

# 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 of Lent - Year C

13th March 2016

### First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

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

### This Weeks Readings

#### 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.*

## Reflection



The accusers of this woman make her 'stand there in *full view* of everybody.' She is surrounded by the hostile glare of *eyes* filled with blood lust. It is only when the accusers have left in embarrassment that Jesus, who has been bent to the ground, looks up at her. He adopts the posture of a slave, seeing her as she could be if she gives up her current pattern of behaviour. Up till now, *no-one* has spoken to this woman. Now Jesus treats her as a human being worth speaking to. And what does she hear? That he does not condemn her but points her to a new sort of life in the future.

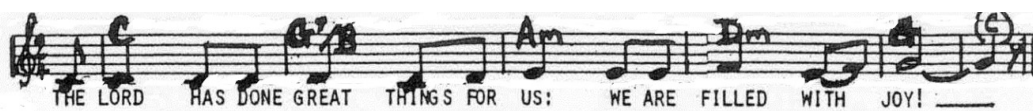
We could pause for a moment to allow Jesus the time to look at us, talk to us, in that way. Do you have the courage to 'lock eyes' with Jesus and live out the consequences?

*'The eyes have it.'*

*Fr Michael Tate*

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.



### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory.

*With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.*

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### **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.

### **Flowers for Easter**

If anyone is able to provide some fresh flowers to decorate the Taree Church for Easter, could they please drop them off at the sacristy door on Saturday the 26th of March at 9.00am. If you are able to assist with arranging the flowers, your help would be very much appreciated.

### **Taree parishioner**

Marie Hammond who is a much loved member of the Taree Parish is now residing at St Paul's Hostel in Cundletown. Unfortunately Marie is no longer able to drive and visit people, she would like parishioners to know she would love for people to come and visit her, if only for a short time.

### **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.

### **Easter Choir Practice**

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

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.

### **Wingham Family Group**

Will meet on Sunday the 13th at 10.30am at Taree Ten Pin Bowling.

### **Divine Mercy Novena**

Begins on Good Friday for 9 consecutive days leading up to the feast of Divine Mercy to be celebrated on the 3rd of April. We can pray this Chaplet for our own personal use or we can offer it for the daily intentions dictated by Our Lord to St Faustina. This leaflet will be available in the Church next week if anyone would like a copy.

### **Special collection on Good Friday**

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. The collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### **Catholic Mission**

Catholic Mission wishes to expand their pool of volunteers who serve as Mission Ambassadors in 2016. Being a Mission Ambassador is your chance to make a difference, by going into local parishes on nominated weekends, you will help raise awareness of, and funds for, the valuable work performed by missionary Priests, Religious, Catechists and Lay-leaders around the world. For more information to volunteer please call Mark Toohey on 0408020511.

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

Patricia Wolfenden, Bev Couch, Julie Rice, Tom Berryman, Helen Trappel, May and Terry Bailey, Teresa Harvey, Pauline Wills, Kelvin Cowan, Debbie Hitchen, Joe Zarb, Sue Davis and Eve Collins.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Joseph, Ilma Kelly, Eunice White, Hilda Pensini, Kathleen Sullivan, Garth and Pauline Lovegrove.

**Recently Deceased:** Harold Bishop, Charlie Perrin and Lillian Eddlebutt. *May they rest in peace.*



**SCAE Roster**  
**Our Lady of the Rosary Church,**  
**Taree**

Note: there will be no SCAE services on Palm Sunday 19th & 20th of March and Easter Sunday 26th & 27th of March.

Next SCAE service will be on;  
Saturday 2nd of April 2016

6.00pm SCAE

Leader: Allan Gallagher

Gospel:

Reflection:

## Easter Masses

### Palm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Vigil Mass 7.00pm Taree

Easter Vigil Mass 7.00pm Wingham

### Easter Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Mass Sunday 7.30am Old Bar

Mass Sunday 8.30am Harrington

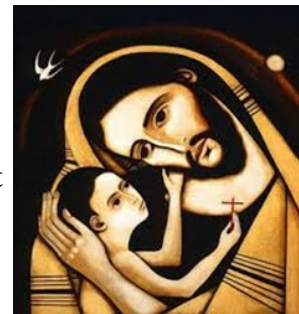
Mass Sunday 9.30am Taree

Mass Sunday 6.00pm Cundletown



## St. Joseph, a Man of Faith

The Sacred Scriptures give us very few details of St. Joseph. With the exception of a few references relating to the birth and early years of the Child Jesus, the Scriptures are silent about this great saint who had such an important role in the mystery of the Incarnation of the Divine Word. Even more than Our Lady, Joseph remains in the background, with not a single word of his recorded for posterity. Truly, he is Joseph the silent.



### The Dignity and Holiness of St Joseph

Theologians tell us that when God chooses one for a particular office or mission, He provides that person with all the graces necessary to fulfill that role worthily. Since Joseph was chosen by God to be the head of the Holy Family, the graces showered upon him must have been beyond what we can conceive. After the Blessed Mother, there was no one more closely associated with Our Blessed Lord than his foster father, St. Joseph. Many theologians do not hesitate to declare that this humble carpenter surpassed in grace and beatitude all the Patriarchs and Prophets of the Old Law, John the Baptist, the apostles, and all the martyrs and doctors of the New Law.

