

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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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

7th of February 2016

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

I Here I am! Send me.

This Weeks Readings

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*I preach what they preach, and this is
what you believe.*

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

They left everything and followed Him.

Reflection

Humble fishermen end up having a significant impact

On a deeper level, the impact of the fishermen, Simon, Andrew, James, and John, upon the Christian tradition cannot be underestimated. For example, the method of transportation: Without a knowledge of sailing, how was Jesus, a travelling preacher, going to visit towns and hamlets along the lake shore line? (Remember the towns of Bethsaida, Capernaum, Chorazin, Gadara, Gennesaret, Magdala, and Tiberias?) Enter Simon and his friends.

The commodity Simon and the others used for income had influence. As a food, fish itself was common in the region, after the discovery of drying techniques. Fish figured in the stories of the multiplication of the loaves (Matthew 14.13-21; Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9.10-17; John 6.1-14) and John's post-resurrection narrative that paralleled this narrative (John 21:1-19). Jesus used fish in his parable on prayer (Luke 11:11) and in the story of paying the Temple Tax (Matthew 17:24-26). And, let's not forget the famous IXTHUS or Christian "fish" symbol of the early Church.

Finally, the fishing boat Simon and his friends used for travel became a symbol for the Church. When Jesus walked on the water of the lake (Matthew 14.22-33; Mark 6:45-49; John 6.15-21), the boat in the storm tossed the doubting disciples about. This image symbolised the Church in a state of anxiety when it faced persecution.



by Larry Broding, at the Word Sunday website

Responsorial Psalm: In the sight of the angles I will sing your praises Lord.



Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Shrove Tuesday

Will be celebrated this Tuesday at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree. The celebration will begin with Mass at 5.00pm, followed by pancakes in the St Mary's Hall, concluding with the burning of the Palm leaves in preparation for the feast of Ash Wednesday. Please bring a cold coin donation.



Ash Wednesday Mass times

Taree 9:30am

Wingham 11:00am (with School children)

St Clares 12:45pm (School Liturgy)

St Joseph's Taree 10:30am (on Thursday the 11th, School liturgy)

Welcome Kate

Kate Wall has joined the staff at the parish office to replace Sue Bell. Please make her welcome.

Office closed

As of the 9th of February the Parish office will be closed on a Mondays on a trial basis.

RCIA meeting

Due to the Shrove Tuesday celebrations the first RCIA meeting for 2016 will take place in the Resource centre at 7.30pm. The meetings will then proceed weekly at the usual time of 7pm.

Anna's Group

Will meet at Club Taree after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday the 7th of February.

Martha's Group

Will meet for lunch at 12pm in the Resource Centre on Monday the 8th of February.

Harrington Shrove Tuesday

St Peter's Anglican Church invite Parishioners to share in their Shrove Tuesday pancake meal, held on the 9th of February at 6.00pm. Gold coin donation. Please contact Joy 65561065 for more information.

World Youth Day

An invitation is extended to parishioners, staff from our schools and students in Year 10 and Year 11 to participate in Diocese Pilgrimage to Italy, Poland and Austria in July/August this year. An information session on the diocese Pilgrimage will be held at the St Mary's Hall, next to Our Lady of the Rosary Church on the 11th of February at 6.00pm. For further information contact Sue Lacey at susan.lacey@mn.catholic.edu.au or Brian Lacey at brian.lacey@mn.catholic.edu.au
Finance meeting

Swift/Dureau Family Group

Will meet on Sunday the 21st of February at 12 noon. Programme Preparation day at Knepps. Please bring sandwich/salad to eat plus a little contribution to go with the coffee/tea. Come with your ideas for events in 2016. Please let Evelyn and David know if you can come on 65560430.

Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box and give generously to the appeal this Lent. You are helping to empower the world's poorest people. Your donation will support programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish sustainable food sources for life.

Chamber Philharmonia Cologne

Will be performing in Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Wednesday the 17th of February at 8pm. After several successful European tours the Chamber Philharmonia Cologne is coming back to Australia with a powerful and inspiring new programme. Classic music from The Four Seasons, Mozart, Paganini and Tchaikovski. Tickets available at Movies Games & More, 208 Victoria St, or contact 65525699 or at the door (cash sales only) one hour prior to the concert from 7pm. Cost: \$35 for adults, \$30 for Pensioners and \$25 for Children.

