

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF TAREE & WINGHAM

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TAREE PARISH & WINGHAM PARISH - DIOCESE OF MAITLAND NEWCASTLE

Mass centres of Cundletown, Harrington, Lansdowne & Old Bar

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

31st of July 2016

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

What do people gain by all their work?

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

REFLECTION

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!



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RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR ALL BULLETIN NOTICES IS WEDNESDAY 3PM. NOTICES RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL BE PLACED IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

**WORKSHOP WITH FR RICHARD LENNAN
ST CLARES HALL THURSDAY 4TH OF AUGUST
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**

The 150th anniversary of our diocese is the ideal time to explore what it means for us to be Church. Professor Richard Lennan will guide us in posing the questions and formulating a direction to best shape our faith and its challenges today, in his series of seminars entitled 'The Church: Continuing the Pilgrimage of Hope'.

Fr Richard's seminar fees are usually \$330 per person, he is donating his time to us, having flown from Boston USA. We strongly encourage people to take advantage of this free seminar.

An added bonus, for Catholic schools staff, is that CSO Faith Education Accreditation (FEA) hours are creditable for each of Richards seminars/presentations.

Fr Richard will be giving a seminar on the 4th of August 2016, at St Clare's High School, Library, Taree, from 1pm to 4pm.

ALL WELCOME, REGISTRATIONS NOT REQUIRED!!

For more information please contact;
sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES TAREE

Planned giving envelopes will be available for collection from Our Lady of the Rosary Church from Saturday 23rd July. Tax receipts have been attached to the envelopes.

THANK YOU

A big thank you for all those who attended the film Apparition Hill. We are pleased to announce a total of \$820 was donated to the local Cancer Assistance Network in the Manning Valley, Can Assist. Also thank you to all those who attended the Christmas in July Dinner. A total of \$600 was raised for St Vincent De Paul Society.

VOLUNTEER - PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is seeking a suitably qualified person to Volunteer in the Office, with a view of the possibility of permanent work in the future. If you have previous Office Administration skills, and are familiar with the Church, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN THE TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES:

Patricia Wolfenden, Bev Crouch, Julie Rice, Tom Berryman, Helen Trappel, May and Terry Bailey, Teresa Harvey, Kelvin Cowan, Joe Zarb, Sue Davis, Eve Collins, Bill Walker, Rose Sansom, Nino Menta, Paul Cantwell, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Mary Trapple, Bill and Dorothy Wright, Bryce Gaudry, Eric Trad, Major Ray Allen, Shirley Scanes, Cameron Hyde, Lawrence Mason, Narelle Ritter, Neil Gorton, Pat Berry and Barry Armitage.

ANNIVERSARIES: Arthur Smith, Thomas Earley, Cornelius "Con" Joseph Hogan, Ellen "Mel" Hogan and Holly Gobrightly.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia Northam, Brian Love, John Higgin and Mary Kite.



SEEKING PARISH COOK & LAUNDRY ASSISTANT

The Parish Office is seeking a cook and laundry assistant. You will be required to cook one meal each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Also to assist with washing and ironing laundry clothes and Church linen one day per week. If you think you can fulfil this role, please contact the Parish Office on 65521084.

ANNA'S GROUP

Will meet on Sunday the 7th of August after the Taree Mass at Club Taree.

MARTHA'S GROUP

Will meet in the Resource Centre at 12 noon on Monday the 8th of August for Meat Pie Day. No orders required.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR RCIC

Wingham: Celebrated on the 14th of August during the 8.30am Mass. The children should arrive by 8.15am. A celebration will follow in the School Hall. Family, friends and parishioners are all welcome to attend.

Taree: Celebrated on the 21st of August during the 9.30am. A celebration will follow in the St Mary's Hall. Family and friends are all welcome to attend.

POPE FRANCIS' BOOK 'THE NAME OF GOD IS MERCY'

In his first book published as Pope, and in conjunction with the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis here invites all humanity to an intimate and personal dialogue on the subject closest to his heart - mercy - which has long been the cornerstone of his faith and is now the central teaching of his papacy. If anyone would like to purchase a copy of this book, please contact the office on 65521084. \$24.00 per book.

