

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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Good Stewards Sharing the
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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

26th July 2015

This Weeks Readings

First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

*There is one body, one Lord,
one faith, one baptism.*

Gospel

John 6: 1 - 1

*He distributed to those who were
seated as much as they wanted.*

Reflection

What can this Gospel can teach us about our lives today? What should we ponder on this coming week? How should we live our lives in accordance with the gospel?

First let's think about providing in abundance; we heard today not only of the feeding, but of the leftovers. The Lord says, "They will eat and have some left over", and "they filled twelve hampers with scraps." For us, we must trust that the Lord knows what we need and will provide for us, not just the minimum to survive, but in abundance, whether that abundance is food, friends, knowledge or spiritual support. We as Christians are not guaranteed an easy life - in many ways the opposite; we are not praying for an abundance of wealth or for all the sweets we can eat. When we are doing the Lord's work, he will support us, give us the gifts to do that work, and give them to us in abundance. The very fact I can stand here trying to break open the word of the Lord is an example for me, of the abundance of his gifts.

Next, introducing others to Jesus. Andrew, one of my favourite disciples for this very reason, is always introducing people to Jesus. Here we find him introducing a small boy with his packed lunch. Why did he do it? Would all his friends, the other disciples, laugh at him for suggesting this boy could help? Or did he think, Jesus will turn this small meal into enough for everyone? I doubt it. But Andrew took that risk and look what happened.

Offer what you have...Charity is one of the great pillars of our faith, watch what happens when you give, of your time, your love, your skills or even your wealth. God will take it and do something amazing with it.

From a reflection on the Gospel by Deacon John Scanlon



Responsorial Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.



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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Taree Thursday Morning Mass

Will be celebrated at St Joseph's School on Thursday 30th July at 9.30am. All parishioners are invited to attend. A cuppa will be provided after Mass. Please come along and join in with the children in their celebrations.

Sacraments 2015 Congratulations to all the children who were confirmed on Friday evening. A big thank you to the parents and grandparents who love and care for them, for bringing them to our church. Thank you also to the members of our sacramental team who give so generously of their time and do such an amazing job preparing the children for their initiation.

Children's Mass at Old Bar A Children's Mass will be held at the Old Bar Church in David St on Sunday 2nd Aug at 7:30 am. We wish to encourage the children to participate fully in the Readings, prayers and music. If your children/grandchildren would like to be involved they are invited to come along to the Old Bar church for a practice on Sat 25th July at 2:00pm. After Mass there will be a light breakfast for everyone, served in the Soldiers Memorial Hall which is close to the Church on David St. For any enquiries or offers of help please call Linda on 65574060.

Carols in the Church will be held on Sunday 6th December 2015 in Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree. A wrap up meeting to discuss last years event and to plan this years event will be held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 28th July 2015** in the Resource Centre. Please come along and support this event. A light supper will be provided. Enquiries to Jan on 6552 1084.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous response to the winter appeal. Donations total \$2238.00 and a special thank you to St Clare's and St Joseph's students for the blankets and rugs that were very much need this year. Thank you.

President - Herby Ploder

Couples for Christ invite you to attend a **Christian Life Program**

at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Taree. Orientation Day will be held on Saturday 8th August at 1.30pm. Further sessions will be on Saturdays from 1.30 to 3.30pm. For further information phone 6553 9834.

Formation Program for Parish and other Ministries

Formation Program for Parish and Other Ministries will be held on **Saturday 22 August** at 9:30 AM at 125 Broadmeadow Road, Broadmeadow. **Spirituality for Ministry** 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Unit SM 1: Discipleship (Sr Patricia Egan) 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm Unit SM 2: The Church of Maitland-Newcastle (Mrs Teresa Bri-erley). These units have been designed especially for members of Parish Leadership/Pastoral/ Finance Councils and Teams as well as those involved in other parish groups and ministries. They are offered free of charge. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee provided. To RSVP Phone Sharon 02 4979 1134 or email sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au.

Parish Paper Preparation for the publication of our next Parish Paper has begun. The deadline date for this publication is the 7th August. Remember this is your paper, please send your articles, news, photos, (all with names attached) by dropping them into the parish office or by emailing them to kneppy@tpg.com.au. Emailed photos appreciated wherever possible.
Thanks Mike Hogan

Wingham Parish Paper Report parishioners would have noticed that our last Parish paper had no Wingham Parish News!!! Terry's shoes are hard to fill, we don't have a replacement for her yet. If you are able to help the Parish Paper Committee by taking over Terry's job and become our news gatherer for Wingham would you please contact Mike Hogan 6552 1478.

Anna's Group will meet at 12pm on Sunday 2nd August 2015 at Taree West Bowling Club fro lunch.

