



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

15TH OCTOBER, 2017

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
15TH OF OCTOBER 2017**

FIRST READING: IS 25:6-10

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MT 22:1-4

Whomever you find invite to the wedding.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
22ND OF OCTOBER 2017**

FIRST READING: IS 45:1, 4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

SECOND READING: 1 THESS 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.

GOSPEL: MT 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

REFLECTION

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

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PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

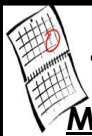
SICK: Patricia Wolfenden, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Mikala Corben, Sonia Pinkerton, Anne Cleal, Jim Wills, Robert MacGregor, Sue Berry, Raymond McBriarty, Janora Senders, Margaret Boyton, Bill Walker, 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, Margaret Baker and Myra Coleman.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mona McLennan, Gerald Pensini, Francis McDonald and Olive Ryan.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mavis Algie.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM





PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER

10am Mediation Grp
1.45pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 17TH 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

WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests

9.30am Taree Mass

10.30am Bishop Tyrell Anointing Mass

5.30pm T&W PPC Mtg - Res C

THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER

9.30am Taree Mass

9.30am Taree St Joseph's school Mass

5.15pm Taree Finance Council mtg - Old Lib

FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

9am Taree Mass

9.30am Taree Exposition

11am Wingham Mass

11.30am Wingham Liturgy mtg

3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER

28TH SUNDAY TIN ORDINARY TIME

10.30am Couples for Christ

11am-12pm Taree Reconcil.

5.30pm Taree Rosary

6pm Taree Mass

6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER

29TH 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

10am Wingham Baptism Knoke

9am Taree Rosary

9.30am Taree Mass

6.00pm Cundletown Mass

6.00pm Lansdowne SCAE

WHITE/MOYLAN FAMILY GROUP

To meet for a picnic lunch at 12 noon at Manning Point. Please BYO lunch and chair. All welcome.

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.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM

The Seasons For Growth small group education program uses the metaphor of the changing seasons to explore the impact of change and loss on ones life. Participants are given the chance to 'have a say' and to be heard. The program is gently supportive, building confidence and self-esteem as participants learn new ways of accepting, processing, adapting to and integrating the losses in their lives. The program will take place in the Taree Resource Centre on Thursday the 26th of October and the 2nd, 9th and 16th of November from 11am-1.30pm. Cost \$30. Please RSVP via phone on 49791355 or email seasonsforgrowth@mn.catholic.org.au

2018 BISHOPS AWARD

The Bishop's Award is very generously supported by Bishop Bill and is one of the ways he recognises and encourages the good works of young people within their parishes across our Diocese. The Bishop's Award has been extended to include Catholic students from Years 7-11 not enrolled in Catholic secondary schools and young people from Year 12 to age 25. The Bishop's Award for secondary students currently enrolled in Years 7-11 in one of our Catholic secondary schools continues to be available. Applications close on the 9th of February 2018. Forms available from the Taree Parish office. If you should have any queries, please contact Cath Garrett-Jones on bishopsaward@mn.catholic.edu.au

MARY UNDOER OF KNOTS



We all have some "knots" in our lives... and Mary can untie them! But what are these knots? They are the problems and struggles we face for which we do not see any solution. Knots of discord in your family, lack of understanding between parents and children, disrespect, violence, the knots of deep hurts between husband and wife, the absence of peace and joy at home. They are also the knots of anguish and despair of separated couples, the dissolution of the family, the knots of a drug addict son or daughter, sick or separated from home or God, knots of alcoholism, the practice of abortion, depression, unemployment, fear, solitude... Ah the knots of life! How they suffocate the soul, beat us down and betray the heart's joy and separate us from God.

The devotion to Mary, Undoer of Knots has become more popular ever since Pope Francis encouraged the devotion in Argentina, and then spoke about it during his first year as pontiff. The theology of the devotion actually goes back to the second century. Saint Irenaeus wrote that, "The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by the obedience of Mary; what the virgin Eve bound by her unbelief, the Virgin Mary loosened by her faith." Mary's faith unties the knot of sin! So we will pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary will intercede for us all, to untie the knots of sin in our lives - so that we may be purified and ever closer to God. The Novena for Mary Undoer of Knots can be found on the following website;

www.theholyroary.org/maryundoerknots

www.praymorenovenas.com/mary-undoer-knots-novena/www.maryundoerofknots.com/history.htm