

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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3rd Sunday of Lent - Year C

28th of February 2016

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: 'I Am has sent me to you.'

This Weeks Readings

Second Reading

Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

All this has happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Reflection

We are called to repent in order to bear better fruit

Our Gospel reading is a mid-Lenten call for repentance that provides a continuing balance to the Old Testament stories of covenant-making between God and His people. God called Moses and the Israelites. He demanded that the people of the covenant live a life of repentance and turn back to the Lord. The people of the covenant are expected to bear fruit. Our relationship with God cannot be taken for granted any more than a marriage relationship can. Husband and wife must constantly make decisions of love for each other. Priorities have to be set in which the marriage relationship comes first; otherwise the marriage falters, dries up, and often dies. The covenant must be renewed day after day after day with decisions for the covenant of marriage. This is the kind of constant decision making that is essential if we are to live in our covenant relationship with God.

From a reflection on the Gospel from the St Charles Borromeo website



"...leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilise it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down." (Luke 13:1-9)

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful.



Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Chrism Mass

Bishop Bill Wright invites you to join him at the Chrism Mass, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton at 7pm on Tuesday 22nd of March 2016. Following the Mass refreshments will be served in the Davis Courtyard. We will be looking for volunteers from each Mass centre to attend the Mass and collect the oils. If you can assist please contact the parish office.

Musicians needed for Wingham Church

Wingham Church is in need of musicians to assist with the music for Sunday Masses. Please contact Helen Scriven for further information on 65508062.

World Day of Prayer Services

Will be held on March the 4th in the following locations;

Harrington

Community Church at 10am. Please RSVP Joy on 65561065 by the 29th of February.

Old Bar

Our Lady of Fatima Church at 7pm.

Taree

Presbyterian Church at 9.30am.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent the following Mass centres will meet for the Stations of the Cross.

Harrington	9.30am
Wingham	9.30am
Old Bar	7.00pm
Cundletown	6.30pm

Please note

There will be no Stations of the Cross in Harrington on the 4th of March due to the World Day of Prayer service.

St Patrick's Dinner

On Thursday the 17th of March, St Mary's catering team will be hosting a dinner for all Parishioners to celebrate the feast of St Patrick. The dinner will be held in the St Mary's Hall at 6.30, dinner will be served at 7pm which includes a traditional Irish stew, damper and dessert. Dress in green, lots of fun, prizes and games. Please RSVP to book a table at the Taree office by Monday the 14th of March.

Cost includes;

\$10 per adult, \$5 child under 12, \$25 family (2 adults + 2 children). Payment can be made in the office or at the door.



Family Group Movement

Will be hosting the Annual Renewal Day on Sunday the 13th of March at Grace Cottage, 58 Grace Ave Frenches Forest. Starting at 10am, finishing at 4pm. \$5.00 per person donation to help defray cost, please bring some food to share for lunch. RSVP Mary Ingham on 94514795.

FAMILY GROUP
MOVEMENT

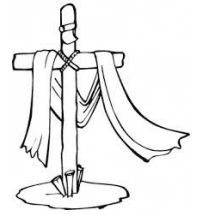


St Patrick's Day Mass Cundletown

On the 17th of March, there will be a Mass celebrated at St Patrick's Church in Cundletown at 9.30am. Please come along and share a cuppa after the Mass, bring a plate to share.

Community Workshop - Love Food Hate Waste

Is a practical workshop to help your household save money, eat well and make the most of the food you buy. This workshop will be held on Tuesday the 8th of March, Manning Uniting Church, Taree from 10.00am to 12.30pm, free refreshments provided.



Please bring a mug for tea/coffee. Enquiries and registrations call on 93939415.

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 or email olaf@mn.catholic.org.au

Anglican Men's Dinner

Will be held on Wednesday the 9th of March at 6.00pm at the St John's Memorial Hall in Victoria St, Taree. \$16.00 per person. For bookings please call Dennis Marriott on 65539474 or 0409150229 by Monday the 8th of March.

Anna's group

Will meet for lunch on the 6th of March after the 9.30am Mass in Taree at Club Taree.

Martha's Group

Will meet for lunch on the 14th of March at 12.00pm in the Resource Centre with a guest speaker.

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

Patricia Wolfenden, Fran Wesley, Bev Couch, Julie Rice, Tom Berryman, Lillian Eddebuttel, Helen Trappel, May and Terry Bailey, Teresa Harvey, Debbie Hitchen and Joe Zarb.

Anniversaries: John Michael Canty, Franciska Pebinito and William James Coleman.

Recently Deceased: Iris Styles.

May they rest in peace.



