



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

17H OF SEPTEMBER, 2017

THIS 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful,
slow to anger,
and rich in compassion.

SECOND READING: ROM 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new
commandment:
love one another as I
have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 18: 21-35

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
24TH OF SEPTEMBER 2017

FIRST READING: IS 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

SECOND READING: PHIL 1:20-24, 27

For me to live is Christ.

GOSPEL: Mt 18: 21-35

Why are you jealous because I generous?

REFLECTION

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentfulness, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.

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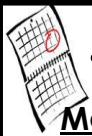
PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

SICK: Patricia Wolfenden, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Mikala Corben, Sonia Pinkerton, Anne Cleal, Jim Wills, Robert MacGregor, Sue Berry, 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, Iris Mason and Bruce Mackie.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Foster, Joan & Bill Jordan, Peter John Smith, Joe Zarb, Stanley Claude Wilson, William Corcoran, Cecil Kelly and Kay Varnum.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM





PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

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

TUESDAY 19TH 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

WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests
9.30am Taree Mass
10.15am St Clare's School Mass
Bishop Tyrell Nursing Home Mass Cancelled

5.30pm T&W PPC Mtg - Res C

THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

9.30am Taree Mass
9.30am Taree St Joseph's School Mass
 5.15pm Taree Finance Council Mtg - Old Library

FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

9am Taree Mass
 9.30am Taree Exposition
10am St Clare's School Yr 12 Graduation Mass
11am Wingham Mass
 3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

26H 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
 5.00pm Lansdowne SCAE

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
 12.00pm Angelus

Break for light lunch in Resource Centre - bring finger food, sandwiches to share

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

7.30am Old Bar Mass
 9.30am Taree Mass
 10.30am Morning tea in Resource Centre, Rosary procession, hymns, individual blessings
 3.00pm Aboriginal Mission Church—Biripi people (Purfleet)
 5.00pm Cundletown Mass

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.

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.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MISSALS

If anyone would like to order a copy of the Daily Missal (\$60) or Sunday Missal (\$40), please contact the Office on 65521084.

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.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers



The Parish would like to invite all currently serving Ministers of the Eucharist, and all those who would like to become involved, to attend a series of formation meetings and training. Come along on **Tuesday, October 10th from 6.15-8.15pm**, and **Saturday 14th October from 2-4pm**. Meetings will be held in the Parish Resource Centre. Contact the Parish Office on 6552 1084 to register your interest.