

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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1st Sunday of Lent- Year A

5th of March, 2017

FIRST READING

Gen 2: 7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord creates man and the garden of Eden.

SECOND READING

Rom 5:12-19

Jesus has atoned for Adam's sin.

GOSPEL

Matthew 4: 1-11

Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert

REFLECTION

The readings for the First Sunday of Lent act as a kind of overture to the entire season. They enable us to engage in a double confession: a confession of sin and the repentance which follows; and a confession of praise for the mercy of God which is shown us in spite of our sin. The very first reading reminds us of our fragility. We are made of the dust of the ground, the very stuff that represents death and decay. We were reminded of this when ashes were used to sign us on Ash Wednesday. At the beginning of Lent we are invited to acknowledge honestly and realistically our fundamental human weakness. Despite our weaknesses, the situation within which we find ourselves is not hopeless. Somewhere deep within ourselves we know that we are not helpless prisoners of our limitations. God has not deserted us to our guilt. The form that God's compassion takes is outlined in the reading from Romans. It is in the death and resurrection of Jesus that we see the extent of this divine compassion. Its scope is first measured by the yardstick of human sinfulness, and then it outstrips those dimensions. God's gracious gift far exceeds the effects of human transgression. The gospel reading moves us from both the anthropological and the theological considerations to the crowning Christological reflections. As we look to Jesus, we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. There will certainly always be human limitations, human weaknesses that will open the door to temptation. But Jesus shows us that we are not thereby doomed. Jesus is a model for our own journey to new life.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.



BE MERCIFUL, O LORD, FOR WE HAVE SINNED!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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.

ANNA'S GROUP

Will meet at 12pm on Sunday 5th March at Manning Hotel for lunch.

MARTHA'S GROUP

Will meet at 12pm on Saturday 11th March at the Resource Centre for lunch. A guest speaker will be attending.

WHITE/MOYLAN GROUP

Will hold a planning day at the Dawson's residence, 189 Brimbin Rd, Taree, on Sunday 12th March at 12 noon. Contact Fran on 6553 9040. BYO lunch.

SUPPLY OF PALM LEAVES

If there are any parishioners that could supply palm leaves prior to Palm Sunday on the 9th April, could you please contact the Parish Office. Even if you can supply a few, it would be very much appreciated, as it is a lot to ask one person to supply on their own.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CUNDLETOWN

After 35 years of volunteering, Allan and Joan Gallagher are finishing at Cundletown church. If anyone is available to take over the duties of the washing, Ironing and cleaning at Cundletown could you please contact the Parish Office.

ST PATRICK'S FEAST DAY MASSES

To celebrate the feast day of St Patrick there will be a Mass in Taree at 9.00am and Cundletown at 11.00am.

ST PATRICK DAY DINNER

Will be in St Marys Hall on Friday 17th March. 6.00pm for 6.30pm. Cost \$15 per person. Irish Stew, damper and dessert. Wear something green and come along for a fun night. Raffles, lucky door, trading table. RSVP and payment by Wednesday 25th to Parish Office.

CHURCH PARKING

Please be aware this is a shared area so it would be appreciated if people could park only in the car spaces provided to ensure safe entry and exit of all visitors.

LEPROSY MISSION TAREE - COACH TRIP

Taree Auxillary of the Leprosy Mission are holding a coach trip on the 10th of March to visit Edstein Creative Stone and travel over some of the lower lands of Taree. Morning tea and lunch provided on the way. please book by phoning Phyl Smith on 6552 5556.

CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP RESCHEDULED

Explore the Re-translated Order of Confirmation and related Diocesan resources and procedures. Recommended for Sacramental teams has been rescheduled to Saturday April 1st from 10am - 12.30pm at Taree Parish Resource Centre. Please book with Sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au or phone 4979 1134.

MENS GROUP DINNER

Wednesday 8th March at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Albert St. 6.00pm for a 6.30pm dinner. With Karen Norling speaking about Uganda. Refreshments available on site. For bookings please contact Dennis Marriot on 6553 9474 or 0409 150 229 by Monday 6th March or before.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent the Following Mass Centres will meet for the Stations of the Cross.

Harrington: Star of the Sea Church - 10.00am

Cundletown: St Patricks Church - 6.30pm

Old Bar: Our Lady of Fatima - 7.00pm

Wingham: Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 10.00am

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

Patricia Wolfenden, Mary and Helen Trapple, Bev Crouch, Julie Rice, Tom Berryman, May and Terry Bailey, Teresa Harvey, Kelvin Cowan, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Ken Campbell, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Helen Wooster, Mikala Corben, Emma Matheson, John Longden, Bernice Revill, Sandra Baker, Joy Schneider and Gustav Debono.

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Armitage, Pauline Lovegrove, Matthew Schuthof, Mona Hancock and John McDonald.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ann Stutsbury.

May they rest in peace.



Rotary Club of Taree North



Invitation

2 Course Dinner and Fundraiser

Guest Speaker

Gemma Sisia

Founder of the School of St Jude in Tanzania

Date: Thursday, 9th March, 2017

Venue: Club Taree, Wingham Road,
Taree.

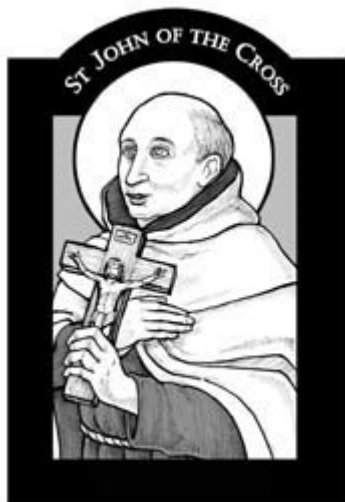
Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

Cost \$40.00 per person

Bookings: Jan Swift 6551 7111

Susan Bell 0421 526 046

(Tickets must be paid for at time of booking)



St John of the Cross was born into a poor Spanish family in 1542. After attending a Jesuit college, he joined the Carmelite Order, studied theology and was ordained a priest at the age of 25. St Teresa of Avila encouraged him to join the Discalced Carmelite Reform, which provided two houses for friars. After several years he was seized and imprisoned by the Calced Carmelite friars, who rejected the reform. John was a mystic and poet, and it was during his captivity that he wrote some of his finest work. He eventually escaped and founded a college at Baeza. St John is regarded as a Doctor of Mystical Theology, and was officially declared a Doctor of the Church in 1926. His feast day is March 5th.

GENERAL INSTRUCTION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

The Place for the Reservation of the Most Holy Eucharist

In accordance with the structure of each church and legitimate local customs, the Most Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a tabernacle in a part of the church that is truly noble, prominent, readily visible, beautifully decorated, and suitable for prayer.

The one tabernacle should be immovable, be made of solid and inviolable material that is not transparent, and be locked in such a way that the danger of profanation is prevented to the greatest extent possible. Moreover, it is appropriate that, before it is put into liturgical use, it be blessed according to the rite described in the Roman Ritual.

It is more in keeping with the meaning of the sign that the tabernacle in which the Most Holy Eucharist is reserved not be on an altar on which Mass is celebrated.

Consequently, it is preferable that the tabernacle be located, according to the judgment of the diocesan Bishop,

- A. Either in the sanctuary, apart from the altar of celebration, in a form and place more appropriate, not excluding on an old altar no longer used for celebration.
- B. Or even in some chapel suitable for the faithful's private adoration and prayer and organically connected to the church and readily visible to the Christian faithful.

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."

St. Alphonsus Liguori

