

*OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH TAREE*  
*OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC PARISH WINGHAM*  
 Mass centres of Cundletown, Harrington, Lansdowne & Old Bar

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## 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

## 18TH OF FEBRUARY 2018

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**18TH OF FEBRUARY**

**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**FIRST READING:** Gen 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

**SECOND READING:** 1 Pt 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**GOSPEL:** Mk 1:12-15

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**25TH OF FEBRUARY**

**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**FIRST READING:** Gen 22:1-2.

9-13. 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

**SECOND READING:** Rom 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL:** Mk 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

### REFLECTION

The Rainbow is God's signature to a treaty with humankind. On God's part, material forces will never be sent to annihilate human beings as a punishment for wrongdoing. On our part, as humans made in the likeness of God, we are to image God's rainbow relationship to nature.

This is the Divine Treaty basis of our responsibility for the environment. We undertake not to engage in practices or support policies which could severely damage the fragile ecology which supports life on our planet. The deforestation of the slopes of the Himalayas, leading to floods which kill thousands, is a catastrophic example.

And, gazing at the rainbow, we can pray for our planet, for the human beings and all other creatures who inhabit it, and quite often for ourselves at a deep personal level. For we know that, just as after a storm and dark clouds, light penetrates the misty sky and the beautiful bow of colour appears, the same phenomenon can occur in our own lives.

We could take a moment to pray that the rainbow will appear, perhaps for ourselves, perhaps for others we know who are going through a stormy time.

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### PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

**SICK:** Patricia Wolfenden, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Linda Norris, Maureen Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Mikala Corben, Sonia Pinkerton, Jim Wills, Sue Berry, Margaret Boyton, Bev Crouch, Lawrence Mattheson, Margaret Baker, Jennifer Anne Corben, Peter Holden, Robert MacGregor, Mary Headley, Bill Walker, Ellen Smith, Carmel Matheson, Steven Ralph, Carol Healey, Janora Senders and Terry Mason, Jim Canty.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Robert Armitage, Michael Armitage, Emma Cueto, Nick Smith, John Michael Canty,

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Joyce Jones, Jacob Mathew, Warren Ellem.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

LENT 2/2

Am Em C D7 Am/C

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who

E7/B9 B Em (last time Emajor)

keep Your cov - en - ant -

## PARISH CALENDAR

### MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY, 2018

10.00am Meditation Group- Old Pres  
1.45pm Prayer for Priests  
7.00pm-9.00pm RCIA-Res C

### TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

#### **9.30am Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Comm + Exp**

10am Women's Prayer Grp-Old Library  
9.30-11.00am T&W Library open  
10.30-11.30am Old Bar Church open for prayers & Rosary  
11.00am Funeral Prayers - Joyce Jones Our Lady of the Sea Harrington  
12.00pm Men's Bible Study Grp-Old Pres  
5.30pm Taree Mass  
6.00 T Liturgy meeting-Res C

### WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests  
**9.30am Taree Mass**  
**10.30am Bushland Place Mass**  
5.30 T&W PPC meeting -Res C

### THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

#### **THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE**

**9.30am Taree Mass**  
**9.30am No School Mass**

### FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

#### **ST POLYCARP**

**9.00am Taree Mass**  
9.30am Taree Exposition  
**11.00am Wingham Mass**  
3.00pm Old Bar Exposition & MMP

### SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation.  
5.30pm Taree Rosary  
**6pm Taree Mass**  
**6pm Harrington Mass**

### SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

#### **2ND SUNDAY IN LENT**

7.00am Old Bar Rosary  
**7.30am Old Bar Mass**  
**7.50am W Rosary**  
8-8:20am Wingham Reconciliation  
**8.30am Wingham Mass**  
9am Taree Rosary  
**9.30am Taree Mass**  
**6.00pm Cundletown Mass**  
**6.00pm L SCAE**



### **A FAMILY NIGHT WITH FATHER JAMES**

Want to know more about our parish priests? We are starting by having a family night and dinner with Fr James to learn more about this man from Nigeria who ended up in our two parishes.

When: Saturday, 24th February. 7.00pm for 7.30pm sit down.

**Where:** St Marys Hall, Taree

**Cost:** \$15.00 per person.

**RSVP:** by Wednesday, 21st February (but do it now).

**Phone:** Preferably Parish Office 6552 1084 or Tony 6553 9727 especially on Mondays.

### **EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE—OLR TAREE**

Music rehearsals for the Easter Triduum will be starting early this year .

**Time:** 7.00pm to 9.00pm

**Venue:** Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree

**When:** Monday 19th February

Monday 26th March (Holy Week)

New faces and voices are very welcome. If you are interested in joining the Easter Choir please contact Joan Saxby on 6552 3231 before the first practice this coming Monday 12th February so that music resources can be prepared for you.

### **SWIFT/DUREAU FAMILY GROUP**

Gather at noon at David & Eveline's home on Sunday 18th February to plan the programme for 2018. Bring sandwich and ideas. Please RSVP Knepp's 6556 0430 coming or not.

### **PROJECT COMPASSION**

In Nepal, a Caritas Supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business, training others and has become a role model in her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help our most vulnerable neighbours in Nepal to build a just future for their families and their communities. Little boxes are available at Our Lady of the Rosary Taree Church.

**Fr George Sigamony from Caritas will be visiting our Parish on Friday 9th March and we will be hosting a "Pot Luck" dinner in St. Mary's Hall 6.00pm for 6.30pm. Cost is \$10.00 per person which includes a \$5.00 donation to Caritas.**

**Bookings to the Parish Office on 6552 1084. Further information about Fr. Sigamony's invaluable work will be published in next weeks Bulletin.**

### **+ RCIA +**

**Monday 7.00pm-9.00pm**

**Taree Resource Centre**

Next meeting will be held on Monday the 19th of February

Topic: Lenten Program

All Welcome.

### **WHITE/MOYLAN FAMILY GROUP**

Will be joining with the Family Night with Fr. James on Saturday 24th February 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Dinner \$15.00 per person. Money to be paid to Parish Office by 21st February.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held at St. Patrick's Church Cundletown at 6.30pm each Friday during Lent. All welcome.

### **WINGHAM PARISH**

urgently needs a volunteer to wash the purifiers, towels and Corporal used during the weekly masses. If you can assist please contact Helen Scriven or Von Hobson.

### **SUPPLY OF PALMS**

If there are any Parishioners who can supply palm leaves prior to Palm Sunday 25th March, could you please contact the Parish Office. Even if you can only supply a few, it would be greatly appreciated.

### **HOLY WEEK MASS VOLUNTEERS**

Required for Our Lady of the Rosary Mass services. If you are able to assist, please add your name to the rosters in the front foyer of the Church, or by calling the Parish Office on 6552 1084. Volunteers on the normal weekend rosters have been added to the Holy Week rosters, if you are unable to do your rostered duty please find an alternative person.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

An ecumenical service to celebrate this year's World Day of Prayer will be held in Our Lady of Fatima Church Old Bar on Friday night 2nd March at 7:30pm. This year's service has been prepared by the women of Suriname which is situated in the Amazon region of South America. All are welcome.