

# Catholic Parishes of Taree & Wingham

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle



Taree Parish includes Mass centres of Cundletown, Harrington, Lansdowne & Old Bar

## Wingham Parish

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## Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday - Year C

3rd of April 2016

### First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

*The number of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.*

### This Weeks Readings

#### Second Reading

Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

*I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.*

#### Gospel

John 20:19-31

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

## Reflection

The disciples did not purge their group of 'doubting Thomas'. They remained his companions, waiting for something or Someone to be revealed to him with them. Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story.

Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us. How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He *is* those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress. We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.



Fr Michael Tate

### Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.



### Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
Happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

*Alleluia!*

### **Anna's group**

Will meet at Club Taree after the Sunday Mass on April the 3rd.

### **Martha's group**

Will meet at 12 noon on the 11th of April in the Resource Centre.

### **Swift/Dureau Family Group**

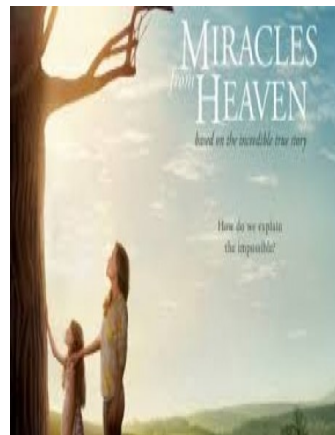
Will meet on Sunday the 17th of April at 12 noon for a light lunch at 'Grasslands Café' at 586 Lansdowne Rd, Kundle Kundle. Please phone May before Tuesday the 12th of April so she can book ahead. If any other parishioners would like to join, please call May on 65525596.

### **New Christian Movies**

Fays Twin Cinema will be screening two new Christian based films to be released on the 31st of March until the 6th of April.

"Miracles from Heaven" is based on the incredible true story of the Beam family. This heart-warming film shows the extraordinary power of a mother's love and a families ability to rally around each other in the face of overwhelming adversity. Rated PG.

"Risen" is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Rated M. Tickets available at Taree Fay's Twin Cinema.



### **Mass of Neophytes**

Come and join the celebration with Bishop Bill, Parish Priests, our new Catholics and their families RCIA and friends on Friday the 13th of May 2016 for the Mass of Neophytes. Beginning at 6.30pm at St Joseph's, Corner of Kenrick and Farquhar Streets, The Junction. Refreshments and fellowship following the Mass. RSVP by May the 8th. Phone Daphne on 0402318074 or email daphane.peterson68@gmail.com

### **Musicians needed for Wingham Church**

Wingham Church is in need of musicians to assist with the music for Sunday Masses. Please contact Helen Scriven for further information on 65508062.



### **Anglican Men's Dinner**

To be held on Wednesday the 13th of April at 6.30pm at St John's Memorial Hall, Victoria Street. Guest speaker, Mike and Linda Mills. \$15.00 per person. For bookings please call Dennis Marriot on 65539474 or 0409150229 by Monday the 11th of April.

### **Bonnie Wingham Scottish Concert**

To be held on Sunday the 22nd of May 2016 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Wingham. 2pm to 5pm. Tickets at the door, \$10 per person, \$25 family.



### **Child Protection Update**

For SRE volunteers, Monday the 4th of April 2016. 1.30pm - 3.30pm at St Philip's Church Hall, Vista Parade, Kotara. To register please call 49791328.

### **National Ass. of Catholic Families**

Will be hosting a Weekend Family Conference/Retreat on April 8-10, 2016, at Merroo Christian Centre, Kurrajong, NSW. Talks and activities for all ages. Includes (chaplain) Bishop Peter Comensoli - daily Mass, family catechesis and prayer, great outdoor activities, plus evening social entertainment. For further information contact nacf.sydney@hotmail.com or Mary on 0298753664, Registration & Bookings www.trybooking.com/159690.

### **Combined Churches**

#### **Men's Breakfast**

Will be held at Gloucester Baptist Church, 42 Denison St, on Saturday the 16th of April, 7.30am. Cost \$10, includes breakfast. For bookings please call Geff Bishell 0412681700 or Graeme Bingham 65538272. This breakfast is hosted by Gloucester Baptist Church, and organised by the Combined Churches Men's Fellowship to encourage, strengthen and inspire Christian Men.



### **Please pray for the sick in the Taree & Wingham parishes:**

Patricia Wolfenden, Bev Couch, Julie Rice, Tom Berryman, Helen Trappel, May and Terry Bailey, Teresa Harvey, Pauline Wills, Kelvin Cowan, Debbie Hitchen, Margaret Cross, Joe Zarb, Sue Davis, Eve Collins, Bill Walker, Rose Sansom, Carmel Matheson, Nino Menta, Paul Cantwell and Judy Nice.

