

# 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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**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

**18th 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 everything; he wanted all people to be saved.*

## GOSPEL

**Luke 16:1-13**

*You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.*

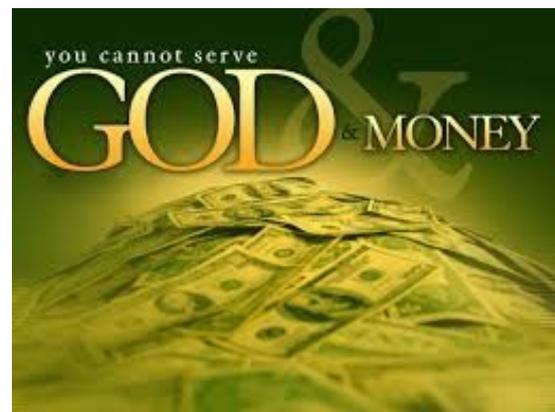
## REFLECTION

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.

Dianne Bergant CSS



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but He became poor, to make you rich out of His poverty.  
Alleluia.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR ALL BULLETIN NOTICES IS WEDNESDAY 3PM. NOTICES RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL BE PLACED IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS BULLETIN. THANK YOU.**

## 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.

## 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.



## MEDITATION GROUP

Is cancelled for the 19th of Sept. The group will meet at St Paul's Aged Care Facility on the 26th of September. No group meeting to be held on the 3rd of October, as it is the long weekend. The Group will resume 10th of October.

## MANNING PREGNANCY SUPPORT HEALING SERVICE

The loss of a child is something you never forget. Whether from miscarriage, stillbirth, premature death, termination, SIDS or any other cause, at any stage. A Healing Service will be held on Tuesday the 27th of September 2016 at the Manning Great Lakes Memorial Gardens, 183 Pampoolah Rd, Taree at 10am. Those mourning the loss of any person for any reason are also invited to attend this memorial service.

All are welcome to come along then have morning tea with people supportive of your loss. For further details please call Wendy on 65531444 or Bernadette on 65539369.



## ST PAUL'S DUTCH AUCTION

Will be held on the 24th of September at 1pm in the St Mary's Hall, Taree. Admission \$6.00, afternoon tea provided. Please contact Ailsa on 65539563 for more details.



## FAMILY FAITH FORUM

This forum shall examine the nature of accompaniment as experienced through Baptism, school years, Sunday Mass and times of loss. To be held on the 24th of September at 9.30am-4.00pm in the Toohey Room, Diocesan Offices, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West. Registration is necessary for catering purposes and workshop selection. Please register by the 21st of September by calling 49791328.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE

To celebrate Twenty Years of Rhema FM, the Taree Baptist Church invites you to a Thanksgiving Service, held on Sunday the 25th of September at 6pm, Taree Baptist Church, 441 Kolodong Rd, Taree. Supper will be provided after the service. This event is free, all welcome.

## COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The Commissioning Service for George Lawson, the 6th SRE (Special Religious Education) teacher to serve Wingham High School, will be held this Sunday the 18th of September at 2pm at the Wingham Baptist Church. Afternoon teas will be provided after the service.



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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bill and Joan Jordan, William Corcoran, Cecil Kelly, Kay Varnum and John Bos.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Joseph Barraket, Major Ray Allen, Winnie Mary Cox (nee Fitness), John Foster and Joseph Zarb.



# PADRE PIO

## APOSTLE OF THE CONFESSIONAL

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina will be remembered in history as "a great apostle of the confessional," said Cardinal Martins, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Like Saint John Mary Vianney, the holy Curé of Ars, Padre Pio spent over twelve hours per day in the confessional box, to hear confessions, and he often told the penitents in advance all the sins they had committed. Padre Pio could read into consciences.

Here is one case:

The man who, one day, came to Padre Pio, was of that type of hard, cold criminals who will stop at nothing. This individual wanted to get rid of his wife but in such a way that his crime would be cloaked with a motive of piety. Under the pretext of going to see Padre Pio, he brought his wife with him to San Giovanni Rotondo where he planned to kill her in a most diabolical way. On arriving at the monastery, he went through the Capuchins' church to the sacristy. Padre Pio was there, talking to some people. When he saw the man, he left abruptly, went to the man, and began to push him violently towards the door, shouting at the top of his voice: "Get out! Get out! Don't you know it is forbidden to stain your hands with blood? Get out!"

