

# Catholic Parishes of Taree & Wingham

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle



Taree Parish includes Mass centres of Cundletown, Harrington, Lansdowne & Old Bar

## Wingham Parish

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

13th of September 2015

### This Weeks Readings

#### First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

*I gave my body to those who struck me.*

#### Second Reading

James 2:14-18

*Faith without good works is dead.*

#### Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

*You are the Christ ...the Son of Man was destined to suffer much*

## Reflection

Answering the question about the people's speculations about the identity of Jesus, the disciples reported that some say he is John, others Elijah, other people still say one of the prophets...On the part of the disciples' identity analysis of Jesus Christ, Peter identified him as the Christ which in Hebrew is rendered as Messiah. After Peter's profession, our Lord went on to tell them the fate of the Messiah which included suffering, rejection and death not excluding resurrection after three days. Instantly Peter took the Lord aside and began to forbid him from taking that way, but our Lord rebuked Peter by saying: "Get behind me Satan your thoughts are man's not God's!"

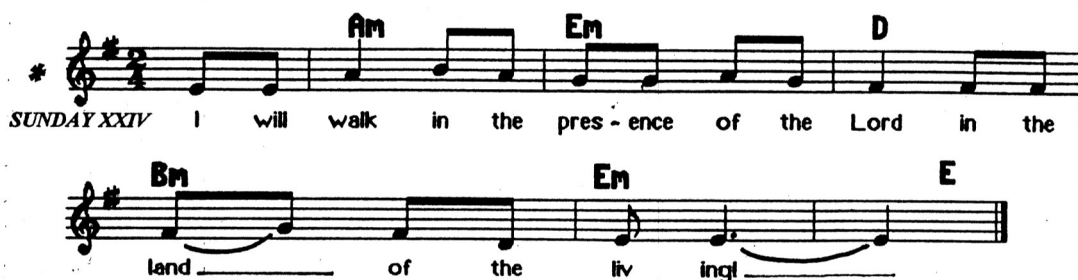


Often we are reflective of the stance of Peter. We profess Christianity but we are not ready to activate the Christian life in practice. This is where the letter of James today draws relevance. "Faith without good works is dead". In the same way Christianity without Christian life is useless" just as "faith without faithfulness is worthless". To be a Christian is not just a name, it is a call into a life pattern; the life pattern of Christ. It is the life pattern of love and service to God and humanity. Do not allow any day to pass without living by your identity as a Christian. We are all Christians by identity but how many of us are ready to respond to the life of charity, fellow-feeling, forgiveness and trust in God which was Characteristic of the life of Christ?

From a homily on the Gospel by Fr Bonnie Anusiem

### Responsorial Psalm:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.



### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

My only goal is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Words from Father George**

I will be on holidays from the 21st of September to the 29th of October. Fr Richard Shortel S J will be residing in our parish and will be conducting the retreat. Fr Greg Arnold and Fr Bill Burston will be celebrating the weekend Masses. During my holiday I will be attending an annual retreat with my fellow priests. During my retreat days I will be praying especially for you all. Please kindly keep me in your prayers also. All the best for the parish retreat, I will be back for the discernment day. In case if you need to contact me, my email is: anthicadgeorge@gmail.com

### **A call for help - Vincent De Paul**

Would you like to live your faith by reaching out to those in need? St Vincent De Paul Society members seek to do this by providing a hand up and a sympathetic ear to the disadvantaged in our local community. Vincent de Paul invites you to join them in service to help the disadvantaged and vulnerable members in our community. All you need is a compassionate heart and generous spirit. If you can provide just a few hours a week as a volunteer, please leave your name and contact number at the phone numbers provided, we will respond to you as soon as possible.



Taree Ph/ Fax 02-65510143  
Wingham Ph/Fax 02-65535598  
Central Council 02-49676277.

### **A Day of Reflection with Bishop Bill**

will be held on the 22nd of September at St Phillip's Church Hall, Kotara. From 10.30am to 3pm.  
Theme: In Principio Verbum; In the Beginning, The Word. Everyone welcome. RSVP Zoe 4979 1328

**Carols meeting** will be held on Tuesday the 15th of September in the Resource Centre. Many thanks to those who have pledged support so far.

**Swift/Dureau Family Group** will meet on the 20th of September at 10.45am outside Gibbs home - car pool. Koala Trial chasing up statues between Kew and Bonny Hills with lunch at Fat Fish Restaurant at Bonny Hills. Others welcome. Numbers needed for lunch booking. Please phone Joan & John by Monday 14th September -65524848.

**Receiving Holy Communion** when receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion, one should receive Him with reverence, care, gentleness and humility. For all those receiving Holy Communion in the hand, please ensure as soon as the Host is placed on your hand, it is consumed in the presence of the Priest or Communion Minister. Do not walk away with the Host or consume it at your seat.

