



**5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

**4TH OF FEBRUARY 2018**

**THIS 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.

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

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**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.

**REFLECTION**

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter) was sick in bed with a raging fever. When Jesus learned about her distressed state, he 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. He broke the taboo about physical contact with a woman not his relative because he wanted to holistically heal her dis-ease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need an aspirin and a cup of tea. She felt quarantined, isolated, and needed a hand reassuring her of sociable relationships. Jesus overcame her fever and her dis-ease with the world.

At every Mass we exchange a physical gesture at the greeting of Peace. This quite often overcomes being ill-at-ease with a family member or just with the neighbour in the pew. We need to take that symbolic action into the world. For somebody, it may be the most touching thing we ever do.

We could pause for a moment to identify that person who needs us to reach out, to take their hand and help them up.

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**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**11TH OF FEBRUARY**

**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FIRST READING:** Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

**RESONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 31:1-2. 5.

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**SECOND READING:** 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Mk 1:40-45

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

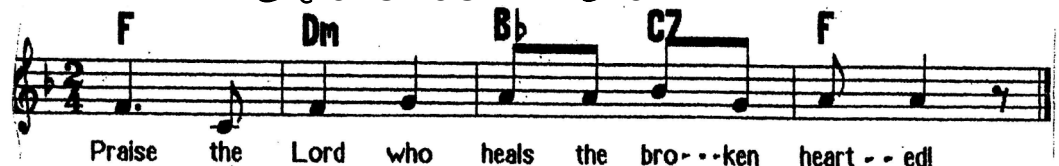
**PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES**

**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, Carol Healey, Janora Senders and Terry Mason.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Rodney Audet, Les Corben, Denis Connolly and Roy McLennan

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Brian Sweeney and Irene Shipway

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**



## PARISH CALENDAR

### MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY, 2018

#### ST AGATHA

9.30-1.00pm Quilters Grp-Resource Center  
10.00am Meditation Group- Old Pres  
1.45pm Prayer for Priests  
7.00pm-9.00pm RCIA-Res C

### TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

#### ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

9.30am Harrington Liturgy of the Word  
**+ Comm + Exp**  
10am Womens Prayer Grp-Old Library  
9.30-11.00am T&W 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  
6.00pm Liturgy MTg-Res C  
6.30pm Women's Craft Grp-SMH

### WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests  
9.30am Taree Mass  
2.00pm Storm Village Mass

### THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

9.30am Taree Mass  
9.30am No School Mass  
5.15pm W Finance Council Meeting -Office

### FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

9am Taree Mass  
9.30am Taree Exposition  
10.00am Wingham Mass with School  
3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

### SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

#### ST SCHOLASTICA

9.30am-12pm Rosary Makers Grp-Old Lib  
11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation.  
5.30pm Taree Rosary  
6pm Taree Mass  
6pm Harrington Mass

### SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

#### 6TH 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  
6.00pm Lansdowne Mass

### **RETURN OF OLD PALMS**

Anyone who has old palms from Easter last year, could they please be returned to the Parish Office by Friday 9th February at the latest.

### **SHROVE TUESDAY**

This will be held on Tuesday, 13th of February. The celebration will begin with Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church at 5.00pm, followed by pancakes in St Mary's Hall, Albert St, Taree concluding with the burning of the Palm leaves in preparation for the feast of the Ash Wednesday. Please advise numbers for catering purposes to the Parish Office on 6552 1084 ASAP.

### **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.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR**

### **SHROVE TUESDAY**

If there are any parishioners who could assist with the old palm leaves, along with the drum used to burn leaves after the 5pm Mass on 13th February could you please contact the Parish Office.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES**

9.00am Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree  
10.30am Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wingham  
10.30am St Joseph's Primary School, Taree (Liturgy only)  
6.00am St Patrick's Church, Cundletown  
Please note that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

### **A FAMILY NIGHT WITH FATHER JAMES**

Want to know more about our parish priests? We are starting by having a family night with Fr James to learn more about this man from Nigeria who ended up in our two parishes.  
When: Saturday, 24th February. 7.00pm for 7.30pm sit down.

**Where:** St Marys Hall, Taree

**Cost:** \$15.00 per person

**RSVP:** by Wednesday, 21st February (but do it now).

**Phone:** Preferably presbytery 6552 1084 or Tony 6553 9727 especially on Mondays.

### **CATERING GROUP & CRAFT GROUP**

Planning & discussion night for 2018 on Tuesday 6th February at St Marys hall, 6.30pm. If you would like to be involved in either group, all would be made most welcome.

### **+ RCIA +**

**Monday 7.00pm-9.00pm**

### **Taree Resource Centre**

Next meeting will be held on Monday the 5th of February  
Topic: Sin and Forgiveness  
All Welcome.

### **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.

### **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.

### **LENTEN PROGRAM**

Booklets available for perusal. Mary Mc Caffery will be hosting a Lenten Program at her home on Tuesday 10.00-12.00 noon. If you are interested please contact Mary on 6551 2345 ASAP so that Resources can be ordered.

### **World Day of Prayer**

Will be held at the Uniting Church, Taree on Friday 3rd March. A meeting will be held at the Red Dove Café on Wednesday 7th February to commence making the arrangements. All churches have been requested to have representatives in attendance.