Steps for sustainable Studies Program

STEPS for Sustainable Studies is an initiative of CatholicCare Hunter-Manning designed to support students from rural parts of the diocese to pursue their first year of higher education in Newcastle. The overarching objective of STEPS is to provide young people with the best possible chance to fulfil their educational and life goals, by providing them with an environment that assists them to develop positive and productive support networks. STEPS offers far more than just affordable student accommodation, the program also incorporates a combination of complimentary mechanisms, including counselling, pastoral guidance, links to community mentors, advice on independent living skills and providing assistance to those seeking part-time employment opportunities. Applications close no later than 5pm on Friday 12th of February. For more information please contact the office on 65521084.

New Chancellor

We congratulate Matthew Muller as the new Chancellor of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Offices.

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

Michael Holstein, Bev Crouch, Phillip Stanford, Barry Armitage, Lillian and Bernie Eddlebuttel, Mavis Capon, Cyril McGovern, Mary McCaffrey, Chum Cavanagh, Terry Donnelly, Tom Berryman, Paul Cantwell, Von Hobson, Bill Abdoo, Vicki White - Lobbecke, Hanna Cowley, Joe Zarb, Anne Cleal, Pat Wolfenden, Frances Kenny, Alex Quintero, William Twin, Judy Nies, Anne Watson, James Sweeney jnr, Maureen Barrett, John Abernathy, Debbie Hitchen, Kelly Smith, Bronwyn Tarrant, Kelvin Cowan, Pauline Wills, Neryll Ritter, Fran Westley, Louise Havenaar, Maurice Heiner, John Abernathy, Charlie Perrin, Nino Menta, Bill Walker, Julie Rice, Teresa Harvey, Dave Ross, Bill Howell and Rupert, Betty McLennan, Sue Davis, Eve Collins and family.

Anniversaries: Donald White, Elizabeth White, Patricia White, Patricia Mary Brophy (Perth) and Anita Nocom.

Recently Deceased:



SCAE Roster
Our Lady of the Rosary Church,
Taree

Sunday 14th February 2016

9.30am SCAE

Leader:

Gospel: Christene Storok

Reflection: Val Audet

Communion:

Saturday 20th February 2016

6.00pm SCAE

Leader:

Gospel:

Reflection:

Communion:

Sunday 28th February 2016

9.30am SCAE

Leader:

Gospel:

Reflection:

Communion:

If there is no name beside the duty on this roster we need a volunteer to fulfil the role. Please phone the parish office if you can fill any of the vacancies on the roster.

Note: Other readers as per usual roster.

Sacraments of Initiation 2016

Parents and Carers of school aged children turning 8 this year or older who would like their children to make the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation this year be advised that the program will commence early in term one of 2016. An Information Night will be held on Wednesday the 24th of February. Please check your school newsletter. For further information please contact the Parish Office on 65521084.



Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. The ashes we receive on our forehead in the shape of a cross serve as an outward sign of our sinfulness and need for penance. The ashes also symbolize our mortality, a reminder that one day we will die and our bodies will return to dust. Hence the traditional words, "Remember that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return."

The tradition of receiving ashes has its origins in the Old Testament, where sinners performed acts of public penance. It was Pope Urban II who in the 11th century recommended that all Catholics take part in the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday. In the 12th century it became customary that the ashes used on Ash Wednesday were made by burning the previous year's palm branches.

Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. According to Church law, Catholics older than the age of 14 are supposed to abstain from meat. In addition, those between the ages of 18 and 59, not including pregnant or nursing mothers, should eat only one full meal. Smaller amounts of food, not as much as a full meal, may be eaten in the morning and either at lunchtime or dinner, depending on when you eat your full meal.