**Anniversaries:** Joseph Litjens, Sheila Lauanders, John Clarke, Helmut Ploder, Vivian Lovegrove, Peter Irwin and Helmut Ullrich.

**Recently Deceased:** Allan Tisdell.

*May they rest in peace.*



Sunday 10th of April 2016

9.30am SCAE

Leader:

Gospel:

Reflection:

Communion:

## Words of Wisdom

“Enriched from the first instant of her conception with the splendor of an entirely unique holiness, the virgin of Nazareth is hailed by the heralding angel, by divine command, as ‘full of grace’ (cf. Luke 1:28). To the heavenly messenger she replies: ‘Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word’ (Luke 1:38). Thus the daughter of Adam, Mary, consenting to the word of God, became the Mother of Jesus.

Committing herself wholeheartedly and impeded by no sin to God’s saving will, she devoted herself totally, as a handmaid of the Lord, to the person and work of her Son, under and with him, serving the mystery of redemption, by the grace of Almighty God.”

*Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 56*



## The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord



The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God’s plan. From all eternity God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God’s decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God’s instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God’s grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God’s grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

She is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints>

## Next Week - 3rd Sunday of Easter Year C

**First Reading:** Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

*We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.*

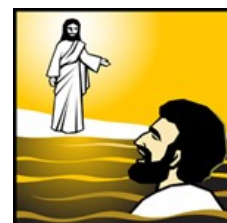
**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 5: 11-14

*The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory and blessing.*



**Gospel:** John 21:1-19

*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.*

10th of April 2016



# Liturgies and Meetings

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| <b>Monday<br/>4th</b>   |   | <u>The Annunciation of Our Lord</u><br>  | <b>10.00am</b> Meditation Group - Reading Room<br><b>1.45pm</b> T Hour of Prayer for Priests<br><b>7.30pm</b> Men's Bible Study Group                                  |  |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>5th</b>  | <b>9.30am</b> Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Com & Exposition.<br><br><b>5.30pm</b> Taree Mass  |   | <b>10.00am</b> Women's Prayer group -O.Lib<br><b>10.30-11.30am</b> Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers<br><br><b>7.00pm</b> RCIA meeting-resource centre             |  |
| <b>Wed<br/>6th</b>      | <b>9.30am</b> Taree Mass  |   | <b>8.50am</b> Taree MMP Prayer for Priests<br><b>9.30-11am</b> T & W Library Open  |  |
| <b>Thursday<br/>7th</b> |   | <u>St John Baptist de la Salle</u><br><b>9.30am</b> Taree Mass at St Joseph's school  |   |  |
| <b>Friday<br/>8th</b>   | <b>9.00am</b> Taree Mass<br><br><b>2.00pm</b> Taree Funeral Allan Tisdell   |   | <b>9.30am</b> Taree Exposition<br><b>10.00-2pm</b> Franciscans mtg - Res C<br><b>11.00am</b> W Mass with school children<br><br><b>3.00pm</b> Old Bar Exposition & MMP |  |
| <b>Saturday<br/>9th</b> | <b>6.00pm</b><br><b>6.00pm</b>  | <u>3rd Sunday of Easter</u><br><b>6.00pm</b> Taree Vigil Mass<br><b>Harrington</b> Vigil SCAE   | <b>9.30-12pm</b><br><b>11am-12.00pm</b>  | Our Lady Rosary Makers<br>Taree Reconciliation   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>10th</b>  | <b>7.30am</b><br><br><b>8.30am</b><br><b>9.30am</b><br><b>11.00am</b><br><br><b>2.00pm-4.00pm</b><br><br><b>6.00pm</b><br><b>6.00pm</b> | <u>3rd Sunday of Easter</u><br><b>Old Bar</b> SCAE<br><br><b>Wingham</b> Mass<br><b>Taree</b> SCAE<br><b>Taree</b> Baptism<br><br><b>Divine Mercy</b> Adoration and Reconciliation<br><br><b>Lansdowne</b> Mass<br><b>Cundletown</b> SCAE | <b>7.00am</b><br><b>7.50am</b><br><b>8-8.20am</b><br><b>9.10am</b><br><b>10.30am</b>   | Old Bar Rosary<br>Wingham Rosary<br>Wingham Reconciliation<br>Taree Rosary<br>Anna's group - Old Library |