*The dignity of the Mother of God is so sublime that nothing higher could be created; but as Joseph was united to the Blessed Virgin by the bond of marriage, it may not be doubted that he approached nearer than any other to the eminent dignity by which the Mother of God so far surpasses all other creatures."*

*By Father Paul A. Duffner, O.P.*

## St Patrick

St. Patrick was born in Britain c.385 and as a young man was captured by Irish pirates and sold into slavery. After six years in Ireland he escaped, returned to his family and trained for the priesthood in Gaul. In c.435 he returned to Ireland as a missionary bishop. Through his work, Christianity flourished and the church became organised. Although not extensively learned, St Patrick was known for his sincerity and pastoral care, and was largely concerned with abolishing paganism and idolatry and encouraged monasticism. There are many legends about Ireland's most beloved saint, including his use of the shamrock for explaining the trinity, and his banishing of all snakes from Ireland.



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### Next Week Palm Sunday - Year C 20th of March 2016

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

**Gospel:** Luke 22:14-23:56

*The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

## Liturgies and Meetings

<b>Monday 14th</b>		Father George in Melbourne	<b>10.00am</b> <b>12.00pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Meditation Group - Reading Room Martha's Group Men's Bible Study Group
<b>Tuesday 15th</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Harrington</b> Liturgy of the Word + Com & Exposition. <b>Taree</b> SCAE  Father George in Melbourne	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30-11.30</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	Women's Prayer group - Library Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers RCIA meeting-resource centre
<b>Wednesday 16th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Taree</b> SCAE  Father George in Melbourne	<b>8.50am</b> <b>9.30-11am</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T & W Library Open T & W PPC mtg - Res
<b>Thursday 17th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b><u>St Patrick's Day</u></b>  <b>Cundletown Mass</b> followed by morning tea		
<b>Friday 18th</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>   <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Taree</b> Mass <b>Wingham</b> Mass with school children   <b>Taree</b> Adoration and Reconciliation	<b>9.30am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b> <b>3.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	Taree Exposition Wingham - Stations of the Cross Harrington - Stations of the Cross W Liturgy meeting Old Bar Exposition & MMP Cundletown Stations of the Cross Old Bar Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday 19th</b>	  <b>6pm</b> <b>6pm</b>	<b><u>St Joseph</u></b>  <b><u>Palm Sunday</u></b> <b>Taree</b> Vigil Mass <b>Harrington</b> Vigil Mass	<b>10.30am</b> <b>11-12.00pm</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	Couples for Christ Taree Reconciliation Taree Recitation of the rosary
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	<b>7.30am</b> <b>8.30am</b> <b>9.30am</b>  <b>6.00pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b><u>Palm Sunday</u></b> <b>Old Bar</b> Mass <b>Wingham</b> Mass <b>Taree</b> Mass followed by Couples for Christ morning tea - Res C <b>Lansdowne</b> SCAE <b>Cundletown</b> Mass	<b>7.00am</b> <b>7.50am</b> <b>8-8.20am</b> <b>9.10am</b>	Old Bar Recitation of the rosary Wingham recitation of the rosary Wingham Reconciliation Taree recitation of the Rosary
<b>Monday 21st</b>		<b><u>Holy Week</u></b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Meditation Group - Reading Room Men's Bible Study Group
<b>Tuesday 22nd</b>	<b>9.30am</b>   <b>5.30pm</b>	<b><u>Holy Week</u></b> <b>Harrington</b> Liturgy of the Word + Com & Exposition.  <b>Taree</b> Mass	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30-11.30</b> <b>5.45pm</b>  <b>6.30-8.30pm</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	Women's Prayer group - Library Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers Stations of the Cross rehearsal for Good Friday- Res C Craft Group - SMH RCIA meeting-resource centre
<b>Wednesday 23rd</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b><u>Holy Week</u></b>  <b>Taree</b> Mass	<b>8.50am</b> <b>9.30-11am</b>	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T & W Library Open
<b>Thursday 24th</b>	<b>7-10pm</b>  <b>7.00pm</b>	<b><u>Holy Thursday</u></b> <b>Taree</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by exposition. <b>Wingham</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper.	<b>10.00am</b>	Reconciliation Taree
<b>Friday 25th</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>  <b>3.00pm</b>	<b><u>Good Friday</u></b>  <b>Taree</b> service of The Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross <b>Wingham</b> service of The Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross  <b>Public Holiday</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	Morning Prayers Taree- Stations of the Cross from the Anglican Church to Our Lady of the Rosary
<b>Saturday 26th</b>	  <b>7pm</b> <b>7pm</b>	<b><u>Easter Saturday</u></b>  <b>Taree</b> Vigil Mass + Baptism <b>Wingham</b> Vigil Mass	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11-12.00pm</b>	Morning Prayers Taree Reconciliation
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	<b>7.30am</b> <b>8.30am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b><u>Easter Sunday</u></b>  <b>Old Bar</b> Mass <b>Harrington</b> Mass <b>Taree</b> Mass <b>Lansdowne</b> SCAE <b>Cundletown</b> Mass	<b>7.00am</b> <b>9.10am</b>	Old Bar Recitation of the rosary Taree recitation of the Rosary