



2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

14TH OF JANUARY 2018

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
14TH OF JANUARY**

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: 1 Sam 3:3-10,19
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8,9

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jn 1:35-42

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

REFLECTION

Today we consider the call to discipleship. The readings outline the various stages of this call and provide a sketch of some of the characteristics of each stage: the invitation, the discerning process and the resulting transformation.

The call is an invitation from God. It might come to us as inner sensitivity, a kind of a dream or inspiration. Our interest might be captured by a person or an event that first attracts us and then beckons us to investigate further. It can come in the innocence and naivete of childhood, in the vigour of young adulthood, or in the wisdom of years. It comes when God calls.

The second stage involves discernment. Most of us need help recognising moments of religious importance and so we seek out women and men who are practiced in the ways of God, who can help us test the spirit. They might be recognised religious leaders or prophetic guides, or they could be friends or loved ones who know us well and who are also attuned to the workings of God in their own lives.

Finally, when we respond to the call, we discover that we no longer belong solely to ourselves; as disciples, we belong to the body of Christ. We belong to the reign of God; we are now part of the mission of Christ. As disciples, we are called to proclaim to the world the justice of God. What a glorious honour this is!

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**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
21ST OF JANUARY**

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: 1 Jonah 3:1-5,10
The Ninevites renounced their evil ways

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 24:4-9

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 7:29-31
The world as we know it is passing away

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Kingdom of God is near; believe the Good News.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MARK 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News..

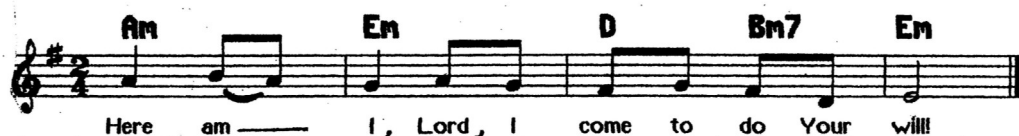
PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

SICK: Patricia Wolfenden, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Linda Norris, Margaret 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 and Carmel Matheson, Steven Ralph.

ANNIVERSARIES: Kelly Sherlock, Ellen Carter.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Smith, Bruce Mackie, Gary Erickson, Mariyakutty Joseph, Sheila O'Rourke (Ireland), Jacob Mathew.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 15TH JANUARY, 2018

1.45pm Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY

9.30am Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Comm + Exp

9.30-11.00am Parish Library open

10.30-11.30am Old Bar Church open for prayers & Rosary

12pm Mens Bible Study Grp-Old Presbytery

2.00pm Taree Funeral Mass for Bruce Mackie.

WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY

St. ANTHONY

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests

9.30am Taree Mass

THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY

9.30am Taree Mass

9.30am No School Mass

5.15 Taree Finance Council Meeting - Old Lib

FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY

9am Taree Mass

9.30am Taree Exposition

11am Wingham Mass

11.30am Wingham Liturgy Mtg

3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY

10.30am C for C—Res C

11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation.

5.30pm Taree Rosary

6pm Taree Mass

6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

"There are more tears shed over answered prayers than over unanswered prayers." -St. Teresa of Avila

ORDINATION OF BISHOP ELECT BRIAN MASCORD

7.00pm, Thursday 22nd February 2018, at WIN Entertainment Centre (Corner Crown and Harbour Streets, Wollongong)

Principal Consecrator: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Co-Consecrators: Bishop Peter Ingham and Bishop William Wright

There are a number of arrangements for those who wish to attend the ordination of Fr Brian Mascord as Bishop of Wollongong and to gain entry into the Entertainment Centre:

Invited personal guests - will be allocated a seat
Coach trip and accommodation - Travel by Coach leaving Hamilton on Thursday 22nd February at 11.00 am, arrive Wollongong at 3.30pm; return by Coach leaving Wollongong on Friday 23rd February at 9.00am, arrive Hamilton 1.30pm Accommodation and Breakfast at Sage Hotel - a short walk from the Entertainment Centre.

Travel, accommodation and breakfast - Single - \$270, Twin Share - \$170 each person, Couples - \$170 each person

Travel and accommodation needs to be secured by Monday 29th January. You are now able to register by going to our website www.mn.catholic.org.au and clicking on the tile with Fr Brian's face on it or by clicking on this link <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/ordination-bishop-elect-brian-mascord/>

Please complete the registration form and follow the prompts for payment. If you are unable to pay online, please come into the Catholic Development Fund at the diocesan offices, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West and make your payment there.

Accommodation - Accommodation and Breakfast at Sage Hotel - a short walk from the Entertainment Centre.

Single - \$220, Twin Share - \$120 each person, Couples - \$120 each person

Please contact Teresa Brierley by phone 4979 1157 or email

Tresersasa.brierley@mn.catholic.org.au if you have any queries or need assistance with registering for travel or accommodation

Allocated Seating - for those who are travelling using their own vehicles and arranging their own accommodation.

You will need to obtain a 'pass' from the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle so as to be allocated a seat and to sit with those who are going from our diocese. In order to receive a 'pass' please contact Brooke Robinson on brooke.robinson@mn.catholic.org.au or phone 4979 1111., Cont

This should provide you with ease of access to the Entertainment Centre as well as providing the Diocese of Wollongong with the numbers attending for catering and organisational purposes.

Free Seating - for those who would like to attend outside of the above arrangements you are encouraged to inform us of your attendance in advance because the venue may be fully booked. Please contact Brooke Robinson on brooke.robinson@mn.catholic.org.au or phone 4979 1111.

Transport from Taree: If we have enough interest we will look at hiring a coach to transport Parishioners to Newcastle so that they can link up with the Coach travelling to Wollongong. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office on 6552 1084 urgently.

Position Vacant Parish Office.

We are looking to train a new employee to provide relief and back up in times of need. The applicant will need to be prepared to work flexible hours that will be limited whilst in training to Wednesday 9.00am to 12.00pm and Friday 9.00am to 12.00pm. Hours will increase when and if required. Working in the parish office requires various skills of an administrative nature. Duties include, but are not limited to: compiling the weekly bulletin, record keeping, liturgical preparation and general office duties. Some book keeping knowledge would be an advantage. The position is ideal for a well organised and multi-skilled person with administration expertise and computer skills. The applicant must have the ability to work within the ethos and framework of the Catholic Church. If you are interested in this role please submit your Confidential Resume to the Parish Office by 22nd January, 2018

Thank you to Carol Marley who has recently retired from the House keeping position at the Presbytery. Carol is looking forward to having time to spend with family and friends before commencing her travels around Australia,