SCAE Roster
Our Lady of the Rosary Church,
Taree

Saturday 5th of March 2016

6.00pm SCAE

Leader: Peter Dahdah

Gospel:

Reflection:

Communion: Allan Gallagher

Sunday 13th March 2016

9.30am SCAE

Leader:

Gospel:

Reflection: Christene Storak

Communion:

Sunday 19th March 2016

6.00pm SCAE

Leader: Allan Gallagher

Gospel:

Reflection:

Communion: Peter Dahdah

Easter Masses

Palm Sunday 20th March

Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm Taree

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Harrington

Mass Sunday 7.30am Old Bar

Mass Sunday 8.30am Wingham

Mass Sunday 9.30am Taree

Mass Sunday 6.00pm Cundletown

Holy Thursday 24th March

Reconciliation 10.00am Taree

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm
Taree (til 10.00pm)

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm
Wingham

Good Friday 25th March

Stations of the Cross 9.30am
Harrington

Stations of the Cross 10.00am Old
Bar

Stations of the Cross 10.30am Taree

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3.00pm Taree

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3.00pm Wingham

Holy Saturday 26th March

Easter Vigil Mass 7.00pm Taree

Easter Vigil Mass 7.00pm Wingham

Easter Sunday 27th March

Mass Sunday 7.30am Old Bar

Mass Sunday 8.30am Harrington

Mass Sunday 9.30am Taree

Mass Sunday 6.00pm Cundletown

Ember Day



The term “Ember Days” is derived from the Latin term *Quatuor Tempora*, which literally means “four times.” There are four sets of Ember Days each calendar year; three days each – Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Ember Days fall at the start of a new season and they are ordered as days of fast and abstinence. The significance of the days of the week are that Wednesday was the day Christ was betrayed, Friday was the day He was crucified, and Saturday was the day He was entombed.

In 1966, Pope Paul VI's apostolic constitution, *Paenitemini*, which addressed and altered feasting regulations, excluded Ember Days as days of fast and abstinence. In 1969, the liturgical reforms altered how they are observed in parishes:

Apostolic Letter of Pope Paul VI

“On rogation and ember days the practice of the Church is to offer prayers to the Lord for the needs of all people, especially for the productivity of the earth and for human labour, and to make public thanksgiving. In order to adapt the rogation and ember days to various regions and the different needs of the faithful, the conferences of bishops should arrange the time and plan of their celebration. Consequently, the competent authority should lay down norms, in view of local conditions, on extending such celebrations over one or several days and on repeating them during the year. On each day of these celebrations the Mass should be one of the votive Masses for various needs and occasions that is best suited to the intentions of the petitioners.”

<http://www.aquinasandmore.com/>

Words of Wisdom

In everything, whether it is a thing sensed or a thing known,
God Himself is hidden within.



St. Bonaventure

Next Week 4th Sunday of Lent - Year C 6th of March 2016

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

The people of God went to the Promised Land and there kept the Passover.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

God reconciled us to Himself through Christ.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

Liturgies and Meetings

Monday 29th		Office open from 9am - 12.00pm	10.00am 7.30pm	Meditation Group - Reading Room Men's Bible Study Group
Tuesday 1st	9.30am 5.30pm	Harrington Liturgy of the Word & Exposition. Taree Mass	10.00am 10.30-11.30 7.00pm	Women's Prayer group - Library Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers RCIA meeting-resource centre
Wednesday 2nd	9.30am	Taree Mass	8.50am 9.30-11am	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T & W Library Open
Thursday 3rd	9.30am	St Joseph's Taree School Mass	7.00pm	RCIC - Orientation to the Church - Taree Church
Friday 4th	9.00am 11.00am	<u>Ember Day (World Day of Prayer)</u> Taree Mass Wingham Mass with St Joseph school kids	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am 3.00pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	Taree Exposition Wingham - Stations of the Cross World Day of Prayer Service in Harrington Community Church OB Exposition & Cenacle Cundletown Stations of the Cross World Day of Prayer in Old Bar Church
Saturday 5th	6pm 6pm	<u>4th Week of Lent</u> Taree Vigil SCAE Harrington Vigil Mass	10.30am 11-12.00pm 5.30pm	Couples for Christ Taree Reconciliation Taree Recitation of the rosary
Sunday 6th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	<u>4th Week of Lent</u> Old Bar Mass Wingham SCAE Taree Mass Taree Baptism Cundletown Mass	7.00am 7.50am 9.10am 10.30am	Old Bar Recitation of the rosary Wingham recitation of the rosary Taree recitation of the Rosary Anna's group - Old Library
Monday 7th		Office open from 9am-12pm	10.00am 7.30pm	Meditation Group - Reading Room Men's Bible Study Group
Tuesday 8th	9.30am 5.30pm	Harrington Liturgy of the Word & Exposition. Taree Mass	10.00am 10.30-11.30 6.30-8.30pm 7.00pm	Women's Prayer group - Library Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers Craft Group RCIA meeting-resource centre
Wednesday 9th	9.30am	Taree Mass	8.50am 9.30-11am 6.00pm 7.00pm	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T & W Library Open Anglican Men's Dinner Taree Liturgy mtg
Thursday 10th	9.30am	St Joseph's Taree School Mass	5.15pm	Wingham Finance mtg
Friday 11th	9.00am	Taree Mass	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10-12pm 3.00pm 6.30pm	Taree Exposition Wingham - Stations of the Cross Harrington - Stations of the Cross Franciscans mtg- Res C OB Exposition & Cenacle Cundletown Stations of the Cross
Saturday 12th	6pm 6pm	<u>5th Week of Lent</u> Taree Vigil Mass Harrington Vigil SCAE	9.30-12pm 11-12.00pm 5.30pm	Our Lady Rosary makers Taree Reconciliation Taree Recitation of the rosary
Sunday 13th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm 6.00pm	<u>5th Week of Lent</u> Old Bar SCAE Wingham Mass Taree SCAE Lansdowne SCAE Cundletown SCAE	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

Please Note: Father George will be away in Melbourne from the 13th (after the Wingham Mass) till the 16th of March.