



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

8TH OCTOBER, 2017

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
8TH OF OCTOBER 2017

FIRST READING: IS 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

SECOND READING: PHIL 4:6-9

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MT 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
15TH OCTOBER 2017

FIRST READING: IS 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

SECOND READING: PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

GOSPEL: MT 22:1-14

Whoever you find invite to the wedding.

REFLECTION

The vineyard is the house of Israel

The parable of the wicked tenants reminds us once again that we cannot control God's continuous merciful outreach to others. It compels us to look at our lives, our attitudes and actions, in light of whether they are an embrace or rejection of Jesus' saving message. Rather than putting the focus on what the story says about Jewish leaders, we must ask: what does it say about us Christians? What is my vision of the kingdom of God? How am I producing a harvest for God's kingdom, in my private and in our communal lives? What does the parable say to me about my own troubled relationships with family, friends and colleagues? What does the story teach me about my inability to forgive others and forgive myself? Yes, the wicked tenants in today's Gospel do indeed try God's patience. But I do as well! How do I respond to God's boundless mercy and goodness that he offers me each day?



Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB

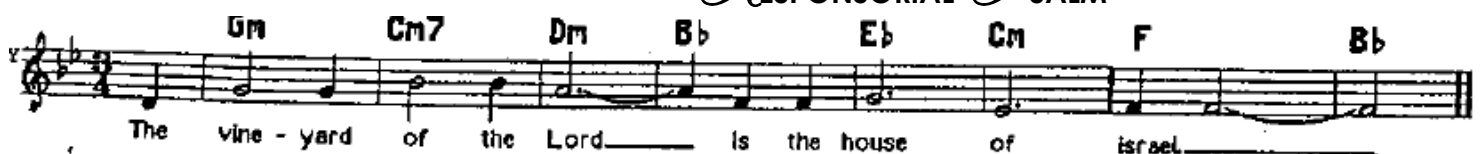
PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

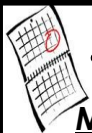
SICK: Patricia Wolfenden, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Mikala Corben, Sonia Pinkerton, Anne Cleal, Jim Wills, Robert MacGregor, Sue Berry, Raymond McBriarty, Janora Senders, Margaret Boyton, Bill Walker, 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: Patricia White, Elizabeth White, Donald White, Juan Yap, Matia Yap, Fermin Yap, Pilar Guzon, Leonie Semense, Claire Schneider and John Douglas.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM





PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER

9.30am-1pm Quilters Grp
 10am Mediation Grp
 12pm Martha's Grp
 1.45pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 10TH 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
 6.15 Eucharist Formation Training - Res C
 6.30pm Women's Craft Grp

WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests
9.30am Taree Mass
2pm Bushland Home Anointing Mass

THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER

9.30am Taree Mass
NO SCHOOL MASS
5.15pm W Finance Council

FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER

9am Taree Mass
 9.30am Taree Exposition
11am Wingham Mass
 3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER

28TH SUNDAY TIN ORDINARY TIME

9.30am-12pm Rosary Makers Grp
 11am-12pm Taree Reconcil.
 2-4pm Eucharistic Formation Training - Res C
 5.30pm Taree Rosary
6pm Taree Mass
6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER

28TH 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
10.30am C for C morning tea
6.00pm Cundletown Mass

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

The Parish office is seeking a volunteer to undertake the Parish banking on a weekly basis. You will be responsible for money counting, preparation of banking deposits and reconciling petty cash. 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.

THE HOLY ROSARY DURING OCTOBER

The Holy Rosary will be recited each day in Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree Church grotto from Monday to Saturday at 5.30pm, except on Tuesdays when it will be recited at 5.00pm before the evening Mass.

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, activities and great music with Fr Rob Galea, Matt Maher and many more artists. Register at 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

When the Catholic Church teaches that marriage between two baptized persons is a sacrament, it is saying that the couple's relationship expresses in a unique way the unbreakable bond of love between Christ and his people. Like the other six sacraments of the Church, marriage is a sign or symbol which reveals the Lord Jesus and through which his divine life and love are communicated. All seven sacraments were instituted by Christ and were entrusted to the Church to be celebrated in faith within and for the community of believers. The rituals and prayers by which a sacrament is celebrated serve to express visibly what God is doing invisibly. In a sacramental marriage, God's love becomes present to the spouses in their total union and also flows through them to their family and community. By their permanent, faithful and exclusive giving to each other, symbolized in sexual intercourse, the couple reveals something of God's unconditional love. The sacrament of Christian marriage involves their entire life as they journey together through the ups and downs of marriage and become more able to give to and receive from each other. Their life becomes sacramental to the extent that the couple cooperates with God's action in their life and sees themselves as living "in Christ" and Christ living and acting in their relationship, attitudes and actions. Catholic teaching holds that sacraments bring grace to those who receive them with the proper disposition. Grace is a way of describing how God shares the divine life with us and gives us the help we need to live as followers of Christ. In marriage, the grace of this sacrament brings to the spouses the particular help they need to be faithful and to be good parents. It also helps a couple to serve others beyond their immediate family and to show the community that a loving and lasting marriage is both desirable and possible.

An initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops www.foryourmarriage.org