

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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2nd Sunday of Lent - Year C

21st of February 2016

First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

*God made a covenant with Abraham,
his faithful servant.*

This Weeks Readings

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of
ours into copies of his glorious body.*

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face
changed and his clothing became
brilliant as lightening*

Reflection

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God.

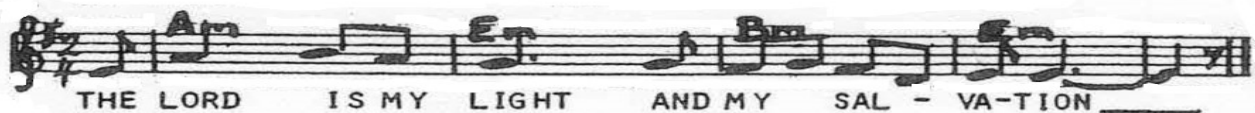
The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.

God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.



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Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation



Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Sacraments of Initiation 2016

A Parent Information Night will be held on Wednesday the 24th of February at 7pm for all parents of children turning 8 this year or older who would like their children to receive the sacrament of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. The meeting will be held in the Resource Centre, the small hall opposite Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Taree. This Information Night is very important and mandatory for all parents, as it will outline the program of Initiation which will take place over several months.

Chrism Mass

Bishop Bill Wright invites you to join him at the Chrism Mass, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton at 7pm on Tuesday 22nd of March 2016. Following the Mass refreshments will be served in the Davis Courtyard. We will be looking for volunteers from each Mass centre to attend the Mass and collect the oils. If you can assist please contact the parish office.

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.

St Mary's Catering Group

Will meet on Tuesday the 23rd of February at 5.30pm in St Mary's Hall kitchen to discuss and plan for 2016. We are a small group of volunteers, who offer catering services within the parish. New volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Cheryl on 65521857 for more information.

St Mary's Craft Group

Will meet over a cuppa on Tuesday the 23rd of February from 6.30pm-9.00pm, to discuss and plan for 2016. St Mary's Craft Group meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 6.30pm-8.30pm in the St Mary's Hall. All are welcome.

World Day of Prayer Services

Will be held on March the 4th in the following locations;

Harrington

Community Church at 10am. Please RSVP Joy on 65561065 by the 29th of February.

Old Bar

Our Lady of Fatima Church at 7pm.

Taree

Presbyterian Church at 9.30am.



Wingham Family Group

Will be heading out to Diamond Beach this Sunday the 21st of February after the SCAE service in Wingham. First stop will be at 3 Nippers Restaurant at Ramada resort Diamond Beach, for morning tea. Then the Hallidays Point Brickfest, \$4.00 per person or \$10 per family. Please call Liz on 0409570522 if you would like to come.

Swift/Dureau Family Group

Will meet on Sunday the 21st of February at 12 noon. Programme Preparation day at Knepps. Please bring sandwich/salad to eat plus a little contribution to go with the coffee/tea. Come with your ideas for events in 2016. Please let Evelyn and David know if you can come on 65560430.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent the following Mass centres will meet for the Stations of the Cross.

Harrington 9.30am

Wingham 9.30am

Old Bar 7.00pm

Cundletown 6.30pm



Family Group Movement

Will be hosting the Annual Renewal Day on Sunday the 13th of March at Grace Cottage, 58 Grace Ave Frenches Forest. Starting at 10am, finishing at 4pm. \$5.00 per person donation to help defray cost, please bring some food to share for lunch. RSVP Mary Ingham on 94514795.

'Be, Grow, Show' Retreat

St Joseph's Conference Centre in Toronto will be holding a retreat on the 18th-20th of March. For more information phone 4979 1111 or email youth.ministry@mn.catholic.org.au

Community Workshop - Love Food Hate Waste

Is a practical workshop to help your household save money, eat well and make the most of the food you buy. This workshop will be held on Tuesday the 8th of March, Manning Uniting Church, Taree from 10.00am to 12.30pm, free refreshments provided. Please bring a mug for tea/coffee. Enquiries and registrations call on 93939415.