**Microphones** please ensure all microphones are placed back into the sacristy after use. Thank you kindly.

### **Australian Catholic Social Justice Council**

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 27 September. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: 'For Those Who've Come Across the Seas: Justice for refugees and asylum seekers'. The statement addresses the divisive national debate over asylum seekers, especially those who arrive by boat. It reminds all Australians of the need to welcome and comfort those who have fled here from terror and danger, and to live out the example of Jesus, who never turned his back on those who were lost or suffering. For further details about the Social Justice Statement visit the Australia Catholic Social Justice Council on the ACSJC website [www.acsjc.org.au](http://www.acsjc.org.au) or alternately call 02 8306 3499.

**Dutch Auction** will be held at St Mary's on Saturday the 26th of September at 1pm. Admission \$6.00. Please contact Ailsa Turner on 65539563 or Diana Gilbert on 6557247.

### **Afternoon Tea**

Wingham Baptist Church is holding a ladies afternoon tea on Saturday the 26th of September at 2pm. Everyone welcome. For enquires please contact Liz Tilson on 65512606.

**Taree Auxiliary of the Leprosy Mission** will be hosting an afternoon on Saturday 19th of September at 1.30pm. 'Vintage Costumery' an excerpt from 'Isabella the Play,' Margaret Alley Fabrics and hear the journey from a book to a stage show, with afternoon tea provided. Held at the Presbyterian Church hall, Albert St Taree.

### **Please pray for the sick in the Taree & Wingham parishes:**

Michael Holstein, Bev Crouch, Phillip Stanford, Barry Armitage, Lillian and Bernie Eddlebuttel, Margaret Cross, Vicki Sciulli, Ben Foster, Noel Hinton, Mavis Capon, Cyril McGovern, Mary McCaffrey, Chum Cavanagh, Terry Donnelly, Cliff Flanagan, Neil O'Regan, Shirley Dean, Marie McGovern, Tom Berryman, Paul Cantwell, Von Hobson, Bill Abdo, Margaret Squires, Craig Ison, Vicki White - Lobbecke, Peter Gallagher, Hanna Cowley, Joe Zarb, Anne Cleal, Pat Wolfenden, Frances Kenny, Anne Watson, James Sweeney jnr, Maureen Barrett, John Abernathy.

**Anniversaries:** John Hammond, Vincent Ryan, Kathleen Johnson, William Johnson, Robert Johnson, Francis Sheridan, RussStone, Analie Cano Zosa Jan Boere, John Bos, Leo Byatt, Jack Eyles, Beno Ebach.

**Recently Deceased:** Rita Mainey, Maureen Threadgate

*May they rest in peace.*



**SCAE Roster**  
**Our Lady of the Rosary Church,**  
**Taree**

There will be Masses on the weekends of  
19 & 20 September and 26 & 27 September.

No SCAE will be necessary  
on these weekends.

Saturday 3rd of October 2015

6.00 pm SCAE

Leader: Allan Gallagher

Gospel: Terry Launders

Reflection: Tony Frost

Communion: Jan Swift

Saturday 7th of November 2015

6.00 pm SCAE

Leader:

Gospel:

Reflection:

Communion:

***Help Please!***

*Please phone the parish office if you can  
fill any of the vacancies on the roster.*

**Note:** Other readers as per usual roster.

**Taree and Wingham Parish Retreat**  
**Come Walk With Me**  
***The Retreat in Everyday Life***

**Preparation Day**

Saturday 26th September 2015 9.30am to 12.30pm, Resource Centre

**Retreat** will begin on 11th October and conclude on 4th November.

Retreat Director: Fr Richard Shortall sj.

*For further information there are brochures in the foyer of the church.  
Please contact the parish office and complete an "Expression of Interest"  
form prior to 22nd September 2015.*

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

Our Lady of Sorrows, the Sorrowful Mother or Mother of Sorrows, and Our Lady of Piety, Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows or Our Lady of the Seven Dolousare names by which the Blessed Virgin Mary is referred to in relation to sorrows in her life. As *Mater Dolorosa*, it is also a key subject for Marian art in the Catholic Church.



The Seven Sorrows of Mary are a popular Roman Catholic devotion. In common religious Catholic imagery, the Blessed Virgin Mary is portrayed in a sorrowful and lacrimating affect, with seven daggers piercing her heart, often bleeding. Devotional prayers that consist of meditation began to elaborate on her Seven Sorrows based on the prophecy of the Rabbi Simeon. Common examples of piety under this title are Servite rosary, or the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady and the Seven Joys of Mary and more recently, "Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary".

**Couples for Christ**

invite you to attend a

**Christian Life Program**

In the Resource Centre at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Taree, every Saturday until 19th September, from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. For further information phone 6553 9834.



