



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

13TH AUGUST, 2017

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
13TH AUGUST 2017

FIRST READING: 1 KGS 19:9, 11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING: ROM 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MT 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

REFLECTION

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God. As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.



A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

Dianne Bergant CSS

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
20TH OF AUGUST 2017

FIRST READING: IS 56:1, 6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

SECOND READING: ROM 11:13-15, 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

GOSPEL: MT 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

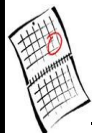
SICK: Patricia Wolfenden, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Helen Wooster, Mikala Corben, Sonia Pinkerton, Anne Cleal, Jim Wills, Robert MacGregor, Sue Berry, Brendan Maloney, Peter Rinkin, Laurence Matheson, Michael Allen, Bernie Eddlebuttel, Louise Havenaar, Raymond McBriarty, Janora Senders, Margaret Boyton, Bill Walker, Bev Crouch and Mary Headley.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joy Skinner, Euleen Benjamin, Dot Stewart and Clem Gallagher.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Derry Willis, Anne Moloney, John Lynch and Marcia Ryan.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Musical notation for the Responsorial Psalm. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (Bb) and a 3/2 time signature. The lyrics are: "Lord, show us your mercy and love and grant us your salvation." Chords are indicated above the staff: Bb, Gm, Cm7, Dm, Bb, Eb, Cm, F, Bb.



PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 14TH AUGUST

10am Meditation Group - Old
Presbytery
12.00pm Martha's Group-Res C
1.45pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST

**9.30am Harrington Liturgy of the
Word + Comm + Exp**
9.30 - 11am T&W Library Old Pres.
10am Women's Prayer Grp - Old
Library

10.30am Wingham Mass

10.30-11.30am Old Bar Church
open for prayers & Rosary
12pm Men's Bible Study- Old Pres.
5.00pm Taree Rosary

5.30pm Taree Mass

WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for
Priests

9.30am Taree Mass

10.30am Bishop Tyrell Anointing
Mass

THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST

9.30am Taree Mass
(Taree school Mass cancelled)

FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST

9am Taree Mass

9.30am Taree Exposition

11am Wingham School Mass

11.30am Wingham Liturgy Mtg
3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST

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10.30am C for C - Res C
11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation
5.30pm Taree Rosary

6pm Taree Mass

6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST

20TH 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

CAROL'S IN THE CHURCH - 2018

The Parish has decided to hold the Christmas Carol's In the Church event every two years. The next event will be held in December 2018. We thank the Carol's Committee for their hard work over the past three years, and look forward to next year's event being a successful and inclusive community event.

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.

SWIFT/DUREAU FAMILY GROUP

To meet on Sunday the 20th of August, Taree Race Day. Please contact David Archer ASAP, on 6556 7248 if you would like to attend or just enquire. Wear your fascinator or beanie, enjoy the atmosphere and excitement. Collect free tickets from Mary 6552 5596, by Friday the 18th of August.

WHITE/MOYLAN FAMILY GROUP

CHANGE OF DATE from 13th to 20th August. Soup lunch at the Dawson's, 12 noon. Ring Fran on 6553 9040 with numbers. Thank you.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST MORNING TEA

Please note that the Couples for Christ morning tea for has been changed to the 27th August.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

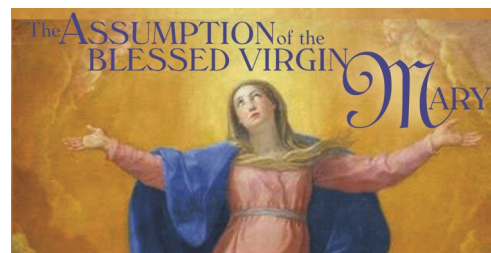
We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on the 24th of September. This year, the Australian Bishop's Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy.' The statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website or call (02)8306 3499.

2018 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

Anyone wanting to purchase a 2018 Art Calendar from the St Columban's Mission Society, may order through the Parish Office. Cost will be \$9 each, with proceeds of the Calendar supporting the Columban Missionary work.

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY MASS AND SUPER - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

To commemorate the feast day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday the 15th of August, Mass will be celebrated in Wingham at 10:30am, the rosary will be recited at 5.00pm in the Taree Church followed by Mass and supper in the Resource Centre. Please bring a plate to share if you are able to attend.



THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXPLAINS HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION THIS WAY:

On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body. Family needs or important social service can legitimately excuse from the obligation of Sunday rest.

The faithful should see to it that legitimate excuses do not lead to habits prejudicial to religion, family life, and health [CCC 2185].

The Code of Canon Law spells out when the holy days of obligation are on the Church's universal calendar: Can. 1246 §1. Sunday, on which by apostolic tradition the paschal mystery is celebrated, must be observed in the universal Church as the primordial holy day of obligation. The following days must also be observed:

- * The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
- * The Epiphany
- *The Ascension
- * Holy Mary the Mother of God
- * Her Immaculate Conception
- * The Assumption
- * St Peter and St Paul the Apostles
- * All saints (<https://www.catholic.com>)