



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

30TH JULY, 2017

THIS WEEK'S READINGS  
30TH OF JULY 2017

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 3:5.7-12  
You have asked for wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:  
(R.) Lord, I love your  
commands.

SECOND READING: ROM 8:28-30  
He predestined us to become  
true images of his son.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of  
heaven and earth; you have  
revealed to little ones the  
mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MT:44-52  
He sells everything he owns  
and buys the field.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS  
6TH OF AUGUST 2017

FIRST READING: DN 7:9-10, 13-14  
His raiment was as white as  
snow.

SECOND READING: 2 PT 1:16-19  
We heard this voice from out  
of heaven.

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9  
His face was shining like the  
sun.

REFLECTION

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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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, Anne Cleal, Jim Wills, Robert MacGregor, Anne Hile, Laura Mirabello, Pat Anderson, Sue Berry, Marie McGovern, Corizon Wynter, Brendan Maloney, Peter Rinkin, Laurence Matheson, Michael Allen, Bernie Eddlebuttel, Fercus Cranston, Louise Havenaar, Raymond McBriarty, Janora Senders and Margaret Boyton.

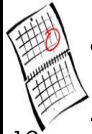
ANNIVERSARIES: Chrissie Milligan, Paul Morris, Mary Josephine McLennan, Mary Wills, Lily Richards, Karen Doherty, Con and Nell Hogan, Mervyn and Joan Evans, Oma and Opa Veen.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gwen Paige, Rupert McLennan and Tony Visser.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Am Em D Bm7 Em [Emaj7 last time]

Lord, I love your com - mands, I love your com - mands!



## PARISH CALENDAR

### MONDAY 31ST OF JULY

10am Meditation Group - Old Presbytery  
 1.45pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests  
 7.00pm Carol's meeting - Res C

### TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST

**9.30am Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Comm + Exp**  
 9.30 - 11am T&W Library Old Pres.  
 10am Women's Prayer Grp - Old Library  
 10.30-11.30am Old Bar Church open for prayers & Rosary  
 12pm Men's Bible Study- Old Pres.  
**5.30pm Taree Mass**  
 6.00pm Adoration after Mass  
 6.00pm T Liturgy Mtg - Res C

### WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests  
**9.10am St Clares Mass**  
**9.30am Taree Mass**  
 2.00pm Storm Village Anointing Mass

### THURSDAY 3RD AUGUST

**9.30am Taree Mass**  
**9.30am Taree Mass St Joseph**  
 5.15pm T Finance Council Mtg

### FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST

**9am Taree Mass**  
 9.30am Taree Exposition  
 10-2pm Franciscans - Res C  
**11am Wingham Mass**  
 3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP  
 4.00pm Deb Ball Mtg - Res C

### SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST

#### THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

10.30am Couples for Christ  
 11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation  
 5.30pm Taree Rosary  
**6pm Taree Mass**  
**6pm Harrington Mass**

### SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST

#### THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

7.00am Old Bar Rosary  
**7.30am Old Bar Mass**  
 7.50am Wingham Rosary  
 8-8.20am Wingham reconciliation  
**8.30am Wingham Mass**  
 9am Taree Rosary  
**9.30am Taree Mass**  
**5.00pm Cundletown Mass**

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

All envelopes have been sent to all Mass Centres for collection. If you have requested a Tax Receipt, it will be attached to your envelopes. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL'S MEETING

The first meeting to discuss the 2017 Christmas Carol's will be held on Monday the 31st of July at 7.00pm in the Resource Centre. All those who would like to assist with the planning of the Carol's please come along, everyone welcome.

### 2018 CATHOLIC DEBUTANTE BALL

Please be advised there is a **change in date** for the initial planning meeting, now to be held on **Friday the 4th of August at Parish Resource Centre at 4pm**. It would be great if you can come along to help out. Any questions please contact Natasha Brotherton on 0407 589 935.

### CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCH

A big thank you to all those who attended the Christmas in July lunch, a total of \$1,900 was raised.

### ANNA'S GROUP

To meet at Taree West Bowling Club on Sunday 6th August, at 12 noon for lunch.

### MARTHA'S GROUP

To meet at the Parish Resource Centre, on Monday 14th August, at 12 noon for lunch. Meat pie day! No numbers needed as extra pies will be ordered.

### COUPLES FOR CHRIST RAFFLES

Raffle tickets are available from the Parish Office, in books of 5 or 10. If you could collect a book to sell please call in and collect from the Office. Great prizes to be won, with all proceeds going to the Parish and CFCA Work for the Poor programs.

### IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE 2017

Will be held from 21-24 September at the Mueller Performing Arts Centre, Redcliffe. The conference draws young people from all across Australia to encounter Jesus and be drawn into a positive experience of the Church. For more details contact the team on (07) 32175199 or [info@igniteconference.com.au](mailto:info@igniteconference.com.au).



### UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

There will be forms at the back of the Church, and in all Mass Centres to update your details with the Parish. If you could please add your details including your email address, this will help the Parish with communication reaching all Parishioners. Email addresses are sought after, to enable urgent messages such as Mass Changes to reach the entire community.

### "I BELIEVE IN LIFE EVERLASTING"

#### THE PARTICULAR JUDGEMENT

1021. Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ. The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. the parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul -a destiny which can be different for some and for others. 1022. Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven-through a purification or immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation. At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church  
<http://www.vatican.va/archive>

#### ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

"Keep a clear eye toward life's end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God's creature. What you are in his sight is what you are and nothing more. Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received...but only what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage."  
 St Francis of Assisi