

Catholic Parishes of Taree & Wingham

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle



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

Wingham Parish

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

17th of January 2016

This Weeks Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

One and the same spirit distributes gifts as he chooses.

Gospel

John 2: 1-11

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

Reflection

Wedding miracle sets the scene for Jesus' ministry

Although we are in Year C, the Year of Luke, our first Gospel in this period of Ordinary Time is taken from John's Gospel. It is the first of the Sign stories which John uses to reveal Jesus as the Messiah.

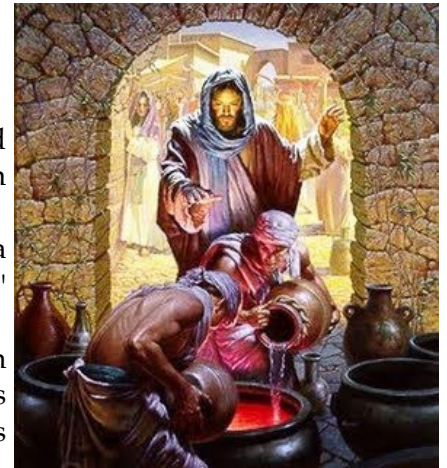
The story is of the marriage feast at Cana with its well-known saga of a wedding feast threatening to end in a humiliating lack of wine - and Jesus' miraculous intervention by turning water meant for washing into wine.

It is a Gospel with many threads - the insight into the relationship between Mary and Jesus - the miracle itself - the fact that the miraculous wine is better than the original - the fact of Jesus honouring the young couple in this way - and so on.

Images of marriage feasts and bridegrooms, wine and water, appear in the Old and New Testament with great regularity. The relationship between God and Israel was often seen as a marriage - Israel the bride, God the bridegroom. The coming of the Messiah was described in terms of a wedding feast - and later, in Revelation, we hear of the marriage feast of the Lamb. Jesus spoke of himself as the vine - and of longing to celebrate Passover, blessing wine into the cup of his blood.

It is into these layers of symbol that we can set today's Gospel. Jesus was not doing a party trick - nor was he just being kind: as St John says, "He let his glory be seen." Jesus uses a human event to point to something much greater.

From a reflection on the Gospel by Catherine McElhinney and Kathryn Turner



Responsorial Psalm:

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Church Library Closed

From Wednesday the 16th of December, reopening on the 20th of January 2016.

Parish morning tea

Couples for Christ will be hosting a morning tea after the Taree morning Mass in the Resource Centre to thank Jan Swift for her many years of service at the Parish Office. If possible please bring a plate everyone is welcome.

Couples for Christ

Will resume their meetings every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, beginning the 6th of February.

Parishioners generally and Swift/Dureau Family Group

Please join our family group on Sunday the 17th of January at 6pm for an easy picnic on the flat area of the riverside below KFC. Bring a sandwich/fish & chips/KFC or whatever is easiest. A chair, sun hat, mozzie spray and thermos are good idea. Please just turn up - or if you prefer, phone Margaret on 56613600 or May on 65525596.

Wingham Family Group

Will be having a meeting on the 17th of January, after the Wingham Sunday SCAE service, to plan Family Group for 2016. A table has been booked at Bent on Food at 9.30am. For all group members and anyone who would like to join, please come along.

Lenten Program 2106 - Mercy

The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong are now taking orders for the 2016 Lenten Programme. Continuing the tradition from past years, 'Mercy' is a weekly program, primarily for group use, based on Sunday Scripture readings during Lent. Lead by Fr Ken Barker and Sr Hilda Scott. If anyone would like to order a copy, please contact the Parish office. Cost \$16.00.



Tapestry - afternoon tea

Women's Ministry of Wingham Baptist Church will be holding their first afternoon tea for 2016 at the Wingham Baptist Church on Saturday the 27th of February at 2pm. If anyone would like to join, please contact Liz Tilson on 65512606. All ladies welcome to attend.

Formation Day

On Saturday the 13th of February 2016 the Tenison Woods Education Centre and Diocesan Liturgy Council invite you to reflect on the meaning and nature of the Easter Triduum, discuss current issues and questions, participate in workshops, to prepare for 2016 by reviewing your 2015 celebrations.

Suitable for clergy, RCIA teams, liturgy teams, liturgical ministers and REC's. Cost; donation of \$5, morning tea will be provided. Register by Friday the 5th of February to Sharon Murphy on 9791134. Sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au

Annual Catechist Mass

On Friday the 5th of February, 7pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bishop Bill Wright will be celebrating a Catechist Mass. It is a great opportunity for priests, parishioners, families and friends to celebrate the ministry of Special Religious Education, Sacramental and Children's Liturgy. The Mass will be followed by supper in the Davis Courtyard. Please RSVP Zoe Crosbie on 49791328.

Chamber Philharmonia Cologne

Will be performing in Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Wednesday the 17th of February at 8pm. After several successful European tours the Chamber Philharmonia Cologne is coming back to Australia with a powerful and lovely new programme. Classic music from The Four Seasons, Mozart, Paganini and Tchaikovski. Tickets available at Movies Games & More, 208 Victoria St, or contact 65525699 or at the door (cash sales only) one hour prior to the concert from 7pm.

Office of Life & Faith

Is looking for young people who are interested in exploring ministry in the Catholic Church as a career option. Applications are now open for the Pastoral Placement Program 2016. All persons interested in working in ministry for the Catholic Church can apply for this program through the Diocese Website at <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/special-events/pastoral-placement-program>. For more information please contact our office on 49791346.