Martha's Group will meet at 12noon on Monday 10th August 2015 in the Resource Centre for a "Fish and Chip" lunch. Please RSVP to Monica ph: 6552 3410.

Anglican Mens's Dinner will be on Wednesday 12th August 6 for 6.30pm in St John's Anglican hall. \$15.00 per person. Guest speaker Leif Anderson on Bees. Please RSVP by Monday 10th August to Dennis phone 6553 9474.

St Vincent de Paul Taree wish to advise that they no longer take donations of furniture items.

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

Michael Holstein, Bev Crouch, Phillip Stanford, Barry Armitage, Lillian and Bernie Eddlebuttel, Kelly Sherlock, Marcelle le Clare, Mary Headley, Ann Cleal, Anne Keating, Helen Wooster, Peter Chowne, Mayce Clarke, Margaret Cross, Debbie Hitchen, Catherine Worrell, Vicki Sciulli, Ben Foster, Noel Hinton, Mavis Capon, Cyril McGovern, Mary McCaffrey, Chum Cavanagh, Terry Donnelly, Sheila McDonald, Brendan Maloney, Barbara Hannan, Mike Molloy, Evie May Trotter, Cliff Flanagan, Neil O'Regan, Shirley Dean, Marie McGovern, Tom Berryman, Paul Cantwell, Von Hobson, Bill Abdo.

Anniversaries: Marie Burke, Arthur Smith, Leo Belcher, Mervyn Evans, Jopan Evans, Cornelius 'Con' Hogan, Ellen 'Nell' Hogan, Clare Moy.

Recently Deceased: James Bastick, Victor Fazio, Elizabeth 'Betty' Salter

May they rest in peace.



SCAE Roster
Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Taree

Saturday 1st August 2015

6.00pm SCAE

Leader: Allan Gallagher
 Gospel: Merri Rumble
 Reflection: Peter Dahdah
 Communion: Jan Swift

Sunday 9th August 2015

6.00pm SCAE

Leader: Pat Wolfenden
 Gospel: Henry Sowa
 Reflection:
 Communion: Fran Dawson

Saturday 15th August 2015

6.00pm SCAE

Leader: Peter Dahdah
 Gospel: Paul Hogan
 Reflection: Tony Frost
 Communion: Mike Hogan

Help Please!

Please phone the parish office if you can fill any of the vacancies on the roster.

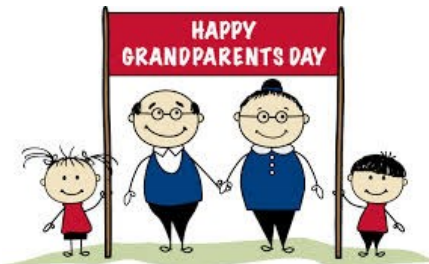
Note: All other readers as per usual roster.

Grandparents Great Vocation 2015

On Sunday July 26 we celebrate the feasts of Sts Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus.

To all our grandparents, thanks for all the gifts of life and faith they have given us.

Each Grandparent is unique and irreplaceable. As society changes, the role of Grandparents changes. But some things about Grandparents are constant. Join us in celebrating the gift they are in our lives.



STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE Joachim and Anne were greatly honoured by God who gave them a daughter conceived without sin who was to become known as the Mother of God! It would seem that they performed their parenting responsibilities with great grace. Their feast day on July 26 is a day to honour them and all grandparents for their contribution to our lives.

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St Martha - July 29

Martha was the sister of Mary and Lazarus. They lived in the little town of Bethany near Jerusalem. They were dear friends of Jesus, and he often came to visit them. In fact, the Gospel tells us: "Jesus loved Martha, and her sister Mary and Lazarus." It was St. Martha who lovingly served the Lord when he visited them. One day, she was preparing a meal for Jesus and his disciples. She realized that the task would be easier if her sister would help. She watched Mary sitting quietly at Jesus' feet, listening to him. "Lord, tell my sister to help me," Martha suggested. Jesus was very pleased with Martha's loving service. However, he wanted her to know that listening to God's Word and praying is even more important. So he said gently, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious about many things, but only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part."

St. Martha's great faith in Jesus was seen when her brother Lazarus died. As soon as she heard that Jesus was coming to Bethany, Martha went to meet him. She trusted Jesus and felt the freedom to say: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Then Jesus told her that Lazarus would rise. He said, "He who believes in me, even if he die, shall live. Do you believe this?" And Martha answered, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world." Jesus worked a great miracle and raised Lazarus from the dead!

Later, Jesus came again to have supper with Lazarus, Martha and Mary. St. Martha served them at table as always. This time, though, Martha had a much more loving attitude. She served with a joyful heart.

