



3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

21ST OF JANUARY 2018

**THIS 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
Teach me your ways, O lord.

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.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
28TH OF JANUARY**

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Dt 18:15-20
I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2. 6-9.
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SECOND READING: 1 Cor 7:32-35
The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mk 1:21-28
This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

REFLECTION

Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who *brings* the good news, but who *receives* it. Jonah the prophet was sent to outsiders, even enemies. The disciples were fishermen who spoke to the people of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news.

Today's readings call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a life of faith and commitment. The gospel invites us into the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice.

There is an urgency in these readings. This world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave the familiarity of our former ways and follow the call that we have heard in the depths of our hearts. We are called first to enter the reign of God and then to spread it. As ambassadors of God, we bring the good news of salvation wherever we are and in whatever we do. Called by God, we now begin to live in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away.

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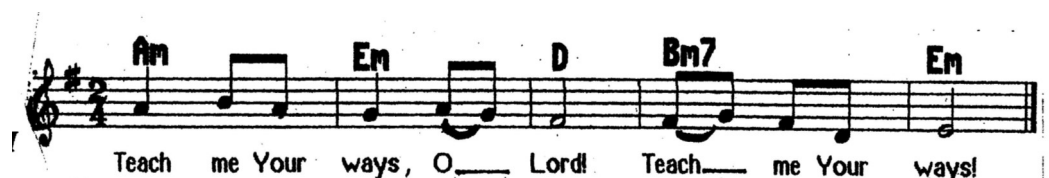
PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Barbara Martin, Martin McCarthy, Joan Rodman, Ann Stutshurry Neil Crossingham

RECENTLY DECEASED: Nora Banham, Trevor Aylward, Carmella Vella

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



*P*ARISH *&* ALENDAR

MONDAY 22ND JANUARY, 2018

10.00am Meditation Group- Old Pres

1.45pm Prayer for Priests

7.00pm-9.00pm RCIA-Res C

TUESDAY 23RD 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

5.30pm Taree Mass

6.30pm Womens Craft Group-SMH

6.00pm Liturgy meeting

WEDNESDAY 24TH JANUARY

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests

9.30am Taree Mass

10.30am Karingal Grdens/

Bushland Place Mass

5.30pm PPC meeting

THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY

9.30am Taree Mass

9.30am No School Mass

5.00pm RCIC meeting

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY

AUSTRALIA DAY

9am Taree Mass

9.30am Taree Exposition

9.00am Wingham Mass

3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY

11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation.

5.30pm Taree Rosary

6pm Taree Mass

6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 28TH 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

6.00pm Lansdowne SCAE

“TO CONVERT SOMEBODY GO AND TAKE THEM BY THE HAND AND GUIDE THEM.”

-ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

SWIFT / DUREAU FAMILY GROUP

Parishioners are very welcome to join this group at 6pm at the grassy riverside behind KFC on Friday 26th January-Australia Day. Buy or bring an 'easy' picnic, a sandwich might be perfect. Bring a chair, something to drink, and consider the mozzies. Just turn up or to inquire ring May 6552.5996 or Margaret 6551.3600.

ANNA'S GROUP

To meet at Winter Tavern on Sunday 4th of February at 12.00 noon for lunch.

MARTHA'S GROUP

Will meet at Resource Center on 12th of February at 12.00 noon for lunch.

CATHOLIC MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP

Join Catholic USA psychologist , Dr Gregory Bottaro at his workshop where he will teach you new skills to help support the people in your communities.

Gain more peace in your life by trusting God, letting go and becoming more present with his Mindfulness strategy.

WHEN: Wednesday February 14

WHERE: Notre Dame University, Broadway Campus

COST: \$100

REGISTER: www.rom.org.au

RCIA

The Diocesan Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) team advises that this year's Rite of Election at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West will be held on Sunday 18th February 2018 at 2.00pm. All Clergy, RCIA participants including Joanne and Terri from Taree Parish and their sponsors, RCIA ministers, Parishioners and other interested persons are welcome to attend. Further details available from Daphne Peterson RCIA Diocesan Coordinator Mobile 0402 318 074.

COMBINED CHURCHES MEN'S BREAKFAST

7.30AM on 17th of February at Gloucester Uniting Church.

For bookings ring Kevin Young 5509 9655 or Graeme Bingham 6553 8272. This breakfast is hosted by Gloucester Uniting Church and Organised by the combined Churches Men's Fellowship.

+ RCIA +

Monday 7.00pm-9.00pm

Taree Resource Centre

After a short break over Christmas RCIA will recommence this Monday night the 22nd of January. Over the next few weeks we will be delving into the seven sacraments of the church beginning with the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Parishioners are encouraged and most welcome to join us each Monday night.

Housekeeping Position Vacant

**Casual-12 hours per week
Tuesday -Friday**

Duties include:

- Prepare meals of Priests and any guests as required
- Maintain clean hygenic equipment and appliances
- ironing for priests
- washing/ironing of sacramental towels and cloths.

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.