



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

1ST OCTOBER, 2017

THIS WEEK'S READINGS  
1ST OCTOBER 2017

FIRST READING: Ez 18:25-28

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Remember your mercies,  
O Lord.

SECOND READING: PHIL 2:1-11

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice,  
says the Lord; I know them,  
and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MT 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret.  
The tax collectors and

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS  
8TH OCTOBER 2017

FIRST READING: IS 5:1-7

Israel is the vineyard  
of the Lord.

SECOND READING: PHIL 4:6-9

Do these things and the God  
of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL: MT 21:28-32

He leased his vineyard  
to other farmers.

REFLECTION

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken. We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring. The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.

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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, Bruce Mackie, Lawrence Matheson, Leone Treloar and Margaret Baker.

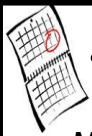
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ted Kidd, Reason Moanna, Claire Schneider, Alma Meaney, Edward Meaney, William McCarthy, Nancye & Errol Strong, and Denis McDonald.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kathleen Wild.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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Re - mem - ber Your mercies O Lord



## PARISH CALENDAR

### MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER

#### **NO MEDITATION GROUP**

1.45pm 1 Hr of Prayer for Priests

### TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER

#### **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**

6pm Taree Liturgy Mtg - Res C

### WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests

#### **NO PARISH MASS**

#### **NO MASS AT STORM VILLAGE**

### THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER

#### **9.30am Taree Mass**

#### **NO SCHOOL MASS**

### FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER

#### **9am Taree Mass**

9.30am Taree Exposition

10am-12pm Franciscans-Res C

#### **11am Wingham Mass**

3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

### SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

#### **27TH SUNDAY TIN ORDINARY TIME**

10.30am Couples for Christ

11am-12pm Taree Reconcil.

5.30pm Taree Rosary

#### **6pm Taree Mass**

#### **6pm Harrington Mass**

### SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER

#### **27TH 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**

#### **6.00pm Lansdowne Mass**

## POSITIONS VACANT - TAREE PARISH PARISH SECRETARY (PART TIME)

The Parish Office is seeking applications fulfil the role of Parish Secretary. The position will be Tuesday to Friday, 9-4pm. Previous office administration is essential, as well as a commitment to the Church. A background in Finance, with a sound knowledge of XERO would be highly desirable. Applications will be accepted until 4pm Wednesday 4th October, and can be forwarded to [administration@tareeparish.org](mailto:administration@tareeparish.org).

### **VOLUNTEER REQUIRED**

The Parish office is seeking a volunteer to assist the office with money counting on a weekly basis. This is a volunteer position, with full training to be provided. If you believe you have the skills required to fulfil this role, please contact the Parish Office on 6552 1084.

### **MEDITATION GROUP**

The group will not meet on Monday 2nd October, due to Public Holiday.

### **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.

### **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.

### **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL**

Registrations are now open for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Sydney 7-10 December 2017. There will be workshops, speakers, social justice activities and great music with Fr Rob Galea, Matt Maher and many more artists. Register at [mn.catholic.org.au/acyf](http://mn.catholic.org.au/acyf).

## 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, OR 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.

## FUNERAL MINISTRY CONSULTATIONS

All members of the Parish, 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 on 6552 1084 or Zoe Marr on 4979 1328 for catering purposes.

## St FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St Francis of Assisi was born the son of a wealthy merchant of Assisi in 1181. After a conversion experience as a young man, St Francis renounced his inheritance and even his clothes, instead wearing the simple garments given to him by the bishop of Assisi. Living a life of extreme poverty, St Francis preached in the streets, begged for his sustenance, served the sick and lived in harmony with nature. After attracting followers, he founded the Franciscan order in 1209. He continued living in poverty, preaching and working with lepers. In 1221 he resigned as the head of the Franciscans. After living in meditation on Mount Alvernia he received the stigmata, which bled periodically for the remaining two years of his life. His prayer, 'Canticle of the Sun', epitomises St Francis' communion with God and the universe and makes him an obvious patron of environmental causes.

**"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love"**  
St Francis of Assisi