



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

23RD JULY, 2017

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
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FIRST READING: WIS 12:13.16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING: ROM 8:26-27

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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 13:24-43

Let them grow together until the harvest.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

30TH JULY 2017

FIRST READING: 1 KGS 3:5.7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

SECOND READING: ROM 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

Gospel: Mt 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

REFLECTION

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose. The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness. There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

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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, Sue Berry, Marie McGovern, Corizon Wynter, Brendan Maloney, Peter Rinkin, Laurence Matheson, Michael Allen, Bernie Eddlebuttel, Fercus Cranston, Louise Havenaar, Raymond McBriarty, Janora Senders and Margaret Boyton.

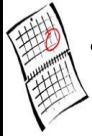
ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Love, Richard Norris, Kevin Worth, Robert Matheson, Marie Burke, and Chrissie Milligan.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patrick Byrne, Doug Welch, Charles Mountaine, Marie Walshe (Adelaide) and Barry McGill.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

6th SUN.

Lord, You are good and for - giv - ing!



PARISH

CALENDAR

MONDAY 24TH JULY

10am Meditation Group - Old Presbytery
1.45pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 25TH JULY

9.30am Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Comm + Exp
9.30 -11am T&W Library Old Pres.
10am Women's Prayer Grp - Old Library
10.30-11.30am Old Bar Church open for prayers & Rosary
12pm Men's Bible Study- Old Pres.
5.30pm Taree Mass
6.30pm Women's craft group

WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests
9.30am Taree Mass
9.30 Banyula Nursing Home - Old Bar Anointing Mass
11.40am St Clare's Mass
5.30pm T&W PPC meeting

THURSDAY 27TH JULY

9.30am Taree Mass St Joseph NO PARISH MASS
10am - Liturgy & Opening of new classroom at St Josephs Wingham

FRIDAY 28TH JULY

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

SATURDAY 29TH JULY

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation
5.30pm Taree Rosary
6pm Taree Mass
6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 30TH JULY

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00am Old Bar Rosary
7.30am Old Bar Mass
7.50am Wingham Rosary
8-8.20am Wingham reconciliation
8.30am Wingham Mass
9am Taree Rosary
9.30am Taree Mass
5.00pm Cundletown Mass

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

Are available for collection from the Parish Office. If you would like your receipt sent to your Mass Centre, please advise the Office. Thank you.

OPENING OF NEW CLASSROOM AT ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, WINGHAM

Bishop Bill Wright will be attending to open the new classroom at the School, with a Liturgy at 10am followed by light refreshments. All parishioners and friends are invited to attend. Phone Mary on 6553 4774.

ENCOUNTERING JESUS

Come to spend a day of prayers and reflections at the Tea Gardens on Friday 28th July at St Stephens Church Hall Witt Street. For more information, please contact Zoe Marr at 4979 1328.

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 out. Any questions please contact Natasha Brotherton on 0407 589 935.

ANNA'S GROUP

To meet at Taree West Bowling Club on Sunday 6th August, at 12 noon for lunch.

MARTHA'S GROUP

To meet at the Parish Resource Centre, on Monday 14th August, at 12 noon for lunch. Meat pie day! No numbers needed as extra pies will be ordered.

St JAMES

Saint James was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was fishing with his father and John the Apostle when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fisherman, who were unable to catch any fish that day, to dip their nets in the water once again. When the fishermen followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full, and after emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight. Later, James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration, and when he and his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by Jesus. Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He travelled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain. It is said that one day, as he prayed, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to build her a church, which he did. Later, James returned to Jerusalem but was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who decapitated him. Saint James the Greater is known as the first apostle to die. As he was not allowed to be buried following his martyrdom, his remains were taken to Compostela, Spain, by some of his followers, who buried him. In the ninth century his remains were discovered and moved to a tomb in Santiago de Compostela. Today, his remains can still be found in the Cathedral of Santiago. Because Santiago de Compostela is the most frequently visited place pilgrims migrate to following Rome and Jerusalem, Pope Leo declared it a shrine.



St James' Feast Day is celebrated on the 25th July.



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