



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

27TH OF AUGUST, 2017

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
27TH OF AUGUST 2017

FIRST READING: IS 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING: ROM 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MT 16:13-22

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

REFLECTION

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
3RD OF SEPTEMBER 2017

FIRST READING: JER 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

SECOND READING: ROM 12:1-1

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

GOSPEL: MT 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

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, Bernie Eddlebutt, Louise Havenaar, Raymond McBriarty, Janora Senders, Margaret Boyton, Bill Walker, Bev Crouch, Mary Headley, Helen Trappel, Helen Wilson, Jesus Maria Balano, Ellen Smith and Kevin Payne.

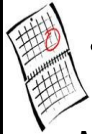
ANNIVERSARIES: Shirley Scane, Judy Peters, Mary Margaret Trappel, Josephine Cross, John Wright, Jean and Arnold Laird, Nonito Balano, Lilia Balano and Federico Snr Balano.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jesus Maria Balano, Martin Shanahan and Gertrude Duchett (nee Smith).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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Lord, — Your love — is et — er — nal, do not for — sake the work of your hands!



PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 28TH AUGUST

10am Meditation Grp - Old Pres.
1.45pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 29TH 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

10.30-11.30am Old Bar Church open for prayers & Rosary
12pm Men's Bible Study- Old Pres.
5.30pm Taree Mass

WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests

9.30am Taree Mass
St Clare's Mass cancelled

5.30pm T&W PPC Mtg - Res C

THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST

9.30am Taree Mass
Taree St Joseph's School Mass cancelled

FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST

9am Taree Mass
9.30am Taree Exposition
10-12pm Franciscans - Res C
11am Wingham School Mass
3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30am-12pm Rosary Makers Grp
10.30am Couple for Christ
11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation
5.30pm Taree Rosary
6pm Taree Mass
6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

22ND 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

VISITING PRIEST TALK ON 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA

Fr Gerald Ryan from the Order of The Confraternity of Christ the Priest will be visiting the Taree Parish on the weekend of the 16th and 17th of September to present a talk on the 100 year anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima. More details to follow in next weeks bulletin.



ST MARY'S CATERING GRP MARKET DAY

Will be holding a market day/garage sale in the hall on Saturday the 9th of September from 7.30am-1.00pm. Donations for garage sale can be left at the hall on Tuesday the 22nd of Aug from 5-8pm, Tuesday the 5th of Sept from 5-8pm and Friday the 8th of Sept from 4-7pm. All proceeds go to the hall for renovations.

DUTCH AUCTION

The Friend's of St Paul's Cundletown are holding a Dutch Auction on Saturday the 23rd of September at 1pm in the St Mary's Hall, Taree. Admission \$6.00, includes 10 auction tickets plus afternoon. For more information please contact Alisa on 65539563 or Diana on 65537247.

2018 COLUMBIAN CALENDAR'S

If anyone would like to order a copy of the 2018 Columbian Calendar, please contact the office on 6552 1084. Cost \$9.00 each.

THE LEPROSY AUXILIARY MISSION

Will be hosting a coach trip on Wednesday the 13th of September to Douglasvale Historical House, Vineyard and Orchard. Departing Endeavour Place Taree at 9.00am estimated return 3.00pm. To book please phone Phil Smith on 65525556.

ANGLICAN MEN'S DINNER

To be held on Wednesday the 13th of September at 6.30pm. \$16.00 per person. Guest speaker Peter Willard. Please contact Dennis Marriott on 65539474 or 0409150229 no later than Monday the 11th.

POSTAL PLEBISCITE

The Australian Government has announced there will be a postal plebiscite on whether the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 should be changed to include "same-sex marriage". Ballot papers will be sent out to households on Tuesday, 12 September and all votes must be received back by Tuesday, 7 November. If you are not enrolled to vote, or if you need to update your postal address, go to www.aec.gov.au/enrol/ before the cut-off date of Thursday, 24 August. Vote No, to keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man.

THE ATONEMENT : LINA'S PROJECT

Lina, a victim of child sexual abuse at the hands of a member of clergy in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, has conceived a project of atonement that is being facilitated by the Diocese. The Atonement: Lina's Project will include a community gathering on Friday the 5th September at Newcastle City Hall. **The Diocese has arranged a bus to allow any members of the community to travel down to Newcastle, to attend this event. Please advise the Parish Office on 6552 1084, should you wish to travel on the bus. You may remain anonymous, however numbers are required for travel and catering at the event. The bus will be scheduled to leave Taree approx. 3pm, and return to Taree at approx. 10pm.**

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