



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

3RD OF DECEMBER 2017

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
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FIRST READING: Is 63:16-17

Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia

GOSPEL Mk 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT - LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Presider blesses the wreath and the assembly with the sprinkling of holy water and says:

May the sprinkling of this water remind all of us gathered here of our first sharing in the grace of Baptism. During this time of Advent, may we prepare for the Lord's coming with open hearts and minds. May this wreath be a symbol to us of this time of prayerful watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord.

The Presider lights the first candle, often named the Prophets' Candle as the prophets prepared the way for the future coming of the Messiah.

V: Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old. The Prophet Isaiah called the Chosen People and today calls all people 'to walk in the light of the Lord.

R: Come, Lord Jesus

V: Lord Jesus, we believe you come among us now. St Paul urges us to be people of the light and to let our armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

R: Come, Lord Jesus

V: Lord Jesus, you will come again in Glory. You ask us to 'stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at the hour we do not expect'.

R: Come, Lord Jesus

Presider : Grant your faithful, we pray, Almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that gathered at your right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever.

R: Amen



**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
10TH OF DECEMBER 2017**

FIRST READING: Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Prepare the way for the Lord.

SECOND READING: 2 Pt 3:8-14

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

GOSPEL Mk 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

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, Mikala Corben, Sonia Pinkerton, Jim Wills, Sue Berry, Margaret Boyton, Bev Crouch, Bruce Mackie, Myra Coleman, Maureen Reed, Ray Reed, Lawrence Mattheson, Margaret Baker, Jennifer Anne Corben, Peter Holden, Robert MacGregor, Mary Headley, Bill Walker, Ellen Smith and Carmel Matheson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Remedios Patigas, Aaron Patigas, Macke Macario, Monica Marshall, CC Michael and Annamma Abraham.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER

9:30 Quilters Grp- Res C
10 am Mediation Grp -Old Pres
1.45 pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests
7.00pm - 9.00pm RCIA - Advent Seminar

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER

9.30am Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Comm + Exp
10am Women's Prayer Grp - Old Library
10.30-11.30am Old Bar Church open for prayers & Rosary
12.00pm Men's Bible Study - Old Pres.
5.30pm Taree Mass
6pm T Liturgy meeting

WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests
9.30am Taree Mass
2.00pm Storm Village mass

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

9:30am Taree Mass

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

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

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30am Rosary Makers Grp-Old Lib
11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation.
5.30pm Taree Rosary
6pm Taree Mass
6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.00am Old Bar Rosary
7.30am Old Bar Mass
7.50am W Rosary
8-8:20am Wingham Reconciliation
8.30am Wingham Mass
9am Taree Rosary
9.30am Taree Mass
6.00pm Cundletown Mass
6.00pm Lansdowne Mass

ALTAR SERVERS CHRISTMAS PARTY AND RAFFLE

On Saturday the 16th of December the parish will be holding a Christmas Party for the altar servers from all Mass Centres. To start at 4:30pm in the Taree Resource Centre. Please RSVP the parish office by Friday the 15th of December for catering purposes. Over the next coming weeks the Taree Liturgy Team will be running a raffle to help raise money for the altars servers funds.

ANNA'S GROUP

Will meet at Taree West Bowling club for a Christmas get together on the 3rd of December at 12 noon.

SWIFT/DUREAU FAMILY GROUP

Share a Christmas meal at Holsteins home on Sunday 10th December 2017 at 6pm. Please phone Anne a week ahead on mobile 0407484930 to discuss your contribution to the meal.

OLD BAR FAMILY GROUP

Will meet for Christmas Lunch at Peter and Cheryl Neals' home at Oxley Island on the 3rd of December at 12noon. RSVP Cheryl on 0448445401.

PARISH PAPER

Unfortunately the next issue of the Parish paper will not be published as planned. Our team is small and each member is currently having overload issues. However we will return early in the New Year.

2018 BISHOP'S AWARD

The Bishop's Award has been extended to include Catholic students from Years 7-11 not enrolled in Catholic secondary schools and young people from Year 12 to age 25. The Bishop's Award for secondary students currently enrolled in Years 7-11 in one of our Catholic secondary schools continues to be available. Applications close on the 9th of February 2018. Forms available from the Taree Parish office. If you should have any queries, please contact Cath Garrett-Jones on bishopsaward@mn.catholic.edu.au

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Have cancelled all meetings for December and will resume meeting on the first and third of each month from January onwards.

+ RCIA +

Monday 7.00pm-9.00pm

Taree Resource Centre

MONDAY THE 4TH OF DECEMBER

Vivian Williams, Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Co-Ordinator is offering us an Advent Seminar on Mark's Year B Gospel. Tea/coffee and light refreshments will be provided. If anyone would like to attend please contact the office on 65521084.



WINGHAM HEALING MASS

To be held on Friday the 8th of December at 11am.

WINGHAM WORKING BEE

To be held on Saturday the 9th of December at 9am. Morning tea provided, please BYO tools.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Please help the needy in our area. Boxes will be placed in front of the altars at all Mass centres. Would you please bring donations of non-perishable food, excluding products containing nuts. Thank you for your generosity.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The 2017 Christmas Appeal will be held from the 2nd of December till the end of December. Envelopes will be available in all the Mass Centres during the appeal. Taree Vincent de Paul would like to thank all parishioners for their past support. So far in 2017, 480 families have been helped, with over 100 new clients and \$120,000 provided in assistance. Please give generously to support this appeal. Thank you.