The unfortunate man was dumbfounded and, livid with rage, bolted out of the church, to the astonishment of everyone there. However, the strong words and behaviour of Padre Pio made such an impression on him that he could not get a wink of sleep all night. He began to understand the horror of what he was planning and, touched by grace, was a different man in the morning.

He went to the monastery, and this time Padre Pio received him with great tenderness, heard his confession, and gave him absolution. To crown everything, Padre Pio asked him before he left: "You have always wanted children, haven't you? Do not offend God anymore, and you will have a son." A year later, the man returned to Padre Pio to celebrate his son's baptism and the confirmation of his conversion.

Saint Padre Pio, protect us, protect our priests, protect the Church!

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## WHAT IS STIGMATA ?

The stigmata is the spontaneous appearance of the wound marks of our crucified Lord on a person's body. These marks include the nail wounds at the feet and the hands, the lance wound at the side, the head wounds from the crown of thorns, and the scourge marks over the entire body, particularly the back. A stigmatic (i.e. the person suffering from the stigmata) may have one, several, or all of these wound marks. Moreover, they may be visible or invisible, and they may be permanent, periodic, or temporary in appearance.

### Notable stigmatics

Saint Catherine of Siena  
Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich  
Saint Francesco di Assisi  
Saint John of God  
Saint Faustina Kowalska  
Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina



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## FORGIVENESS

*"Forgiveness is a beautiful idea -  
until you have something to forgive."*  
C.S.Lewis

Forgiveness is not an emotion, it's an act of the will; an act of love. You don't have to *feel* forgiving to forgive. Forgiving does not mean forgetting. Forgiving doesn't mean excusing the wrong or saying it doesn't matter. Forgiveness says, "I know what you did. It hurt. But I won't hold it against you."

Three practical steps to help you forgive:

**1. Take your mind off of the person you can't forgive.** Do not allow yourself to grumble, or justify your situation, or feel sorry for yourself, or dream about ways to get even. Kill those thoughts as soon as you see them coming.

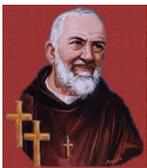
**2. Remember that you are a sinner too.** Recall specific ways you've needed forgiveness. Ask God to help you, if you can't. Go to confession, if that helps. Meditate on the Psalms. Practice being grateful for the mercy God has shown you.

**3. Every time that person comes to mind, say the words "I forgive you" whether you feel it or not.** Make it an act of the will and ask the Holy Spirit to pour God's love into your heart.

**Over time, start asking God to bless the person.** Romans 12:14 says "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them." Force yourself to do it. Make it a habit. And watch how that sets your heart free.

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# MASS SCHEDULE & MEETINGS

Monday 19th			1.45pm	Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests
Tuesday 20th		<u>Sts Andrew Kim, Tae-gon, Paul Chong, Ha-sang and companions</u>  9.30am Harrington Liturgy of the Word +Communion+Exp	10.00am 10.30-11.30am 1.00pm	Women's Prayer grp - Old Library Old Bar Church open Men's Bible Study Group
Wednesday 21st		<u>St Andrew the Apostle</u>  9.30am Taree Liturgy of the Word + Communion.	8.50am 9.00-11am	Taree Marian Movement of Priests. T&W Library Open
Thursday 22nd				
Friday 23rd		<u>St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</u> 9.00am Taree Liturgy of the Word + Communion	3.00pm	Old Bar Exposition & Marian Movement of priests
Saturday 24th		<u>St Monica</u>  <u>26th Sunday in Ord Time</u> 6.00pm Taree Vigil SCAE 6.00pm Harrington Vigil Mass	1.00pm 4.00pm-4.30pm 5.30pm	Dutch Auction in SMH Taree Reconciliation Taree Rosary
Sunday 25th		<u>26th Sunday in Ord Time</u> 7.30am Old Bar Mass 8.30am Wingham SCAE 9.30am Taree Mass  6.00pm Cundletown Mass 6.00pm Lansdowne SCAE	7.00am 7.50am 9.10am	Old Bar Rosary Wingham Rosary Taree Rosary

**Next Week 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

**25th of September 2016**

**First Reading : Amos 6:4-7**

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

**Second Reading : Timothy 6:11-16**

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

**Gospel : Luke 16:19-31**

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

