



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

24TH OF SEPTEMBER, 2017

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
24TH OF SEPTEMBER 2017

FIRST READING: IS 55:6-9

My thoughts are not
your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is near to all
who call upon Him.

SECOND READING: PHIL 1:20-24, 27

For me to live is Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words
of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MT 18: 21-35

Why are you jealous because
I am generous?

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
1ST OCTOBER 2017

FIRST READING: EZ 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to
turn against sinfulness
deserves to live.

SECOND READING: PHIL 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the
same as Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: MT 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret.
The tax collectors and
prostitutes will precede you
into the Kingdom of God.

*R*EFLECTION

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy.

While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

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*P*RAYER 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, Bruce Mackie and Lawrence Matheson.

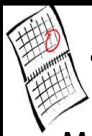
ANNIVERSARIES: Fr. Peter Quirk, Peter McGovern, John McGovern, Ted and Jean McCann, Peter Lawrence King and Catherine Therese King.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Noaline James and Edgar Krause.

*R*ESPONSORIAL *P*SALM



R. The Lord is near to all who call up - on him.



PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

10am Meditation Grp - Old Pr
1.45pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 26TH 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 Group SMH

WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests

9.30am Taree Mass

9.30am Banyula Nursing Home Anointing Mass

THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

9.30am Taree Mass

9.30am No School Mass

FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9am Taree Mass

9.30am Taree Exposition

11am Wingham Mass

3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11am-12pm Taree Reconcil.

5.30pm Taree Rosary

6pm Taree Mass

6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00am Old Bar Rosary

7.30am Old Bar Mass

7.50am Wingham Rosary

8-8.20am Wingham Reconcil.

8.30am Wingham Mass

9am Taree Rosary

9.30am Taree Mass

6.00pm Cundletown Mass

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS



A heartfelt thank you to the organisers that made the Visit of the Fatima Statue to the Taree Parish a successful weekend of prayers and devotion. Thank you to everyone who gave donations towards Father Gerard's expenses. We are blessed to have such a generous community, who together the Parish raised \$1256.15.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - 29/10/17

The Parish Office will be closed for the day on Friday 29th October 2017. Apologies for any inconvenience.

MASS TIMES FOR LANSDOWNE & CUNDLETOWN

From Sunday the 1st October, the Sunday Mass at Lansdowne Church and Cundletown Church will revert back to the 6pm timeslot throughout the warmer months.

VISITS TO STORM VILLAGE

If there are any Communion Ministers who would like to take communion to the residents of Storm Village, whilst our regular Minister is away for a month, please contact the Parish Office on 6552 1084. Thank you!

SOCIAL SUNDAY LUNCH & 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.

ANNA'S GROUP

To meet Sunday 1st October, 12 noon at Taree West Bowling Club for lunch.

MARTHA'S GROUP

To meet on Monday 9th October, 12 noon at the Parish Resource Centre for lunch.

2018 LITURGICAL BOOKS

If anyone would like to order a copy of the following Liturgical books for 2018, please contact the Parish Office on 6552 1084. **One order only will be placed on the 24th October.** Break Open the Word \$20, Daily Mass Book \$20, Daily Prayer Book \$25, Ordo \$12.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 24 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

FUNERAL MINISTRY CONSULTATIONS

All members of the Parish, especially those involved with Parish Funeral Ministry, are invited to attend a consultation process to review existing Diocesan Guidelines for Funeral Ministry. To be held at Forster Parish Hall, 33 Lake St Forster on Sunday 22nd October, from 1.00 - 4.30pm. Afternoon tea will be provided, please RSVP to the Parish Office in 6552 1084 or Zoe Marr on 4979 1328 for catering purposes.

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.

VACUUM CLEANER - LANSDOWNE

Thank you to the Dyball's from Harrington, who donated a vacuum cleaner to the Lansdowne Church. Your generosity is appreciated.