



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

25TH JUNE, 2017

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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FIRST READING: JER 20:10-13  
The Lord is with Jeremiah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R.) Lord, in your great love,  
answer me.

SECOND READING: ROM 5:12-15  
God's gift to us is nothing like  
our sin against him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:  
JN 15:26-27

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of Truth will bear  
witness to me, says the Lord,  
and you also will be my  
witnesses.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MT 10:26-33

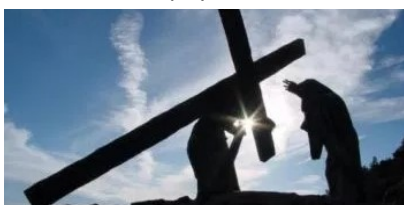
Those who acknowledge Christ  
will be known to the Father.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 2ND  
JULY 2017

FIRST READING: 2 KGS 4:8-11.14-16  
Elisha promises a son to an  
influential woman.

SECOND READING: ROM 6:3-4.8-11  
We are baptized into Christ's  
death.

GOSPEL: MT 10:37-42  
Take up your cross.



REFLECTION

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.' But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, our moment of death. Now, that would be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century. One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. Now they face terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them? So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

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PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

**SICK:** Patricia Wolfenden, Mary and Helen Trapple, Bev Crouch, Julie Rice, Tom Berryman, May and Terry Bailey, Teresa Harvey, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Helen Wooster, Mikala Corben, Sonia Pinkerton, Monica Moy, Anne Cleal, Jim Wills, Robert MacGregor, Anne Hile, Laura Mirabello, Pat Anderson, Cecily Bohringer, Jan Daines, Ambrose Mason, Sandra Baker, Rupert McLennan, Sue Berry, Bill Walker, Marie McGovern, Corizon Wynter, Brendan Maloney, Peter Rinkin, Laurence Matheson, Michael Allen, Bernie Eddlebuttel and Fercus Cranston.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ronald Mayers, Joseph Litjens, Lily Gladys Gorben, and Joseph McLennan.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Michael Kenny.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



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CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers—for joining in Jesus' life-giving mission and supporting women and children's health in Uganda and around the world. Your generosity makes it possible for local missionaries like Sister Mary Goretti to provide essential services for women and children in their time of need.



Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/uganda



# PARISH CALENDAR

## MONDAY 26TH JUNE

10am Meditation Group-Old Library  
1.45pm Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests

## TUESDAY 27TH JUNE

**9.30am Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Comm + Exp**  
9.30-11am T&W Library Old Pres  
10am Women's Prayer Grp-Old Lib  
10.30 - 11.30am Old Bar Church open for prayers & rosary  
12pm Men's Bible Study - Old Pr  
**5.30pm Taree Mass**

## WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests  
**9.30am Taree Mass**  
10.30am Anointing Mass at Banyula Nursing Home

## THURSDAY 29TH JUNE

**9.30am Taree Mass - OLR with students from St Josephs School Taree**

## FRIDAY 30TH JUNE

**9am Taree Mass**  
9.30am Taree Exposition  
11am Wingham Mass  
3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

## SATURDAY 1ST JULY

### 13TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME

10.30am Couples for Christ - Res Centre  
11am-12pm Taree reconciliation  
5.30pm Taree Rosary  
**6pm Taree Mass**  
**6pm Harrington Mass**

## SUNDAY 2ND JULY

### 13TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME

7am Old Bar Rosary  
**7.30am Old Bar Mass**  
7.50am Wingham Rosary  
8-8.20am Wingham reconcil.  
**8.30am Wingham Mass**  
9am Taree Rosary  
**9.30am Taree Mass**  
**6.00 pm Cundletown Mass**

## ANNA'S GROUP

To meet at Taree West Bowling Club, Sunday, 2nd July at 12 noon for lunch. No bookings required.

## MARTHA'S GROUP

To meet at Parish Resource Centre, Monday 10th July at 12 noon for lunch.

## TAX RECEIPTS

For 2016/2017 Financial Year, please advise the Parish Office by **June 30**, if you require a tax receipt for Planned Giving contributions made in the 2016/17 Financial Year.



**WINGHAM** - All parishioners, family & friends are invited to attend the First Communion for 10 children of the Wingham Parish, on Sunday 25th June at the 8.30am mass, followed by morning tea in the school hall. Volunteers are needed for the morning tea. Please bring a small plate to share. For enquiries contact Frances on 6553 5859.

**TAREE** - All parishioners, family & friends are invited to attend the First Communion to be held 25th June during the 9.30am Mass. A celebration will follow in St Mary's Hall.

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES - WINGHAM

Planned giving envelopes for Wingham Parish will be available for collection from this Sunday in the Wingham Church.



An Invitation to a

### **CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM**

Saturday, 22 July 2017

11am at Parish Resource Centre,  
75 Albert St, Taree NSW 2430  
Program will run for 8 weeks.

For information please contact:  
Herby & Susie Ploder - 0414 309 834  
Percy Everett - 0434 872 546  
Sally Ritchie - 0410 505 875



Commonly known as RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of Christian formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. If you or someone you know is interested in the program, please contact the Parish Office on 6552 1084. We are in the early stages of organising the program for this year, so please register your interest and we can keep you updated with the program details.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL STORE

St Vincent De Paul stores in both Wingham, Old Bar & Taree, are now selling a range of items for Baptisms, Confirmation and Holy Communion including cards and Rosary Beads.

## EMAIL COMMUNICATION

Do you have an email address? Would you like to receive communications from the Parish Office by email? If yes, please contact the Office or send an email to [administration@tareeparish.org](mailto:administration@tareeparish.org) to be included on the database. All email addresses will be kept strictly confidential.

## *Debutante Ball 2018*

The formal debutante ball is a young persons (Year 11 & 12) first formal occasion. Young people will learn about our faith through fundraising, sharing dance classes together and then being presented as a Debutante. The Debutante Ball is about young people enjoying their first formal evening out, dressing up, being presented to a community leader and opening the dance floor with a traditional formal dance. There will be music, dancing, food and laughter. A planning committee will be needed to ensure this event is a huge success for our Church. Anyone interested on being on the 2018 Deb Ball Committee, please contact Natasha Brotherton on 0407 589 935.