

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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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C **11th September 2016**

FIRST READING

Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14

The Lord relented and did not send the evil He had threatened.

SECOND READING

Timothy 1:12-17

Christ came to save sinners.

GOSPEL

Luke 15: 1-32

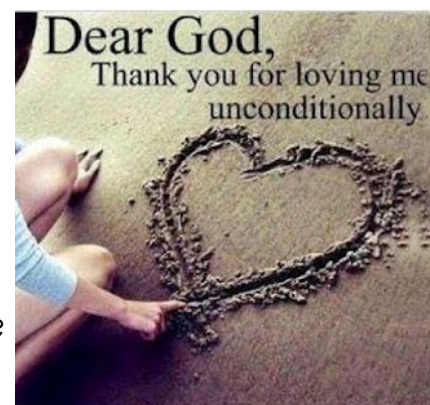
There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

REFLECTION

The God who spoke to Moses is pained by the depravity of the people yet moved to show them mercy. Who could ever have imagined such a God? The God depicted in the gospel actually searches for what is lost. He seems to abandon the safe ones for the sake of the one who has strayed. She goes to great lengths to find one coin. As a spurned yet loving father, God patiently waits until we come to our senses. Who could ever have conceived of such a God? Our God seems consumed with an insatiable desire to re-establish a relationship with us after we have turned our backs on God, have chosen to commit our loyalties elsewhere, have thoughtlessly wandered off into danger that threatens our well being, not God's. What is it about us that makes us so desirable? The answer has less to do with us than with the magnanimous character of God. It is almost as if unconditional love is not simply a characteristic of God, but God's very essence and no human frailty or depravity can change this.

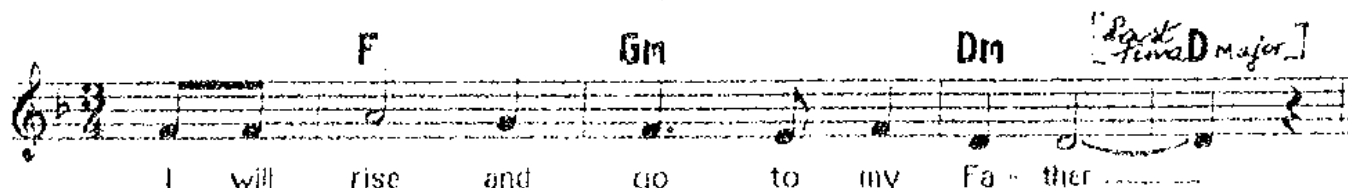
Paul insists that it is through Christ that all of this is accomplished. It is through the sacrifice of Christ that the depraved are forgiven, that sinners are saved, that the lost are found. It is through Christ that we are sought by God, and Christ is the very gift of mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, the celebration of our return.

Dianne Bergant CSS



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will rise and go to My Father.



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.

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RECONCILIATION TIMES FOR SEPTEMBER

During the month of September, Reconciliation times in Our Lady of the Rosary Church will be on Saturdays from 4.00pm - 4.30 pm.

MARTHA'S GROUP

Will meet at the Resource Centre on the 12th of September at 12 noon for lunch.

CAROL'S MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday the 13th of September at 7.00pm in the Resource Centre. If anyone would like to join the team in planning for the Carol's by Candlelight this year, please come along to the first meeting, everyone is welcome.

ANNUALS FOR THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

Are now available to order. If you would like a Break Open the Word 2017, please contact the office. Cost \$24. Orders will be placed shortly.

THE HOLY ROSARY IN OCTOBER

During the month of October the Holy Rosary will be recited each day from Monday to Saturday at 5.30pm, except on Tuesdays when it will be recited at 5.00pm before the evening Mass. To be held in Our Lady's Grotto at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Taree.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent de Paul Society invites you to join us in service to the disadvantaged and vulnerable members of our community by giving just a few hours of your time per week as a Volunteer/Conference Member. Please call Central Council on 02-49676277 and join us in making a difference.

ST JOSEPH'S WINGHAM ENROLLING NOW

St Joseph's Wingham are calling all four and five year olds and parents/carers to come together, meet others, make connections and play in a fun, relaxed environment, on Monday the 29th of August and Monday the 12th of September from 10.00am-11.30am. For school tours and enrolment enquires please call 65534774. A free Summer uniform for all 2017 Kindergarten enrolments received by September 23rd.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Diocesan Social Justice Council warmly invites you to join them to launce the Social Justice Statement for 2016-2017. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A place at the table: Social Justice in an ageing Society.' Held on Sunday the 25th of September at Cathedral House, from 1.00-4.30pm. For more information please contact Brooke Robinson on 49791111.