Sometimes we don't like to do certain chores. They seem heavy and unpleasant. At those times, we can ask St. Martha to give us a joyful attitude. We can ask her to show us that the littlest thing we do

becomes beautiful when we do it for Jesus.

http://www.saintmarthachurch.org/saint_martha_biography.htm



Ignatius of Loyola - July 31st

St Ignatius of Loyola was born the youngest son of a Basque noble family. As a young soldier he fought against the French army and eventually sustained a crippling leg injury. During his long recovery, he read books about the life of Christ and the saints and was duly converted. After a pilgrimage to Jerusalem he went to study in France, where he also did evangelical work as a layman. Together with a small group of followers, Ignatius offered his services to the Pope. They were ordained as priests and in 1540 the Pope gave formal approval to their religious order known as the Society of Jesus. Ignatius remained in Rome as the head of the Jesuits which grew to over one thousand members at the time of his death in 1556.

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Next Weekend 2nd August 2015

First Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

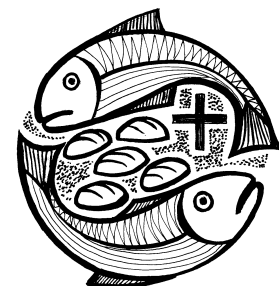
Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 17, 20 - 24

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

Gospel: John 6: 24 - 35

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Liturgies and Meetings

Monday 27th			10.00am 1.45pm 7.30pm	Meditation Group - Reading Room Taree - Hour of Prayer for Priests Taree - Men's Bible study Contact Herbie 0416049834 to confirm time.
Tuesday 28th	9.30am 5.30pm	Harrington Liturgy of the Word & Exposition. Taree Mass	10.00am 10.30-11.30am 6.30 - 8.30pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	Women's Prayer Group - Old Library Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayer St Mary's Craft Group - SMH Carols in the Church - Team Meeting OB - "Our Mother's Love" Prayer Group
Wednesday 29th	9.30am	<u>St Martha</u> Taree Mass	8.50am 9.30-11am 10.00am	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T & W Library Open Hospitality Group - Resource Centre
Thursday 30th	9.30am	Taree Mass - St Joseph's School	4.30pm	RCIA Team Meeting
Friday 31st	9.00am 11.00am	<u>St Ignatius of Loyola</u> Taree Liturgy of the Word Wingham Liturgy of the Word	9.30am 3.00pm	Taree - Exposition Old Bar Exposition and Cenacle
Saturday 1st August	6.00pm 6.00pm	<u>St Alphonsus Liguori</u> <u>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Taree SCAE Harrington Vigil Mass	10.30am 11am - 12noon	Couples for Christ Taree Reconciliation
Sunday 2nd	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm 6.00pm	<u>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Old Bar Mass - Children's Mass Wingham SCAE Taree Mass Lansdowne Mass Cundletown SCAE	7.00am After Mass 7.50am 12.00pm	Old Bar Reciting of Holy Rosary Breakfast in Soldiers Memorial Hall Wingham Reciting of Holy Rosary Anna's Group - Taree West Bowling Club
Monday 3rd			9.30-1.30pm 10.00am 1.45pm 7.30pm	Catechist Training - St Joseph's Wingham Meditation Group - Reading Room Taree - Hour of Prayer for Priests Taree - Men's Bible study Contact Herbie 0416049834 to confirm time.
Tuesday 4th	9.30am 5.30pm	<u>Feast Day for Parish Priests</u> Harrington Liturgy of the Word & Exposition. Taree Mass	10.00am 10.30-11.30am 7.30pm	Women's Prayer Group - Old Library Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayer OB - "Our Mother's Love" Prayer Group
Wednesday 5th	9.30am	Taree Mass	8.50am 9.30-11am 10.00am	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T & W Library Open Hospitality Group - Resource Centre
Thursday 6th	9.30am	<u>Transfiguration of the Lord</u> Taree Mass - St Joseph's School		
Friday 7th	9.00am 10.15am 11.00am	Taree Liturgy Taree Mass at St Joseph's School Taree - Mary MacKillop Feast Day Wingham Liturgy of the Word	9.30am 10.30am 3.00pm	Taree - Exposition Secular Franciscans - Resource Centre Old Bar Exposition and Cenacle
Saturday 8th	6.00pm 6.00pm	<u>St Mary of the Cross</u> <u>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Taree Vigil Mass Harrington Vigil SCAE	9.30am 11am - 12noon	Our Lady of the Rosary - Rosary Makers Taree Reconciliation
Sunday 9th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	<u>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Old Bar SCAE Wingham Mass Taree SCAE Cundletown Mass	7.00am 7.50am	Old Bar Reciting of Holy Rosary Wingham Reciting of Holy Rosary