



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

9TH JULY, 2017

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
9TH JULY 2017

FIRST READING: ZEC 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I will praise your name forever,
my king and my God.

SECOND READING: ROM 8:9.11-13

Life in the Spirit brings life everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MT 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MT 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
16TH JULY 2017

FIRST READING: IS 55:10-11

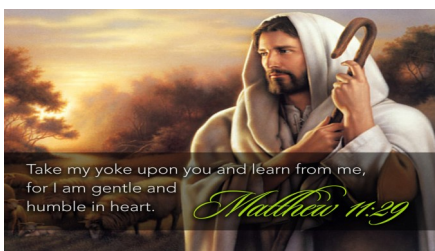
The rain makes the earth fruitful.

SECOND READING: ROM 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

GOSPEL: MT 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow.



REFLECTION

The readings for today engage us in a reflection on the nature of the Trinity, as well as the ways that we are enriched by each of the divine Persons. The gospel acknowledges the sovereignty of God. This is followed immediately by mention of the handing over of all things to Jesus, making him a kind of vice-regent of God. Paul speaks of the Spirit, clearly a divine reality, but different from Jesus and the one called God. According to Paul, this Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of God, implying that somehow both Jesus and God claim the Spirit. It is this Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and it is this same Spirit who dwells in Christians. The grace of this Triune God touches our lives in some ways that are tangible and other ways that demand faith. The most tangible manifestation of God is Jesus himself. God has been revealed to us through this Jesus. While Jesus was a tangible person, our accepting of him as the manifestation of God requires faith, and this faith is no easier today than it was at the time of Jesus himself. The overriding disposition of these readings is humility. Jesus, the human manifestation of the divine, is meek and humble, and the true disciple is called to be humble. A second disposition is placed before us – grateful praise. In the psalm we praise and bless God; we extol God's holy name.

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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, Anne Cleal, Jim Wills, Robert MacGregor, Anne Hile, Laura Mirabello, Pat Anderson, Cecily Bohringer, Jan Daines, Sandra Baker, Rupert McLennan, Sue Berry, Bill Walker, Marie McGovern, Corizon Wynter, Brendan Maloney, Peter Rinkin, Laurence Matheson, Michael Allen, Bernie Eddlebuttel, Fercus Cranston, Louise Havenaar, and Margaret Boyton.

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Murphy, Max King, John McDonald, Peter Pike, Michael Armitage, Jessy Bastick, Efiigenia Abelgas and Brian Minihan.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Liam O'Bueautuin, Monica Moy and Ambrose Mason.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM





PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 10TH JULY

10am Meditation Group-Old Pres
12pm Martha's Group - Res C
1.45pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 11TH JULY

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
9.30 - 11am T&W Library Open - Old Pres
12 - 2pm AA Mtg - Res C
12pm Mens Bible Study- Old Pres
5.30pm Taree Mass

WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests
9.30am Taree Mass
10:30am St Pauls Cundletown Anointing Mass

THURSDAY 13TH JULY

9.30am Taree Mass

FRIDAY 14TH JULY

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

SATURDAY 15TH JULY 15TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

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

SUNDAY 16TH JULY 15TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

7.00am 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
10.30am C for C Morning tea after Mass - Res C
5.00 pm Cundletown Mass

MARTHA'S GROUP

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

SWIFT / DUREAU FAMILY GROUP

To be held Sunday the **16th July** at 12 noon, "Soup & Stories" at the Swifts. Soup has been arranged but cake/bread is needed (please contact Joan at 6552 4848). RSVP Margaret Taylor at 6552 5438. Please prepare a story to share.

WHITE MOYLAN GROUP

Will be joining the Parish Christmas in July lunch on the 23rd July. Please see the bulletin for details. RSVP by the 20th July to the Parish Office.

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



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is an Ecumenical project organised by Samaritan's Purse to send gift filled shoe boxes to children in over 100 nations each year. Most of these children would otherwise never receive a Christmas present. Australia and New Zealand send boxes to our neighbours in Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand, Fiji, PNG, Vanuatu and Samoa. This is a great way to engage your children and grandchildren in true Christian action, bringing hope and joy to other children living in poverty. Last year we sent 147 boxes from Old Bar/Taree Parish, St Josephs Taree, St Josephs Wingham and St Clare's. If you'd like to join us in this project please call Linda Norris on 65574060 or 0408077089 or you can collect boxes from Taree Baptist Church on Kolodong Rd Taree.



To be held on Sunday the **23rd July**, starting at 10.30 for morning tea, followed by a 2 course lunch at 12pm. The cost is \$15 per adult, and \$5 per child under 12. Please bring a wrapped Christmas gift for mystery auction. There will be raffle, craft, trading table, and auction, with the proceeds going towards the hall foyer upgrade and renovation. **Please RSVP by the 20th July.** For tickets and payments, please contact parish office at 6552 1084.

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

Do you feel worthless sometimes? Does your life seem meaningless? Prayers to St. Therese of Lisieux, who is affectionately known as the "Little Flower", can help remind you that in God's eyes your "nothingness" is really *something*, as long as you give Him your best each day!

What's more, you don't need to be a bigwig or a hero to be worthy of His love. St. Therese's "little way" calls us all to a very special kind of holiness, that of doing God's work out of love for Him in the way we handle our daily chores and cares.

St. Therese, born Therese Martin to a devout French family in 1873, became a Carmelite nun in 1888. With characteristic humility, she noted in her memoir *Story of A Soul*, written at the behest of her superiors, that "I may aspire to sanctity in spite of my littleness. For me to become great is impossible, I must bear with myself and my many imperfections; but I will seek out a means of getting to Heaven by a little way."

Her idea was to do everything in life, especially the little things, out of love for God and for our neighbours. We shouldn't expect a reward or even recognition. Doing daily errands can be as holy as doing missionary work if our desire is to serve God as best we can.

<http://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/prayers-to-st-therese.html>