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Fasting

The reason the Church fasted in the days of old are still the reasons the Church fasts today. We fast in petition and praise. We fast in sorrow, making an offering to God for sin. We fast to learn discipline, to learn how to do things that are difficult. We fast to vanquish obstacles between us and God. We fast so that others might eat. We fast in solidarity with Christ who hungers for souls. And we fast in obedience to the Church to whom Christ entrusted His Body and Blood. And when we fast for those right reasons, with no pride or praise seeking, the rewards are many, including a purer heart, greater devotion, stronger resistance to sin, firmer inclination to virtue, reparation made, gifts of sacrifice accepted, clearer spiritual vision and a victory over the demands of the ego. And if fasting doesn't strike you as that great, bear this in mind. In the Catholic Church, every fast is followed by a feast. Which is really great.

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Words Of Wisdom

Fasting is the champion of every virtue, the beginning of the struggle, the crown of the abstinent, the beauty of virginity and sanctity, the resplendence of chastity, the commencement of the path of Christianity, the mother of prayer, the well-spring of sobriety and prudence, the teacher of stillness, and the precursor of all good works.

St Isaac the Syrian

Next Week The 1st Sunday of Lent - Year C

First Reading: Dt 26:4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

Second Reading: Rom 10:8-13

The confession of faith in the believers of Christ.

Gospel: Matt 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where He was tempted.

14th of February 2016



Liturgies and Meetings

Monday 8th		Office Closed	10.00am 12.00pm 7.30pm	Meditation Group - Reading Room Martha's Group - Res C Men's Bible Study Group
Tuesday 9th	9.30am 5.00pm	Harrington Liturgy of the Word & Exposition. Taree Mass	10.00am 10.30-11.30 6.00pm 7.30pm	Women's Prayer group - Library Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers Pancakes in the Hall, followed by burning of the palms RCIA meeting-resource centre
Wednesday 10th	9.30am 11.00am 12.45am	<u>Ash Wednesday</u> Taree Mass Wingham Mass with St Joseph's school kids St Clare's Ash Wednesday Liturgy	8.50am 9.30am-11.00	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T & W Library open
Thursday 11th	9.30am	Taree Mass	10.30am 5.15pm 6.00pm	St Joseph's Taree Ash Wednesday Liturgy Wingham Finance meeting World Youth Day meeting - SMH
Friday 12th	9.00am	Taree Mass	9.30am 3.00pm	Taree Exposition OB Exposition & Cenacle
Saturday 13th	6pm 6pm	<u>1st Sunday of Lent</u> Taree Vigil Mass Harrington Vigil SCAE	9.00am 9.30am 11-12.00pm 5.30pm	Taree Liturgy planning mtg - Res C Rosary makers Taree Reconciliation Taree Recitation of the rosary
Sunday 14th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30am 6.00pm 6.00pm	<u>1st Sunday of Lent</u> <u>Valentines day</u> Old Bar SCAE Wingham Mass Taree SCAE Couples for Christ hosting a morning tea to celebrate Valentines Day Cundletown SCAE Lansdowne Mass	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 15th		Office Closed	10.00am 7.30pm	Meditation Group - Reading Room Men's Bible Study Group
Tuesday 16th	9.30am 5.00pm	Harrington Liturgy of the Word & Exposition. Taree Mass	10.00am 10.30-11.30 6.00pm 7.30pm	Women's Prayer group - Library Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers Pancakes in the Hall, followed by burning of the palms RCIA meeting-resource centre
Wednesday 17th	9.30am	Taree Mass	8.50am 9.30-11am 5.30pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T & W Library Open T & W PPC meeting Taree Liturgy meeting Chamber Philharmonie Concert Our Lady of the Rosary Church.
Thursday 18th	10.30am	Taree St Joseph's school Mass (Beginning of the year Mass)	5.15pm	Taree Finance meeting
Friday 19th	9.00am 11.00am	Taree Mass Wingham Mass with School children	9.30am 11.30am 3.00pm	Taree Exposition Wingham Liturgy meeting OB Exposition & Cenacle
Saturday 20th	6pm 6pm	<u>2nd Sunday of Lent</u> Taree Vigil SCAE Harrington Vigil Mass	10.30am 11-12.00pm 5.30pm	Couples for Christ - Res C Taree Reconciliation Taree Recitation of the rosary
Sunday 21st	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	<u>2nd Sunday of Lent</u> Old Bar Mass Wingham SCAE Taree Mass Cundletown Mass	7.00am 7.50am 9.10am	Old Bar Recitation of the rosary Wingham recitation of the rosary Taree recitation of the Rosary