

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF TAREE & WINGHAM

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TAREE PARISH & WINGHAM PARISH - DIOCESE OF MAITLAND NEWCASTLE

Mass centres of Cundletown, Harrington, Lansdowne & Old Bar

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4th Sunday of Lent- Year A

26th of March, 2017

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1 6-7, 10-13

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

SECOND READING

Eph 5: 8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

The blind man went off and washed himself and came with his sight restored.

REFLECTION

Our Lord, by the power of his word alone, could have healed the disease of this man, blind since birth. Yet, he made a paste with spittle and put it over the eyes of the blind man. Just as God would have moistened the dust of the earth to shape the first human being, for the blind man, it was as though he had been created anew.

God rarely works by telepathy but has a preferred way of working through the elements of creation, especially in the Sacraments. So, with the Anointing of the Sick, pressing olive oil onto the forehead and hands of the sick or dying symbolises the Holy Spirit entering the very pores of the sick person, relieving that person of undue anxiety and giving strength for the next stage of life.

This sacrament is a formal ritual of healing by the Church. But there are a million informal ways, such as putting one's arm around someone who is lonely or unwell, which are sacramental to the world.

We could pause for a moment that we might go into the world like the man healed by Jesus, eyes wide open to see where we might exercise the healing power of the Lord of the Gospel.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR ALL BULLETIN NOTICES IS WEDNESDAY 3PM. NOTICES RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL BE PLACED IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

HOLY WEEK MASS VOLUNTEERS

Required for Our Lady of the Rosary Mass services. If you are able to assist, please add your name to the rosters in the front foyer of the Church, or by calling the Parish Office on 6552 1084. Volunteers on the normal weekend rosters have been added to the Holy Week rosters, if you are unable to do your rostered duty please find an alternative person.

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE

Will be held tomorrow, Monday the 27th of March in Our Lady of the Rosary Church at 7:30pm.

ANNA'S GROUP

Will meet at the Manning Hotel on Sunday the 2nd of April for lunch.

MARTHA'S GROUP

Will meet in the Resource Centre on Monday the 10th of April for lunch.

PARISH PAPER DELAY

The first Parish Paper for this year cannot be printed until June due to committee members being away on holiday. Would the contributors from the Mass centres please continue collecting items to be included in the June edition. The committee would appreciate any parishioners who have ideas for items, please contact Mike Hogan on 65521478 for any enquiries.

REQUEST FOR ADVERTISERS

If anyone has a business at home, online or in town and would like to advertise in our local Parish Paper, please contact Mike Hogan on 65521478.

CATECHISM CLASSES

The last two lessons for the term will be held on Sunday the 26th of March and also Sunday the 2nd of April in the Resource Centre at 10.30am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent the Following Mass Centres will meet for the Stations of the Cross.

9.30am: Star of the Sea, Harrington

10am: Lady of Perpetual Help, Wingham

6.30pm: St Patrick's, Cundletown

7pm: Our Lady of Fatima, Old Bar

EASTER MASS TIMES 2017

Palm Sunday – 8th & 9th April 2017

Vigil Mass Saturday 6pm Taree

Vigil Mass Saturday 6pm at Harrington

Mass Sunday 7.30am at Old Bar

Mass Sunday 8.30am at Wingham

Mass Sunday 9.30am at Taree

Mass Sunday 6pm at Cundletown

Mass Sunday 6pm at Lansdowne

Holy Thursday – 13th April 2017

Reconciliation 10am at Taree

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm at Taree

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm at Wingham

Good Friday – 14th April 2017

Stations of the Cross 10.30am at Taree

Mass of the Lord's Passion 3pm at Taree
Mass of the Lord's Passion 3pm at Wingham

Holy Saturday – 15th April 2017

Easter Vigil Mass 7pm at Taree

Easter Vigil Mass 7pm at Wingham

Easter Sunday – 16th April 2017

Mass Sunday 7.30am at Old Bar

Mass Sunday 7.30am at Harrington

Mass Sunday 9.30am at Taree

Mass Sunday 9.30am at Wingham

Mass Sunday 6.00pm at Cundletown

Mass Sunday 6.00pm at Lansdowne

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN THE TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES:

Patricia Wolfenden, Mary and Helen Trapple, Bev Crouch, Julie Rice, Tom Berryman, May and Terry Bailey, Teresa Harvey, Kelvin Cowan, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Ken Campbell, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Helen Wooster, Mikala Corben, Emma Matheson, John Longden, Bernice Revill, Sandra Baker, Joy Schneider, Rita Joyce, Sonia Pinkerton, Monica Moy, Fred Wisemantel, Anne Cleal, Jim Wills and Robert MacGregor.

ANNIVERSARIES: Sheila Launder, Bridget Lyons and John Schneider.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dora Vanvegal



May they rest in peace.

