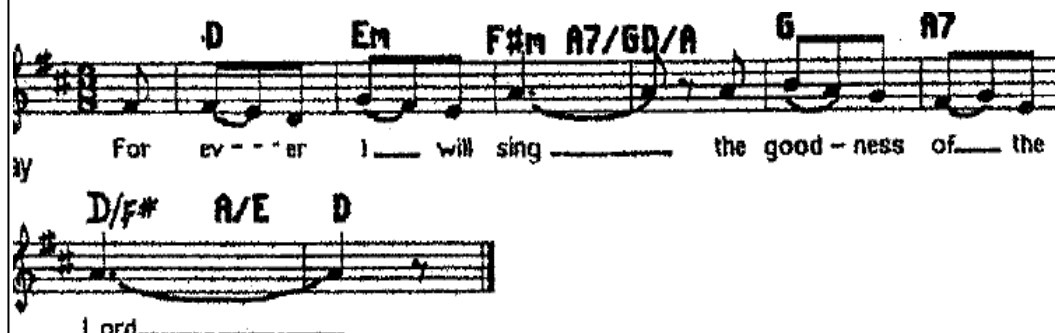
See how humbly your king comes to you!

SECOND READING: ROM 8:9.11-13

Life in the Spirit brings life everlasting.

GOSPEL Mt 11:25-30

Christ will refresh the weary.





PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 3RD JULY

9:30- 1pm Quilters Group - Res C
10am Meditation Group-Old Pres
1.45pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 4TH JULY

9.30am Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Comm + Exp

9.30-11am T&W Library Old Pres
10am Women's Prayer Grp-Old Lib
10.30 - 11.30am Old Bar Church open for prayers & rosary
12 - 2pm AA Mtg - Res C
1pm Men's Bible Study - Old Pr
5.30pm Taree Mass
6pm Liturgy Mtg - Res C

WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests
9.30am Taree Mass
2pm Storm Village Anointing mass

THURSDAY 6TH JULY

9.30am Taree Mass
10.30am Mass St Joseph

FRIDAY 7TH JULY

9am Taree Mass
9.30am Taree Exposition
11am Wingham Mass with School
3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 8TH JULY

9.30am Rosary Makers
11am-12pm Taree reconciliation
5.30pm Taree Rosary
6pm Taree Mass
6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 9TH JULY

7am Old Bar Rosary
7.30am Old Bar Mass
7.50am Wingham Rosary
8-8.20am Wingham reconcil.
8.30am Wingham Mass
9am Taree Rosary
9.30am Taree Mass
5.00 pm L SCAE
6.00 pm Cundletown Mass



Stella Maris

STELLA MARIS SEA SUNDAY APPEAL

To be held on Sunday the **9th July**. Parishioners are asked to support chaplains helping seafarers at ports and at sea. This year's theme is "In the midst of the storm", highlighting the mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the oceans. You can donate by posting a cheque to "Stella Maris Seafarers Center", PO Box 368 Canberra ACT 2601 or via electronic banking to BSB: 083 347; Account Number: 649 518 680; Account name: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre. Thank you for your prayers and support.

MARTHA'S GROUP

To meet at Parish Resource Centre, Monday the **10th July** at 12 noon for lunch.

SWIFT / DUREAU FAMILY GROUP

To be held Sunday the **16th July** at 12 noon, "Soup & Stories" at the Swifts. Soup has been arranged but cake/bread is needed (please contact Joan at 6552 4848). RSVP



**Operation
Christmas Child**
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is an Ecumenical project organised by Samaritan's Purse to send gift filled shoe boxes to children in over 100 nations each year. Most of these children would otherwise never receive a Christmas present. Australia and New Zealand send boxes to our neighbours in Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand, Fiji, PNG, Vanuatu and Samoa. This is a great way to engage your children and grandchildren in true Christian action, bringing hope and joy to other children living in poverty. Last year we sent 147 boxes from Old Bar/Taree Parish, St Josephs Taree, St Josephs Wingham and St Clare's. If you'd like to join us in this project please call Linda Norris on 65574060 or 0408077089 or you can collect boxes from Taree Baptist Church on Kolodong Rd Taree.



To be held on Sunday the **23rd July**, starting at 10.30 for morning tea, followed by a 2 course lunch at 12pm. The cost is \$15 per adult, and \$5 per child under 12. Please bring a wrapped Christmas gift for mystery auction. There will be raffle, craft, trading table, and auction, with the proceeds going towards the hall foyer upgrade and renovation. **Please RSVP by the 20th July**. For tickets and payments, please contact parish office at 6552 1084.

An Invitation to a **CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM**

Saturday, 22 July 2017
11am at Parish Resource Centre,
75 Albert St, Taree NSW 2430
Program will run for 8 weeks.

For information please contact:
Herby & Susie Ploder - 0414 309 834
Percy Everett - 0434 872 546
Sally Ritchie - 0410 505 875

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

While St. Thomas will forever be labeled "the doubter" and for having the gall to question Jesus' resurrection, to be fair, shouldn't we all be called Doubting Thomas, or Doubting Laura, Doubting Susan, Doubting Jack, etc.? Like St. Thomas haven't we all doubted our religion at some point?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church shares the following useful insights on faith during troubling times:

Faith is often lived in darkness and can be put to the test. The world we live in often seems very far from the one promised us by faith. Our experiences of evil and suffering, injustice and death, seem to contradict the Good News; they can shake our faith and become a temptation against it. It is then we must turn to the *witnesses of faith*: to Abraham, who "in hope. . . believed against hope"; to the Virgin Mary, who, in "her pilgrimage of faith," walked into the "night of faith" in sharing the darkness of her son's suffering and death, and to so many others..."

catholicfaithstore.com/st-thomas-apostle-