



**4TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

**28TH OF JANUARY 2018**

**THIS 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**

If today, you hear his voice,

harden not your hearts.

**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**

The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, shattered. Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is powerful. However, it harbours a fear that a more powerful Holy Spirit could reintegrate a personality, could make a community out of divided groups.

'Have you come to destroy us?' indicates that this fear was realised in the coming on to the scene of Jesus Christ. Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action, healing a man torn apart by a diabolical spirit.

Jesus Christ invites and empowers us to join in his healing mission to overcome whatever it is which tears people apart, whether at the individual, community or global levels. We do so in the confidence of His Resurrection which overcame the diabolical tearing apart of His body and soul.

We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to joining Jesus' mission, so putting the fear of God into the devil!

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**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**4TH OF FEBRUARY**

**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FIRST READING:** Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 146:1-6.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Mk 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

**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:** Jean Redman, Edmund O'Connell, Lucy O'Connell

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**



## PARISH CALENDAR

### MONDAY 29TH JANUARY, 2018

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

### TUESDAY 30TH 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  
12.00pm Men's Bible Study Grp- Old Pres  
5.30pm Taree Mass

### WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY

#### **ST JOHN BOSCO**

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests  
**9.30am Taree Mass**  
**10.30am Banyula Mass**

### THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

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

### FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

#### **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**9am Taree Mass**  
9.30am Taree Exposition  
10.00-2.00pm-Franciscans  
**11.00am Wingham Mass**  
3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

### SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

10.30am Couples for Christ- Resource Center  
11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation.  
5.30pm Taree Rosary  
**6pm Taree Mass**  
**6pm Harrington Mass**

### SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

#### **5TH 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**

**"ITS NOT ENOUGH TO LOVE,  
PEOPLE HAVE TO FEEL THAT  
THEY ARE LOVED."**

**- ST JOHN BOSCO**

## 2018 BISHOP'S AWARD

The Bishop's Award has been extended to include Catholic students from Years 7-11 not enrolled in Catholic secondary schools and young people from Year 12 to age 25. The Bishop's Award for secondary students currently enrolled in Years 7-11 in one of our Catholic secondary schools continues to be available. Applications close on the 9th of February 2018. Forms available from the Taree Parish office. If you should have any queries, please contact Cath Garrett-Jones on [bishopsaward@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bishopsaward@mn.catholic.edu.au).

### **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](http://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.

## **Housekeeping Position**

### **Vacant**

**Casual-12 hours per week**

**Tuesday -Friday**

#### **Duties include:**

- ◆ Prepare meals of Priests and any guests as required
- ◆ Maintain clean hygienic equipment and appliances
- ◆ Ironing for priests
- ◆ Washing/ironing of sacramental towels and cloths.

## **+ RCIA +**

**Monday 7.00pm-9.00pm**

**Taree Resource Centre**

Next meeting will be held on Monday the 29th of January

Topic: Holy mass and Eucharist. All Welcome.

### **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.

#### **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.

### **Break Through in your Relationship**

We all struggle at times in our marriage but it's not always easy to find good advice or practical help. **SmartLoving BreakThrough** is an online course **FREE until St Valentine's Day**. It will help you understand how conflict happens, guide you to develop an effective strategy for managing it, and lead you through a process of personal rejuvenation designed to heal the pain caused by conflict with your loved one. The course is designed for individual spouses so you don't need your spouse to do the course with you.

[www.smartloving.org/breakthrough](http://www.smartloving.org/breakthrough)

### **RCIC UPDATES**

**(NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE)**

The 2018 Sacraments of Initiation will commence on Thursday 15th of February with an information night for parents at 7pm. The program is for children turning 8 this year wanting to make their Sacraments of Baptism (for those not already Baptised), Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion.