



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

16TH JULY, 2017

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
16TH JULY 2017

FIRST READING: Is 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING: ROM 8:18-23

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MT 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
23RD JULY 2017

FIRST READING: Wis 12:13.16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

SECOND READING: ROM 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

GOSPEL: MT 13:24-43:

Let them grow together until the harvest.

REFLECTION

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

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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, Raymond McBriarty and Margaret Boyton.

ANNIVERSARIES: Agnes McDonnell, Arthur John Smith, Mabel Montague, Alma Borham, Frank Borham, Harry Montague, Leo Belcher, Robin Watt, Henry Arthur Trappel, Edward Soper, John McDonald, Betty McDonald and Dominic Barbera.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Am Em D Bm7 Em [final Antiphon: Emajor]

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruit-ful har-vest!

 **PARISH
CALENDAR****MONDAY 17TH JULY**

9.30 - 1pm Quilters Group Res
10am Meditation Group - Old
Presbytery
1.45pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 18TH JULY

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

WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for
Priests
NO PARISH MASS
NO NURSING HOME MASS

THURSDAY 20TH JULY

9.30am Taree Mass

FRIDAY 21ST JULY

9am Taree Mass
9.30am Taree Exposition
11am Wingham Mass
11:30 Wingham Liturgy Mtg
3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 22ND JULY**16TH SATURDAY ORDINARY TIME**

11am-12pm Taree reconcil.
5.30pm Taree Rosary

6pm Taree Mass
6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 23RD JULY**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7.00am 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
10.30am Christmas in July
Lunch
5.00pm Cundletown Mass
5.00pm Lansdowne SCAE

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 2017

A big thank you to all who have contributed to 2017 Catholic Mission Church Appeal. Together we raised \$2605 for our brothers and sisters in Uganda. Please continue praying for the Appeal.

2018 CATHOLIC DEBUTANTE BALL

Initial planning meeting to be held on Thursday 3rd August at Parish Resource Centre at 4pm. It would be great if you can come along to help. Any questions please contact Natasha Brotherton on 0407 589 935.

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.



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.



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

RCIC SACRAMENTAL TEAM

The Parish would also like to extend their gratitude to the members of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) Team. The generosity, commitment, courage and wisdom of our RCIC Team has again enabled our little ones to better know the love of Jesus Christ.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL
**Greeting of the Altar and of the
People Gathered Together**

49. When they reach the sanctuary, the priest, the deacon, and the ministers reverence the altar with a profound bow. As an expression of veneration, more over, the priest and deacon then kiss the altar itself; as the occasion suggests, the priest also incenses the cross and the altar.

50. When the Entrance chant is concluded, the priest stands at the chair and, together with the whole gathering, makes the Sign of the Cross. Then he signifies the presence of the Lord to the community gathered there by means of the Greeting. By this Greeting and the people's response, the mystery of the Church gathered together is made manifest. After the greeting of the people, the priest, the deacon, or a lay minister may very briefly introduce the faithful to the Mass of the day.