

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF TAREE & WINGHAM

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TAREE PARISH & WINGHAM PARISH - DIOCESE OF MAITLAND NEWCASTLE

Mass centres of Cundletown, Harrington, Lansdowne & Old Bar

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th of January 2017

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

GOSPEL

John 1: 29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

REFLECTION

Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history. Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised.

The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Here I am Lord: I come to do your will.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR ALL BULLETIN NOTICES IS WEDNESDAY 3PM. NOTICES RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL BE PLACED IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM HELP

If there are any parishioner's who would like to assist with the children's Catechism classes to begin in February, there will be a meeting in the Resource Centre on Sunday 15th January after the 9.30am Mass to discuss the upcoming program. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We would like to thank all parishioners for their generous support towards the scholarship program for students in India, a total of \$2090 was collected during the 2nd collection of the Christmas day Mass.

We also would like to thank the parishioners who donated and bought honey to raise money for the altar servers fund, a total of \$210 was raised.

SOLAR PANELS FOR ST MARY'S HALL

The Taree Parish has finished installing Solar Panels to St Mary's Hall. We are now looking at installing Solar Panels for the Office area. If anyone would like to contribute funds to this project, please contact the office.

Volunteer

Appreciation Lunch

When: Sunday, February 12th 2017

Where: St Mary's Hall

Time: 10.30am after Mass for a biscuit and cup of tea, with lunch to be served at 11.45am

RSVP: 7/2/2017 to Parish Office

We hope you can celebrate with us.....

Thank you

WELCOME TO FATHER JAMES ODOH

Father James Odoh has been appointed by the Bishop to be the new Assistant priest to the Taree and Wingham Parish. Father James will be arriving on Friday 27th January. He will be welcomed with a Prayer at Our Lady of the Rosary at 4pm with a cup of tea afterwards.

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

Mass will be held at 8.00 am on Thursday 26th January at Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree.

THANK YOU FROM VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St Mary's Taree Conference would like to thank the Parish community, students, parents and teachers of St Joseph's and St Clare's for their most generous response to the Christmas Appeal and Food Hamper Appeal. A heartfelt thank you to all those who donated their time to assemble the hampers, a total of 140 hampers were given to those in need.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 2017

Parents and carers of school aged children turning 8 next year, or older who wish to make their Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation next year, are advised that the program will commence early in the First Term of 2017. ***The first information session will be Wednesday 22nd February 2017 for parents only.*** If further information is required please contact the Parish Office on 6552 1084.

CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP

A Confirmation workshop will be held on Saturday February 11th at Taree Parish Resource Centre from 10am-12.30pm. The workshop is an opportunity to explore the re-translated Order of Confirmation, reflect on the experience of 2016 Confirmation and discuss local issues. Morning Tea will be provided. Please register by 6th February by phoning 02 49791 134 or by emailing sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN THE TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES:

Patricia Wolfenden, Mary and Helen Trapple, Bev Crouch, Julie Rice, Tom Berryman, May and Terry Bailey, Teresa Harvey, Kelvin Cowan, Sue Davis, Eve Collins, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Ken Campbell, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Sue Berry, Gloria Ellis, Paul Waite, Doug Welch, Lawrence Mason, Lorraine McKenzie, Helen Wooster and Rupert McLennan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Barbara Martin, Evelyn Mongan, Carl McLennan and Rita Kidd.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Carmel Lyons

May they rest in peace.



GENERAL INSTRUCTION OF THE

ROMAN MISSAL

The Importance of Singing

The Christian faithful who gather together as one to await the Lord's coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (cf. Col 3:16). Singing is the sign of the heart's joy (cf. Acts 2:46). Thus St. Augustine says rightly, "Singing is for one who loves." There is also the ancient proverb: "One who sings well prays twice."

Great importance should therefore be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass, with due consideration for the culture of the people and abilities of each liturgical assembly. Although it is not always necessary (e.g., in weekday Masses) to sing all the texts that are of themselves meant to be sung, every care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people is not absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and on holy days of obligation.

In the choosing of the parts actually to be sung, however, preference should be given to those that are of greater importance and especially to those to be sung by the priest or the deacon or the lector, with the people responding, or by the priest and people together.

All other things being equal, Gregorian chant holds pride of place because it is proper to the Roman Liturgy. Other types of sacred music, in particular polyphony, are in no way excluded, provided that they correspond to the spirit of the liturgical action and that they foster the participation of all the faithful.

Since faithful from different countries come together ever more frequently, it is fitting that they know how to sing together at least some parts of the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin, especially the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, set to the simpler melodies.

The Importance of Silence

Sacred silence also, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times. Its purpose, however, depends on the time it occurs in each part of the celebration. Thus within the Act of Penitence and again after the invitation to pray, all recollect themselves; but at the conclusion of a reading or the homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise and pray to God in their hearts. Even before the celebration itself, it is commendable that silence is to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner.



ST ANTHONY

As a young man, Saint Anthony sold all his land and possessions and gave the proceeds to the poor. He lived by himself in the Egyptian desert for 20 years, before being sought out by admirers. He encouraged his followers to base their lives on the Gospel and in the early fourth century he established a monastery. Saint Anthony is known for helping us to find or to recover lost things. In fact, his name is synonymous with "the finder of lost articles."

Prayer to St Anthony to Lost Things

O blessed St. Anthony, the grace of God has made you a powerful advocate in all our needs and the patron for the restoring of things lost or stolen. I turn to you today with childlike love and deep confidence. You have helped countless children of God to find the things they have lost, material things, and, more importantly, the things of the spirit: faith, hope, and love. I come to you with confidence; help me in my present need.

I recommend what I have lost to your care, in the hope that God will restore it to me, if it is His holy will.

Amen.

MASS SCHEDULE & MEETINGS

Monday 16th			9.30-1pm 10.00am	Quilters Group - Res C Meditation Group-Old Pres
			1.45pm	Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests
Tuesday 17th	9.30am	<u>St Anthony Harrington</u> Liturgy of the word Communion & Exp.	10.30am-11.30am	Old Bar Church open for Prayers and Rosary Men's Bible Study Grp-Old Presbytery
	5.30pm	Taree Mass	1.00pm-3.00pm	
Wednesday 18th	9.30am	Taree Mass	8.50am	Taree Marian Movement of Priests
			5.30pm	T&W PPC mtg - Res C
Thursday 19th	9.30am	Taree Mass - OLR		
Friday 20th	9.00am	<u>St Fabian & St Sebastian</u> Taree Mass	9.30am 11.00am 3.00pm	Taree Exposition Wingham Liturgy mtg Old Bar Exposition and Marian Movement of priests
	9.30am	Wingham Liturgy of the Word + Communion		
Saturday 21st		<u>St Agnes</u> <u>3rd Sunday in Ord time</u>	11.00am - 12pm	Taree Reconciliation
	6.00pm 6.00pm	Taree Vigil Mass Harrington Vigil SCAE	5.30pm	Taree Rosary
Sunday 22nd		<u>3rd Sunday in Ord time</u>	7.00am 7.50am	Old Bar Rosary Wingham Rosary Taree Rosary Wingham Reconciliation Taree Rosary
	7.30am	Old Bar SCAE	8-8.20am	
	8.30am	Wingham Mass	9.00am	
	9.30am	Taree SCAE		
	6.00pm 6.00pm	Cundletown Mass Lansdowne SCAE		

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

22nd of January 2017

First Reading : Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

Second Reading : Corinthians 1:1--13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

Gospel : Matthew 4:12-23

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

