

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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4th Sunday of Lent - Year C

6th March 2016

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

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

This Weeks Readings

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.

Reflection

In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God.

The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.

by Dianne Bergant CSS

Responsorial Psalm:



Gospel Acclamation:

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ
I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father,
I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, 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.

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

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.

Combined Churches Men's Breakfast

Will be held at Lakeside Church, 11 Chapman Rd, Tuncurry on the 12th of March at 7.30am. Guest speaker Craig Jennings. Cost \$10. For bookings please phone Eric Hall on 0415794291.

Easter Choir Practice

Will be held on Monday the 14th of March at 7.30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Taree.

Many thanks

Cyril McGovern and Louise Havenaar would like to thank parishioners for their prayers over the last couple of months. Both ladies are recovering well.

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.



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.

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.

Taree Baptist Church

Presents 'The Rock's been Rolled, a celebration of Life' concert on Wednesday the 23rd of March from 6pm. Admission free. For more information please call 65530116.

White/Moylan & Swift/Dureau Family Groups

Will meet together for a picnic lunch on the 13th of March at Blackhead, to meet at 12 noon. BYO everything plus chair. For more information please call Margaret on 65513600 or Nancy on 65525103.

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

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

Anniversaries: McLennan family, Michael Armitage, Ila Fox and Merry Holden.

Recently Deceased: Allan Miles and Francis Westely.

May they rest in peace.



SCAE Roster
Our Lady of the Rosary Church,
Taree

Sunday 13th March 2016

9.30am SCAE

Leader:

Gospel: Val Audet

Reflection: Christene Storok

Communion:

Palm Sunday 19th & 20th of March

Easter Sunday 26th & 27th of March

(No SCAE services)

Easter Masses

Palm Sunday 20th March

Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm Taree

Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm
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

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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



The Stations of the Cross

The Way of the Cross, also known as the Stations of the Cross, are a way to pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us. It is divided into fourteen stations from the time He was condemned to his burial. This devotion has been long encouraged by the church, and is especially useful during Lent and Good Friday.

The devotion, highly recommended by the Church, was developed during the Crusades when the knights and pilgrims began to follow the route of Christ's way to Calvary. This devotion spread throughout Europe and was promulgated by the Franciscan friars in the 14th and 15th centuries. Eventually, the Stations of the Cross became an important catechetical tool, and the popularity of this devotion inspired some of the greatest examples of medieval Christian art. Some scholars believe that medieval miracle plays, which were essentially tableaux of Christ's life, developed from the sculptured representations of the Stations of the Cross in the great Churches. These scenes from the Way of the Cross have provided inspiration for many of the world's greatest works of visual art.

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*“O Jesus Christ, my Lord, with what great love you travelled the painful road which led to your death and how often have I abandoned you. But now I love you with my whole soul, and because I love you, I am sincerely sorry for having offended you. My Jesus, pardon me, and permit me to accompany you on this journey. You died for love of me, and it is my wish, O my dearest Redeemer, to be willing to die for love of you. O my beloved Jesus, in your love I wish to live, and in your love I wish to die.”
Amen.”*

Saint Alphonsus

Next Week 5th Sunday of Lent - Year C 13th of March 2016

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain Him.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Liturgies and Meetings

Monday 7th			10.00am 7.30pm	Meditation Group - Reading Room Men's Bible Study Group
Tuesday 8th	9.30am 5.30pm	Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Com & 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 CANCELLED due to Deanery meeting in Newcastle	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	Taree Mass - St Joseph's school children to join Parishioners	5.15pm	Wingham Finance mtg
Friday 11th	9.00am	Taree Mass	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10-12pm 3.00pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	Taree Exposition Wingham - Stations of the Cross Harrington - Stations of the Cross Franciscans mtg- Res C Old Bar Exposition & MMP Cundletown Stations of the Cross OB Stations of the Cross
Saturday 12th	6pm 6pm	5th Sunday of Lent Taree Vigil Mass Harrington Vigil SCAE	9.30-12pm 11-12.00pm 4.30pm-5.15 5.30pm	Our Lady Rosary makers Taree Reconciliation Baptism session RCIC 1&2 in Res C Taree Recitation of the rosary
Sunday 13th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm 6.00pm	5th Sunday of Lent Old Bar SCAE Wingham Mass Taree SCAE Lansdowne SCAE Cundletown SCAE Father George leaves for Melbourne after the morning Masses.	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 14th		Father George in Melbourne	10.00am 12.00pm 7.30pm	Meditation Group - Reading Room Martha's Group Men's Bible Study Group
Tuesday 15th	9.30am 5.30pm	Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Com & Exposition. Taree SCAE Father George in Melbourne	10.00am 10.30-11.30 7.00pm	Women's Prayer group - Library Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers RCIA meeting-resource centre
Wednesday 16th	9.30am	Taree SCAE Father George in Melbourne	8.50am 9.30-11am 5.30pm	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T & W Library Open T & W PPC mtg - Res
Thursday 17th	9.30am	St Patrick's Day Cundletown Mass followed by morning tea	5.15pm	Taree Finance mtg
Friday 18th	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Taree Mass Wingham Mass with school children Taree Adoration and Reconciliation	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10-12pm 11.30am 3.00pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	Taree Exposition Wingham - Stations of the Cross Harrington - Stations of the Cross Franciscans mtg- Res C W Liturgy meeting Old Bar Exposition & MMP Cundletown Stations of the Cross OB Stations of the Cross
Saturday 19th	6pm 6pm	St Joseph Palm Sunday Taree Vigil Mass Harrington Vigil Mass	10.30am 11-12.00pm 5.30pm 7.00pm	Couples for Christ Taree Reconciliation Taree Recitation of the rosary Taree RCIC Baptism session 3&4 - Res C
Sunday 20th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm 6.00pm	Palm Sunday Old Bar Mass Wingham Mass Taree Mass Lansdowne SCAE Cundletown Mass	7.00am 7.50am 8-8.20am 9.10am 9.30am 10.30am	Old Bar Recitation of the rosary Wingham recitation of the rosary Wingham Reconciliation Taree recitation of the Rosary Wingham RCIC Baptism session 3 & 4 - Wingham Church Taree RCIC Baptism Session 3&4 - Res C