



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

10TH OF SEPTEMBER, 2017

THIS 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: ROM 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MT 18:15-20

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
17TH OF SEPTEMBER 2017

FIRST READING: SIR 27:30-28:7

Forgive your neighbours faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

SECOND READING: ROM 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

GOSPEL: MT 18: 21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

REFLECTION

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

© Dianne Bergant CSS

PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

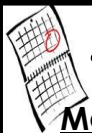
SICK: Patricia Wolfenden, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Mikala Corben, Sonia Pinkerton, Anne Cleal, Jim Wills, Robert MacGregor, Sue Berry, Peter Rinkin, Laurence Matheson, Bernie Eddlebutt, Louise Havenaar,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

ANNIVERSARIES: Vincent Ryan, Natia Boere, Theo Boere, Jaap Boere, Leen Boere, Peiter Boere, Jan Boere, Joanna Boere, John Bos, Iris Mason and Leo Byatt.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brendan Maloney.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM





PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

10am Meditation Grp - Old Pres.
 12.00pm Martha's Grp
 1.45pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 12TH 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
 12.00pm Men's Bible Study- Old Pres.

5.30pm Taree Mass

6.30pm Women's Craft Grp-SMH

WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests

9.30am Taree Mass

St Paul's Nursing Home Mass Cancelled

THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

9.30am Taree Mass

9.30am Taree St Joseph's School Mass Cancelled

5.15pm W Finance Council

FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

9am Taree Mass

9.30am Taree Exposition

11am Wingham School Mass

11.30am Wingham Liturgy mtg
 3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30am Taree Reconciliation
10.00am Taree Filipino Mass
 10.30-4.00pm Fatima talk/Prayers
 5.30pm Taree Rosary
6pm Taree Mass
6pm Harrington Mass
 7.00pm Dinner in Hall

SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

24TH 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
 10.30am Couples for Christ morning tea-Res C followed by prayers/benediction/blessings
 3.00pm Aboriginal Mission Church
5.00pm Cundletown 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. The following program of events will be taking place;

SATURDAY THE 16TH OF SEPTMEBER

9.30am	Taree Reconciliation
10.00am	Taree Mass
10.30am	Opening hymn, Exposition, Rosary and Litany
2.00pm	Talk by Fr Gerard
3.00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Consecration, Healing Prayers and Benediction
6.00pm	Taree Mass
7.00pm	Dinner in SMH

SUNDAY THE 17TH OF SEPTMEBER

10.30am	Morning tea in Resource Centre, Rosary procession, hymns, individual blessings
3.00pm	Aboriginal Mission Church—Biripi people (Purfleet)

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.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MISSALS

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

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH

If anyone is able to donate flowers to help decorate the Church for the Fatima celebrations, please drop the flowers into the Parish office on Friday the 15th. Thank you.

VACUUM CLEANER

If anyone has a second hand vacuum cleaner they are able to donate to the Lansdowne Church, please contact the office on 65521084. Thank you.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Couples for Christ for holding last months raffle and to all those who purchased tickets, a total of \$850 was raised for the Parish.

SOCIAL SUNDAY LUNCH AND CONCERT

To be held in the St Mary's Hall on Sunday the 24th of September, doors open at 10.30am for a cuppa. Concert will commence at 11.30am. Cost \$15.00 per person plus raffle tickets. Children under 12 \$5.00. Please R.S.V.P by the 22nd of September, payment to be made at the Parish Office. All welcome.

SWIFT/DUREAU FAMILY GROUP

To meet for lunch on Sunday the 17th of September at Forster Golf Club. Also consider a wander in Forster beginning with 9am Mass. Please ring Gabrielle to confirm by Wednesday the 13th of September on 65567248.

WHITE/MOYLAN FAMILY GROUP

To meet on Sunday the 17th of September at 12 noon for lunch at Coopernook Hotel. Please ring Nancy on 65525103 or Des 65501355 if attending.

THE ATONEMENT : LINA'S PROJECT

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.