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

Michael Holstein, Bev Crouch, Phillip Stanford, Barry Armitage, Lillian and Bernie Eddlebittel, Mavis Capon, Cyril McGovern, Mary McCaffrey, Chum Cavanagh, Terry Donnelly, Tom Berryman, Paul Cantwell, Von Hobson, Bill Abdo, Vicki White - Lobbecke, Hanna Cowley, Joe Zarb, Anne Cleal, Pat Wolfenden, Frances Kenny, Alex Quintero, William Twin, Judy Nies, Anne Watson, James Sweeney jnr, Maureen Barrett, John Abernathy, Catherine Worrell, Debbie Hitchen, Kelly Smith, Bronwyn Tarrant, Kelvin Cowan, Pauline Wills, Nerry Ritter, Fran Westley, Louise Havenaar, Maurice Heiner, John Abernathy, Charlie Perrin, Nino Menta, Bill Walker and Teresa Harvey.

Anniversaries: Barbara Martin, Mary Gallagher, Tibby Lovell, Peter Mills.

Recently Deceased: Brother Virgilius, Carolyn Peters, Kelly Sherlock, John Abi Saab.



SCAE Roster
Our Lady of the Rosary Church,
Taree

Sunday 24th January 2016

9.30am SCAE

Leader: Pat Wolfenden

Gospel:

Reflection: Val Audet

Communion:

Saturday 30th January 2016

6.00pm SCAE

Leader: Alan Gallagher

Gospel:

Reflection:

Communion:

Saturday 6th February 2016

6.00pm SCAE

Leader:

Gospel:

Reflection:

Communion:

If there is no name beside the duty on this roster we need a volunteer to fulfil the role.

Sacraments of Initiation 2016

Parents and Carers of school aged children turning 8 next year or older who are wishing to make the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation next year, be advised that the program will commence early in the first term of 2016. The first Information Session will be held on Wednesday the 24th of February 2016. Please check your school newsletter. If further information is required please contact the Parish Office on 65521084.



The Sacrament of Marriage

The presence of our Lord, the Blessed Virgin, and the Apostles at this wedding feast in Cana, and the miracle which our Saviour worked on the occasion, are a proof of the great excellence and sanctity of marriage. It was at this time, indeed, that marriage was raised to the dignity of a Sacrament.

Marriage between Catholics is a Sacrament.

From the beginning marriage was instituted by God as a natural contract. Thus Adam and Eve and the Patriarchs were truly married under the law of nature; Tobias and Sara and others, under the Law of Moses; and even to-day marriages between unbaptized persons, although not sacramental in character, are valid contracts.

Christ elevated marriage to the dignity of a Sacrament. As a mere contract marriage was ordained to the propagation of the human race, and the raising of children for God and society; but as a Sacrament it also sanctifies the parties and confers the special graces they need.

That matrimony is a true Sacrament has been the constant teaching of the Church and is the doctrine of St. Paul (Eph. v. 28).

In every Sacrament we have three things,--an outward sign, inward grace, and institution by Christ. In Matrimony the outward sign, is the natural contract expressed in words or signs; the inward grace is the supernatural help conferred on the parties, which enables them to bear the difficulties of their state and to perform their obligations towards each other and towards their children; the institution of marriage as a Sacrament by Christ we know from Scripture, tradition, and the positive teaching of the Church.



Words Of Wisdom

Love is watchful. Sleeping, it does not slumber. Wearied, it is not tired. Pressed, it is not straitened. Alarmed, it is not confused, but like a living flame, a burning torch, it forces its way upward and passes unharmed through every obstacle.

Imitation of Christ



Next Week 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Together you are Christ's body, but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

24th of January 2016



Liturgies and Meetings

Monday 18th				
Tuesday 19th	9.30am 5.30pm	Harrington Liturgy of the Word & Exposition. Taree Mass	10.30-11.30	Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers
Wednesday 20th	9.30am	Taree Mass	8.50am 9.30-11am	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T&W Library open
Thursday 21st	9.30am	<u>St Agnes</u> Taree Mass		
Friday 22nd	9.00am	Taree Mass	9.30am 11.00am 11.30am 3.00pm	Taree Exposition Wingham Mass Wingham Liturgy meeting OB Exposition & Cenacle
Saturday 23rd	6pm 6pm	<u>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Taree Vigil Mass Harrington SCAE	11-12.00pm 5.30pm	Taree Reconciliation Taree Recitation of the rosary
Sunday 24th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	<u>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Old Bar SCAE Wingham Mass + Baptism Taree SCAE Cundletown Mass	7.00am 7.50am 8-8.20am 9.10am	Old Bar Recitation of the rosary Wingham recitation of the rosary Wingham Reconciliation Taree recitation of the Rosary
Monday 25th		<u>The Conversion of St Paul</u>		
Tuesday 26th	8.00am 9.30am	<u>Australia Day</u> Taree Mass - Australia Day Harrington Liturgy of the Word & Exposition. <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	10.30-11.30	Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers
Wednesday 27th	9.30am	Taree Mass	8.50am 9.30-11am	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T&W Library open
Thursday 28th	9.30am	<u>St Thomas Aquinas</u> Taree Mass		
Friday 29th	9.00am	Taree Mass	9.30am 3.00pm	Taree Exposition OB Exposition & Cenacle
Saturday 30th	6pm 6pm	<u>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Taree Vigil SCAE Harrington Mass	11-12.00pm 5.30pm	Taree Reconciliation Taree Recitation of the rosary
Sunday 31st	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	<u>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Old Bar Mass Wingham SCAE Taree Mass Cundletown Mass	7.00am 7.50am 9.10am	Old Bar Recitation of the rosary Wingham recitation of the rosary Taree recitation of the Rosary