Taree Auxiliary of the Leprosy

Will be hosting a coach trip on Thursday the 25th of February from Chatham Uniting Church at 8.45am to depart 9.15am. Please call Phyl Smith on 65525556.

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

Michael Holstein, Bev Crouch, Phillip Stanford, Barry Armitage, Lillian and Bernie Eddlebuttel, Mavis Capon, Cyril McGovern, Mary McCaffrey, Chum Cavanagh, Terry Donnelly, Tom Berryman, Paul Cantwell, Von Hobson, Bill Abdoo, Vicki White - Lobbecke, Hanna Cowley, Joe Zarb, Ann Cleal, Pat Wolfenden, Frances Kenny, Alex Quintero, William Twin, Judy Nies, Anne Watson, James Sweeney jnr, Maureen Barrett, John Abernathy, Debbie Hitchen, Kelly Smith, Bronwyn Tarrant, Kelvin Cowan, Pauline Wills, Nerryl Ritter, Fran Westley, Maurice Heiner, John Abernathy, Charlie Perrin, Nino Menta, Bill Walker, Julie Rice, Teresa Harvey, Dave Ross, Bill Howell and Rupert, Betty McLennan, Sue Davis, Eve Collins and family, Carmel Matheson, Margaret Mills and Rose Sansom, Lillian Edelbuttel, Helen Trappel, May and Terry Bailey.

Please note the names on the above sick list will be removed next week unless requested to remain on there. Please call the office if you wish for this to happen.

Anniversaries: Nell Earley, Anthony Johnson, Mark Johnson, Pangram Family, Annie Dunn, Reg Cross and David Steel

Recently Deceased: Margaret McDonald, Noel Webber and Fay Harvey.



SCAE Roster
Our Lady of the Rosary Church,
Taree

Sunday 28th February 2016

9.30am SCAE

Leader: Henry Sowa
Gospel: Merri Rumble
Reflection:
Communion:

Saturday 5th of March 2016

6.00pm SCAE

Leader: Peter Dahdah
Gospel:
Reflection:
Communion:

Sunday 13th March 2016

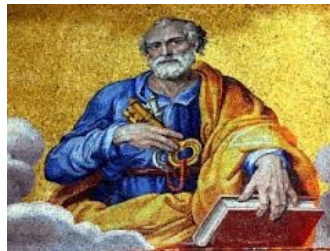
9.30am SCAE

Leader:
Gospel:
Reflection:
Communion:

*If there is no name beside the duty on this roster we need a volunteer to fulfil the role. Please phone the parish office if you can fill any of the vacancies on the roster.
Note: Other readers as per usual roster.*

The Chair of St Peter

“You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of the Hell shall not prevail against it” (Mt 16:18)



The chair of St. Peter is a symbol of authority, as Jesus refers to this in Mat 23: 2, when he commands and warns the crowd and his disciples, “The Scribes and Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses”. The “chair” is metaphorically referring to the teaching and judging office that Moses held in the Name of God. The name that Jesus gives to Peter is a second metaphor for an office of teaching and judging, and to drive the point home, Jesus uses a third metaphor by speaking of the “Keys of the kingdom of Heaven” Mathew 16:19. The “power of the keys” is used in many ways; some are specific to the Office of St. Peter the Papacy, others are shared with those ordained to priestly ministry, the Sacrament of Confession. During this season of Lent, we pray for these human leaders of the Church chosen by God, so they are faithful ministers of God’s grace to us.

This feast day is an anniversary and celebration of the “authority” of the Papacy, and the particular mission entrusted to St. Peter by Jesus. The Roman Missal explains, the symbol of the chair, and emphasizes the mission of teacher and pastor of Christ conferred upon Peter, to whom He formed in His person and in St. Peter’s successors, a visible foundation of unity of the Church. The chair, literally is a fixed seat of the supreme Pontiff and the Bishops, permanently placed in the Mother Church of the Diocese – Cathedral, and is the symbol of the Bishop and his ordinary magisterium in the local church. The Chair of St. Peter indicates his position in the Apostolic College, established by the express will of Jesus, who assigned the task of “feeding” the flock, to lead the People of God, the Church.