**Couples for Christ** will resume their normal meetings on Saturday 3rd October 2015.

**Words of wisdom...**

*"A single act of pure love pleases Me more than a thousand imperfect prayers."*  
Jesus (through St Faustina)

**Carols by Candle Light**

The Carol's will be held in Our Lady of the Rosary Church and grounds on Sunday evening 6th December 2015.

Volunteers are required to assist with the following:

Cooking goods for sale on a cake stall.

Craft items to sell.

Organising a treasure hunt and lucky dips for the children.

Face painting

Cooking the BBQ



We are also looking for financial sponsorship to assist with the purchase of items for sale e.g. BBQ, lucky dips, balloons etc. If you would like to assist in any of these areas it would be much appreciated. Please telephone Jan or Sue at the office on 6552 1084 to pledge commitment.

**Next Week 20th of September 2015**

**First Reading:** Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

**Second Reading:** James 3:16-4:3

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.*

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity...all who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.*

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## Liturgies and Meetings

<b>Monday 14th</b>			<b>10.00am</b> <b>12pm</b> <b>1.45pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Meditation Group- reading room Martha's Group - Rec C Taree Hour of Prayer for priests Taree Men's Bible Study
<b>Tuesday 15th</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	<u><b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b></u> <b>Harrington</b> Liturgy of the Word & Exposition. <b>Taree</b> Mass	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30-11.30am</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	Women's Prayer Group - Old Library Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers Carols Meeting - Resource C
<b>Wednesday 16th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Taree</b> Mass	<b>8.50am</b> <b>9.30-11am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T & W Library Open Hospitality Group - Resource Centre T & W PPC Meeting - Wingham
<b>Thursday 17th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Taree</b> Mass - St Joseph's School	<b>6.30pm</b>	JAFa Concert Taree Entertainment C
<b>Friday 18th</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Taree</b> Liturgy <b>Wingham</b> Liturgy	<b>10.00am</b> <b>3.00pm</b>	St Clare's Year 12 Graduation Mass - St Clare's Hall, Taree Old Bar Exposition and Cenacle
<b>Saturday 19th</b>	<b>6pm</b> <b>6pm</b>	<u><b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></u> <b>Taree</b> Vigil Mass - Fr Richard <b>Harrington</b> Vigil Mass - Fr George	<b>11.00am-12.00</b> <b>1.30 - 3.30pm</b> <b>2.00pm</b>	Taree Reconciliation Christian Life Program - Resource Centre Taree Wedding
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	<b>7.30am</b> <b>8.30am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<u><b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></u> <b>Old Bar</b> Mass <b>Wingham</b> Mass <b>Taree</b> Mass <b>Cundletown</b> SCAE	<b>7.00am</b> <b>7.50am</b> <b>8-8.20am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	Old Bar Recitation of the rosary Wingham recitation of the rosary Wingham Reconciliation - Fr Richard After Taree Mass C and C Morning tea
<b>Monday 21st</b>		<u><b>St Matthew</b></u>	<b>9.30am-1.30</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>1.45pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Catechist training at St Joseph's School W Meditation Group- reading room Taree Hour of Prayer for priests Taree Men's Bible Study
<b>Tuesday 22nd</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Harrington</b> Liturgy of the Word & Exposition. <b>Taree</b> Mass (Fr Richard)	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30-11.30am</b> <b>12-2pm</b> <b>6.30pm-8.30</b>	Women's Prayer Group - Old Library Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers AA Meeting - Resource C Ladies Craft - SMH
<b>Wednesday 23rd</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Taree</b> Mass (Fr Richard)	<b>8.50am</b> <b>9.30-11am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T & W Library Open Hospitality Group - Resource Centre
<b>Thursday 24th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Taree</b> Mass - St Joseph's School		
<b>Friday 25th</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Taree</b> Mass <b>Wingham</b> Mass	<b>9.30am</b> <b>3.00pm</b>	Taree Exposition Old Bar Exposition and Cenacle
<b>Saturday 26th</b>	<b>6pm</b> <b>6pm</b>	<u><b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></u> <b>Taree</b> Vigil Mass - Fr Richard <b>Harrington</b> Vigil Mass - Fr George	<b>9.30-12.30pm</b> <b>10.30am</b> <b>11.00am-12.00</b>	Preparation workshop- retreat - Rec C Couples for Christ - Rec C Taree Reconciliation
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	<b>7.30am</b> <b>8.30am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<u><b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></u> <u><b>St Vincent De Paul</b></u> <b>Old Bar</b> Mass (Fr Greg) <b>Wingham</b> Mass (Fr Richard) <b>Taree</b> Mass (Fr Greg) <b>Taree</b> Baptism <b>Cundletown</b> Mass (Fr Richard) <b>Landsdowne</b> SCAE	<b>7.00am</b> <b>7.50am</b> <b>8-8.20am</b>	Old Bar Recitation of the rosary Wingham recitation of the rosary Wingham Reconciliation - Fr Richard