



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

3RD OF SEPTEMBER, 2017

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
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FIRST READING: JER 20:7-9

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: ROM 12:1-1

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MT 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
10TH OF SEPTEMBER 2017

FIRST READING: Ez 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

SECOND READING: ROM 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

GOSPEL: MT 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

REFLECTION

The gospel does not say that Jesus will gallantly step forward, take suffering upon himself, and thus demonstrate his power. Instead, his fate will be a demonstration of his vulnerability. He will be taken forcibly and will suffer at the hands of others. He will do this willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus will be a victim. This picture of Jesus carries implications for discipleship. Whoever follows him must follow him to the cross. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame. Disciples have a choice to follow or not to follow, but if they choose in his favour they must be ready for suffering and humiliation.

Paul exhorts us to reject the standards of the world. This is a very difficult path to follow, especially when it seems that those who conform to this age prosper. Following Christ can place barriers between ourselves and others. If we no longer share their values and their interests, we may feel alienated. Suffering is bound to invade our ministerial lives as well. We must remember that Jesus' message antagonised many people in his day. Those who proclaim the same message in their own contexts must be prepared for a similar reaction.

After witnessing the marvellous feats that Jesus accomplished, we discover that he is going to suffer and be put to death. How can this be? With Peter we protest. With Jeremiah we wonder: Have we been duped? The realisation that we too will have to suffer becomes a crucial test of our faith.

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PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

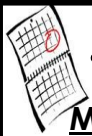
SICK: Patricia Wolfenden, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Helen Wooster, Mikala Corben, Sonia Pinkerton, Anne Cleal, Jim Wills, Robert MacGregor, Sue Berry, Brendan Maloney, Peter Rinkin, Laurence Matheson,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

ANNIVERSARIES: Edward Casey, Alan Lovegrove, Joseph Litjens, Jeanette Chown, Rita Mainey, Myree Quinn and Michael Quinn.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM





PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

9.30am-1pm Quilters grp
10am Meditation Grp - Old Pres.
1.45pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 5TH 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
1pm Men's Bible Study- Old Pres.
5.30pm Taree Mass
6.00pm Taree Liturgy mtg

WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests
9.30am Taree Mass
10.15am St Clare's Mass
2.00pm Storm Village Anointing Mass

THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

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

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY

FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

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

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation
5.30pm Taree Rosary
6pm Taree Mass
6pm Harrington SCAE

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00am Old Bar Rosary
7.30am Old Bar SCAE
7.50am Wingham Rosary
8-8.20am Wingham reconciliation
8.30am Wingham Mass
9am Taree Rosary
9.30am Taree SCAE
5.00pm Cundletown SCAE
5.00pm Lansdowne Mass

PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITS TAREE PARISH

To mark the centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal in 1917, the Confraternity of Christ the Priest is offering a travelling statue - a 1949 hand carved Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima - to visit throughout the dioceses of Australia. Bishop Wright has granted permission for opportunities of recollection and piety to promote the messages of Fatima and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The statue will be visiting Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Taree on Saturday and Sunday the 16th and 17th of September. All are encouraged to take advantage of this particular event by hearing about the Fatima messages of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the 100th anniversary of the apparitions. All welcome.



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 5th of Sept from 5-8pm and Friday the 8th of Sept from 4-7pm. All proceeds go to the hall for renovations.

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.

MANNING PREGNANCY SUPPORT - ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

A healing service will be held at 10am on Tuesday the 12th of September at the Manning Great Lakes Memorial Gardens. All welcome to come along for the service and have morning tea with people supportive of your loss. Those mourning the loss of any person for any reason are also invited to attend this memorial service. For further details contact Wendy on 65531444 or Bernadette 65539369.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MISSALS

If anyone would like to order a copy of the Daily or Sunday Missal, please contact the office on 65521084.

ANNA'S GROUP

Will meet on Sunday the 3rd of September at the Taree West Bowling Club at 12 noon for lunch.

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 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 facilitated by the diocese. The Atonement. Lina's Project will include a community gathering on Friday the 15th 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. The bus will be scheduled to leave Taree approx. 3pm, and return to Taree at approx. 10pm.

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER - DR RICHARD GAILLARDTX

The professor of Catholic Systematic Theology, Boston College, author and editor of 13 books on the contemporary church, will be holding a seminar titled 'the reimagining of church - challenges and opportunities' on Friday the 8th of September from 3.30pm to 7pm. Victor Peters Suite, 841 Hunter St Newcastle West. Cost \$20 per person includes light refreshments. To book phone Sharon Murphy on 49791134.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

"We never give more honour to Jesus than when we honour his Mother, and we honour her simply and solely to honour him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek - Jesus, her Son."

Saint Louis Marie de Montfort