THE SEVEN SECRETS OF THE EUCHARIST

1. The Eucharist is alive

The Eucharist is not a thing. It is not a dead object. It is Christ, and He is fully alive. Receiving Him with this awareness, we become more fully alive, so that we can say with St Paul, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." (Gal 2:20)

2. Christ is not alone

Christ is never alone. When He becomes present in the Eucharist as He is in heaven, without leaving heaven, that means all of heaven is present with Him. He told us, "The Kingdom of heaven is within you." (Lk 17:21)

3. There is only one Mass

The sacrifice of the Eucharist, which we call the Mass, is never an isolated, individual event. Each time a Mass is offered it "makes present the one sacrifice of Christ." (CCC 1330)

4. The Eucharist is not just one miracle

In Pope Leo XIII encyclical on the Eucharist he wrote; "Indeed, in it alone are contained, in a remarkable richness and variety of miracles, all supernatural realities."

5. We don't just receive

"All who eat the one broken bread, Christ, enter into communion with him and form one body in him." CCC 1329 Just as a marriage takes participation and 'communication' from each person in order to achieve the desired union, so, too, the reception of the Eucharist. We cannot leave it all up to God.

6. Every reception is different

"The sacrament of the Eucharist is an external sign that Christ is incorporated into the one who receives him and he into Christ. One is false if in his heart he does not desire this union and does not even try to remove every obstacle to it. Christ therefore does not remain in him, neither does he in Christ." St Thomas

7. There's no limit to the number of times we receive

Yes, there is a limit to the number of times you can receive the Eucharist sacramentally, but there is no limit to the number of times we can receive spiritually. In addition to the times when we can actually receive the sacrament of the Eucharist, we can also receive spiritually through our desire for the sacrament, uniting our hearts to the heart of Jesus in the Eucharist. Sacramental Communion brings us into union with God, and spiritual Communion helps keep us there.

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CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Eucharist

Source and Summit of Ecclesial Life

1384. The Lord addresses an invitation to us, urging us to receive him in the sacrament of the Eucharist: "Truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

1385. To respond to this invitation we must prepare ourselves for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself." Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion.

1388. It is in keeping with the very meaning of the Eucharist that the faithful, if they have the required dispositions, receive communion each time they participate in the Mass. As the Second Vatican Council says: "That more perfect form of participation in the Mass whereby the faithful, after the priest's communion, receive the Lord's Body from the same sacrifice, is warmly recommended."

1389. The Church obliges the faithful "to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and feast days" and, prepared by the sacrament of Reconciliation, to receive the Eucharist at least once a year, if possible during the Easter season. But the Church strongly encourages the faithful to receive the holy Eucharist on Sundays and feast days, or more often still, even daily.

"How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you touch Him, you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment."

St. John Chrysostom

MASS SCHEDULE & MEETINGS

Monday 27th			<p>10.00am Meditation Group- Old Pres</p> <p>1.45pm Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests</p> <p>7.30pm Easter choir practice OLR</p>
Tuesday 28th	<p>9.30am Harrington Lit of Word + Comm +Exp</p> <p>5.30pm Taree Mass - Fr George</p>		<p>9.30am-11am T&W Library open - Old Pres</p> <p>10.00am Women's Prayer Grp -Old Lib</p> <p>10.30am-11.30am Old Bar Church open for Prayers and Rosary</p> <p>1.00pm-3.00pm Men's Bible Study Grp-Old Pres</p> <p>6.30pm Women's Craft Grp - SMH</p>
Wednesday 29th	<p>9.30am Taree Mass - Fr George</p> <p>10.15am St Clares Mass - Fr James</p>		<p>8.50am Taree Marian Movement of Priests</p>
Thursday 30th	<p>9.30am Taree Mass St Josephs School Taree - Fr James</p> <p>9.30am Taree Mass OLR - Fr George</p> <p>7.00pm RCIC Reconciliation OLR</p>		
Friday 31st	<p>9.00am Taree Mass - Fr George</p> <p>11.00am Wingham Mass - Fr James</p>		<p>9.30am Taree Exposition</p> <p>3.00pm Old Bar Exposition and Marian Movement of priests</p>
Saturday 1st	<p>6.00pm Taree Mass - Fr George</p> <p>6.00pm Harrington Mass - Fr James</p>	<p>5th Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>10.30am Couples for Christ - Res C</p> <p>11.00am - 12pm Taree Reconciliation - Fr George</p> <p>5.30pm Taree Rosary</p>
Sunday 2nd	<p>7.30am Old Bar Mass - Fr James</p> <p>8.30am Wingham Mass - Fr George</p> <p>9.30am Taree Mass - Fr James</p> <p>6.00pm Cundletown Mass- Fr George</p>	<p>5th Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>7.00am Old Bar Rosary</p> <p>7.50am Wingham Rosary</p> <p>8-8.20am Wingham Reconciliation</p> <p>9.00am Taree Rosary</p> <p>10.30am Catechism Class - Res C</p>

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

2nd of April 2017

First Reading: Ez 37: 12-14

The Lord promises to raise his people from the dead.

Second Reading: Rom 8: 8-11

The spirit of God dwells in us.

Gospel: Jn 11: 1-45

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