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Words of Wisdom

Thoughtful men, with hearts craving the truth, have come to seek in the Catholic Church the road which leads with surety to eternal life. They have understood that they could not cleave to Jesus Christ as the Head of the Church if they did not belong to the Body of Jesus Christ which is the Church. Nor could they ever hope to possess in all its purity the faith of Jesus Christ if they were to reject its legitimate teaching authority entrusted to Peter and his successors.

Pope Leo XIII

Next Week 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year C

28th of February 2016

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

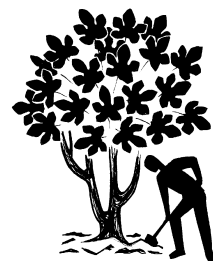
This is what you must say to the children of Israel: ‘I Am has sent me to you’

Second Reading: Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.



Liturgies and Meetings

Monday 22nd		<u>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle</u> Office Closed	10.00am 7.30pm	Meditation Group - Reading Room Men's Bible Study Group
Tuesday 23rd	9.30am 5.30pm	Harrington Liturgy of the Word & Exposition. Taree Mass	10.00am 10.30-11.30 5.30pm 6.30-9.00pm 7.00pm	Women's Prayer group - Library Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers St Mary's Catering Group mtg-SMH Craft Group mtg-SMH RCIA meeting-resource centre
Wednesday 24th	9.30am	Taree Mass	8.50am 9.30-11am 7.00pm	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T & W Library Open RCIC Parent Information Night
Thursday 25th	9.30am	St Joseph's Taree School Mass	5.00pm	RCIC meeting
Friday 26th	9.00am	Taree Mass	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 3.00pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	Taree Exposition Wingham - Stations of the Cross Harrington - Stations of the Cross OB Exposition & Cenacle Cundletown - Stations of the Cross Old Bar - Stations of the Cross
Saturday 27th	6pm 6pm	<u>3rd Week of Lent</u> Taree Vigil Mass Harrington Vigil SCAE	11-12.00pm 5.30pm	Taree Reconciliation Taree Recitation of the rosary
Sunday 28th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm 6.00pm	<u>3rd Sunday of Lent</u> Old Bar SCAE Wingham Mass + Baptism Taree SCAE Taree Baptism Cundletown Mass Lansdowne SCAE	7.00am 7.50am 8-8.20am 9.10am	Old Bar Recitation of the rosary Wingham Recitation of the rosary Wingham Reconciliation Taree recitation of the Rosary
Monday 29th		Office Closed	10.00am 7.30pm	Meditation Group - Reading Room Men's Bible Study Group
Tuesday 1st	9.30am 5.30pm	Harrington Liturgy of the Word & Exposition. Taree Mass	10.00am 10.30-11.30 7.00pm	Women's Prayer group - Library Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers RCIA meeting-resource centre
Wednesday 2nd	9.30am	Taree Mass	8.50am 9.30-11am	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T & W Library Open
Thursday 3rd	9.30am	St Joseph's Taree School Mass	7.00pm	RCIC - Orientation to the Church - Taree Church
Friday 4th	9.00am 11.00am	<u>Ember Day (World Day of Prayer)</u> Taree Mass Wingham Mass with St Joseph school kids	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 3.00pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	Taree Exposition Wingham - Stations of the Cross Harrington - Stations of the Cross World Day of Prayer Service in Harrington Community Church Wingham Mass OB Exposition & Cenacle Cundletown Stations of the Cross World Day of Prayer in Old Bar Church
Saturday 5th	6pm 6pm	<u>4th Week of Lent</u> Taree Vigil SCAE Harrington Vigil Mass	10.30am 11-12.00pm 5.30pm	Couples for Christ Taree Reconciliation Taree Recitation of the rosary
Sunday 6th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	<u>4th Week of Lent</u> Old Bar Mass Wingham SCAE Taree Mass Taree Baptism Cundletown Mass	7.00am 7.50am 9.10am 10.30am	Old Bar Recitation of the rosary Wingham recitation of the rosary Taree recitation of the Rosary Anna's group - Old Library