



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

22ND OCTOBER, 2017

THIS 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.

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Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING: THES 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith hope and love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 22:15-21

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
29TH OF OCTOBER 2017

FIRST READING: EX 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

SECOND READING: 1THESS 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

GOSPEL: Mt 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself

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THANK YOU.

REFLECTION

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc . Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.

Dianne Bergant CSS

PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

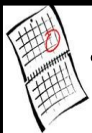
SICK: Patricia Wolfenden, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Mikala Corben, Sonia Pinkerton, Anne Cleal, Jim Wills, Robert MacGregor, Sue Berry, Raymond McBriarty, Janora Senders, Margaret Boyton, Bill Walker,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

ANNIVERSARIES: Marilyn Cross, Tina Allan, Florentino Imanil, Annabella Imanil, Gorgon McCarthy and Carmel Mainey.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Terry Bailey and Brian Hyde.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM





PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER

9.30-1pm Quilters Grp
10am Mediation Grp
1.45pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 24TH 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
6.30pm Women's Craft Grp-SMH

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests
9.30am Taree Mass
9.30am Banyula Lodge Nursing home Mass

THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER

NO MASS IN TAREE
NO MASS AT TAREE ST JOSEPH'S

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER

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

SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11am-12pm Taree Reconcil.
5.30pm Taree Rosary
6pm Taree Mass
6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 29TH 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
9am Taree Rosary
9.30am Taree Mass
6.00pm Cundletown Mass

VISIT OF BISHOP VARGHESE CHAKKALAKKAL

Bishop Varghese Chakkalakkal from the Diocese of Calicut will be visiting the Taree parish on the 5th of November. He will be celebrating the Holy Mass with us on Sunday the 5th of November. Please join with us for special morning tea in the Resource Centre following the Mass. Bring a plate to share. All welcome.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those who attended the special training day for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. A total of 70 parishioners have volunteered for this special ministry. Your help is very greatly appreciated.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM

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 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

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.

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.

LEPROSY MISSION AUXILIARY

Will be holding a coach trip to visit Tuncurry Waste Management Centre on Thursday the 9th of November for a tour and talk followed by a short drive south for lunch. To depart from Endeavour Place Taree at 9.00am returning approx. 3.00pm. For bookings please phone Phyll on 65525556.

THE PURPOSE OF SUFFERING

While the atheist thinks his suffering is ultimately meaningless and pointless, the Christian believes that no suffering is ultimately meaningless or pointless. Why? Because we believe that a loving God is providentially orchestrating all things, in a way that upholds our freedom. For that reason we believe that when God allows us to suffer, He is doing so to protect us from a greater evil, or to lift us to a far greater and outweighing good. God always has a good purpose in allowing suffering, even when that purpose is inscrutable to us.

As is written in the first century work called the *Didache*, "The workings that befall you receive as good, knowing that apart from God nothing comes to pass." We always have a choice in our suffering, whether to trust God as our loving Father, and receive the good gift that He is giving us, or to rail against God in distrust and anger, as though we know better than He does what is ultimately good for us.

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