PILGRIMAGE WALK

As part of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's 150 year celebrations, there will be a guided pilgrimage in the footsteps of Bishop James Murray who arrived in Maitland in 1866. The pilgrimage will cover 12.4 kms for average ability walkers. The route will begin in Morpeth, head to St Joseph's East Maitland and end triumphantly at St John's Chapel (approx 3.45pm). Pilgrim registration will be required for safety and hospitality by 30 September. There is no charge. For further information or to register contact Brooke Robinson on 49791111. Registers close by September 30th.

ANGLICAN'S MENS DINNER

Wednesday the 14th of September. Guest speaker Stephen Taylor. 6pm for a 6.30pm start. \$16 per person. St Johns Memorial Hall, Victoria Street Taree. For bookings Dennis Marriot on 65539474 or 0409150229 by Monday or Before.

COMBINED CHURCHES MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wingham Baptist Church, the 17th of September at 7.30am. For bookings, please call Geoff Bishell on 0412681700 or Graeme Bingham on 65538272.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Will be held on the 11th of December 2016 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree at 6.00pm. More details to come.

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, Joe Zarb, Sue Davis, Eve Collins, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Lawrence Mason, Narelle Ritter, Neil Gorton, Pat Berry, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Denis Connolly, Maree Dunne, Ken Campbell, Kian Matte, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, John Foster, Luka-Angel Cairns and Sue Berry.

ANNIVERSARIES: Martin Moloney, John Hammond, Vincent Ryan, Stacey Walker, Leo Byatt and Jack Eyles.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Clara Sauer, Daniel Gallagher, Glenda Algie and Jeanette Chowne.



May they rest in Peace

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS?

It's easy to understand that the Cross is special because Christ used it as the instrument of our salvation. But after His Resurrection, why would Christians continue to look to the Cross?

Christ Himself offered us the answer: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). The point of taking up our own cross is not simply self-sacrifice; in doing so, we unite ourselves to the sacrifice of Christ on His Cross.

When we participate in the Mass, the Cross is there, too. The "unbloody sacrifice" offered on the altar is the re-presentation of Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross. When we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we do not simply unite ourselves to Christ; we nail ourselves to the Cross, dying with Christ so that we might rise with Him.

"For the Jews require signs, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews indeed a stumbling block, and unto the Gentiles foolishness . . ." (1 Corinthians 1:22-23). Today, more than ever, non-Christians see the Cross as foolishness. What kind of Savior triumphs through death?

For Christians, however, the Cross is the crossroads of history and the Tree of Life. Christianity without the Cross is meaningless: Only by uniting ourselves to Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross can we enter into eternal life.



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THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolors or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare (Luke 2:34-35).

These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included;

1. The Prophecy of Simeon.
2. The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt.
3. The loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple.
4. Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary.
5. Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified.
6. Her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross.
7. Our Lord's burial.




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POPE FRANCIS 5 FINGER PRAYER

- 1.) The thumb is closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "Sweet Obligation."
- 2.) The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.
- 3.) The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
- 4.) The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even though it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.
- 5.) And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.

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MASS SCHEDULE & MEETINGS

Monday 12th			<p style="text-align: right;">10am Meditation Group- Reading Rm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12.00pm Martha's Group-Res C</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1.45pm Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests</p>
Tuesday 13th 	9.30am	<u>St John Chrysostom</u> Harrington Liturgy of the Word +Communion+Exp	<p style="text-align: right;">10.00am Women's Prayer grp - Old Library</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10.30-11.30am Old Bar Church open</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1.00pm Men's Bible Study Group</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6.30pm Women's Craft Group</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7.00pm Carols Meeting - Res C</p>
Wednesday 14th 	9.30am	<u>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</u> Taree Liturgy of the Word + Communion.	<p style="text-align: right;">8.50am Taree Marian Movement of Priests.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9.00-11am T&W Library Open</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6.00pm Anglican's Men's Dinner</p>
Thursday 15th		<u>Our Lady of Sorrows</u>	
Friday 16th	9.00am	<u>Sts Cornelius and Cyprian</u> Taree Liturgy of the Word + Communion	<p style="text-align: right;">10.00am Couples for Christ</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11.30am Wingham Liturgy meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3.00pm Old Bar Exposition & Marian Movement of priests</p>
Saturday 17th	6.00pm 6.00pm	<u>St Bernard</u> <u>25th Sunday in Ord Time</u> Taree Vigil Mass Harrington Vigil SCAE	<p style="text-align: right;">4.00pm-4.30pm Taree Reconciliation</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5.00pm Taree Rosary</p>
Sunday 18th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	<u>25th Sunday in Ord Time</u> Old Bar SCAE Wingham Mass Taree SCAE, followed by Couple for Christ morning tea - Res C Cundletown SCAE	<p style="text-align: right;">7.00am Old Bar Rosary</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7.50am Wingham Rosary</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9.10am Taree Rosary</p>

Next Week 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

18th of September 2016

First Reading : Amos 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Second Reading : Timothy 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; He wants all people to be saved.

Gospel : Luke 16: 1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