COMBINED PARISH GOLF DAY

East Maitland Golf Club will be hosting a Combined Parish Golf Day on the 5th of August 2016. Commencing 8.00am for 8.30am hit off. Entry is available to both parishioners and friends. Format 4 person Ambrose. Pre-game tea/coffee available and lunch provided. Registrations forms available at the Taree Parish Office. Cost \$50 per player. For more information phone 02 4979 1142.

The Transfiguration of Our Lord



This is an extraordinary Feast of hope which can help us to live differently, right now. We are invited, by reflecting on this significant event in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, to focus us on the *end* of the Christian life. *End* in the philosophical and theological sense means purpose or goal. The Transfiguration helps to explain the very meaning and purpose of life!

We will all be transfigured, as the Lord Himself was transfigured, when our redemption is complete in the Resurrection of the Body. Then, we will live in the new heaven and new earth, in a transformed cosmos! This reality is meant to affect the way we live our lives beginning right now. However, many Christians have never even considered it. Many do not even know it is the teaching of the Gospel and the teaching of the Church.

The Church, in the words of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council, is a sign and seed of the kingdom to come. Our life within the Church is a real participation in the eternal realities of the life to come, in a new heaven and a new earth - but it begins in the here and now.

The Christian life is meant to be a real participation in the Divine Nature, every day. We are being transfigured in Christ, even now, as actively we follow Him. This transfiguration will only be complete when the entire person, including the body, is fully redeemed and transformed.

The Lord Jesus has shown us the way up the mountain. He has invited us into a new way of living in Him through living within the communion of the Church. Living in that Church we are invited to go into the world and invite all men and women, through the waters of the womb of Baptism, into the new communion of love where they can begin the process of conversion and transfiguration.

Let us draw encouragement and inspiration from the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ and respond to the invitations of grace in our daily lives in order to grow more fully into the Image and likeness of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord revealing His Transfigured glory to a world waiting to be born anew.

We are being called into an ongoing transformation in Jesus Christ, beginning right now.

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Words of Wisdom



“At His Transfiguration Christ showed His disciples the splendor of His beauty to which He will shape and color those who are His: “He will reform our lowness configured to the body of His Glory.”

St Thomas Aquinas

MASS SCHEDULE & MEETINGS

Monday 1st		<u>St Alphonsus Mary Liguori</u>	10.00am 1.45pm 7.30pm	Meditation Group-Old Presbytery Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests Men's Bible Study Group
Tuesday 2nd	9.30am 5.30pm	<u>St Peter Faber</u> Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Com & Exposition Taree Mass	10.00am 10.30-11.30am 6.30pm	Women's Prayer grp - Old Library Old Bar Church open Women's Craft Group
Wednesday 3rd	9.30am	<u>St Dominic</u> Taree Mass	8.50am 9.30-11.00am	Taree Marian Movement of Priests. T & W Library Open
Thursday 4th	9.30am	<u>St John Mary Vianney</u> Taree Mass at St Joseph's School	1.00-4.00pm 3.45pm	Fr Richard Lennan work- shop at St Clare's High School RCIC - Holy Communion Session 1 & 2 at St Josephs School Taree
Friday 5th	9.00am 11am	Taree Mass Wingham Mass with St Joseph's school children	9.30am 10.00-2.00pm 3.00pm	Taree Exposition Franciscans Mtg - Res C Old Bar Exposition & MMP
Saturday 6th	6.00pm 6.00pm	<u>The Transfiguration of the Lord</u> <u>19th Sunday in Ord Time</u> Taree Vigil Mass Harrington Vigil SCAE	10.30am 11.00am-12pm 6.00pm	Couples for Christ - Res C Taree Reconciliation RCIC Holy Communion Session 3 Taree(after Mass)
Sunday 7th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	<u>19th Sunday in Ord Time</u> Old Bar SCAE Wingham Mass Taree SCAE Cundletown Mass	7.50am 8-8.20am 8.30am 9.30am	Wingham Rosary Wingham Reconciliation RCIC Holy Communion Session 3&4 and Practice (after Mass) RCIC Holy Communion Session 3 Taree(after Mass)

Next Week 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading : Wisdom 18:6-9

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

Second Reading : Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Gospel : Luke 12:32-48

See that you are prepared.

7th of August 2016

