

# 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 of Lent- Year A**

**12th of March, 2017**

## FIRST READING

**Genesis 12: 1-4**

Abram leaves home receiving promises from the Lord.

## SECOND READING

**2 Timothy 1: 8-10**

Following the Gospel entails some hardship.

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.

## REFLECTION

The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you



**LORD, LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US AS WE PLACE OUR TRUST IN YOU!**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**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.**

### **WHITE/MOYLAN GROUP**

Will hold a planning day at the Dawson's residence, 189 Brimbin Rd, Taree, on Sunday 12th March at 12 noon. Contact Fran on 6553 9040. BYO lunch.

### **MARTHA'S GROUP**

Will meet at 12pm on Monday 13th March at the Resource Centre for lunch. A guest speaker will be attending.

### **SWIFT/DUREAU FAMILY GROUP**

Will join in the St Patrick Day Dinner at St Mary's Hall at 6pm for 6.30pm meal on Friday 17th March. Bookings and \$15 payment by 15th March to Parish Office.

### **SUPPLY OF PALM LEAVES**

If there are any parishioners that could supply palm leaves prior to Palm Sunday on the 9th April, could you please contact the Parish Office. Even if you can supply a few, it would be very much appreciated, as it is a lot to ask one person to supply on their own.

### **VOLUNTEERS FOR CUNDLETOWN**

After 35 years of volunteering, Allan and Joan Gallagher are finishing at Cundletown church. If you can assist with cleaning the Church once a month please contact the Parish Office.

### **ST PATRICK DAY DINNER**

Will be in St Marys Hall on Friday 17th March. 6.00pm for 6.30pm. Cost \$15 per person. Irish Stew, damper and dessert. Wear something green and come along for a fun night. Raffles, lucky door, trading table. RSVP and payment by Wednesday 15th to Parish Office.

### **CHURCH PARKING**

Please be aware this is a shared area so it would be appreciated if people could park only in the car spaces provided to ensure safe entry and exit of all visitors.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROL 2016 DVD'S**

If anyone is interested in purchasing a DVD copy of the 2016 Church Christmas Carols, they are available at the Parish office. Cost is \$10 per DVD or \$15 for Blue Ray DVD.

### **CATECHISM CLASSES**

Will be cancelled for Sunday 19th March due to the RCIC Sacramental workshop to be held after Mass on that day. Normal classes resume Sunday 26th.

### **HOLY WEEK MASS VOLUNTEERS**

Required for Our Lady of the Rosary Mass services. If you are able to assist, please add your name to the rosters in the front foyer of the Church, or by calling the Parish Office on 6552 1084. Volunteers on the normal weekend rosters have been added to the Holy Week rosters, if you are unable to do your rostered duty please find an alternative person.

### **WINGHAM PARISH - MUSICIANS NEEDED**

In urgent need of skilled musicians for the Easter Ceremonies. If you can assist please ring Helen Scriven on 6550 8062.

### **CHRISM MASS**

The annual Chrism Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 7pm on Tuesday 11th April, to receive the holy oils. Thank you to those who have already volunteered, however Wingham & Harrington is still in need of 2 representatives to attend. If you are able to travel to this mass please contact the Parish Office ASAP.

### **CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP RESCHEDULED**

Explore the Re-translated Order of Confirmation and related Diocesan resources and procedures. Recommended for Sacramental teams has been rescheduled to Saturday April 1st from 10am - 12.30pm at Taree Parish Resource Centre. Please book with Sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au or phone 4979 1134.

### **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, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Ken Campbell, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Helen Wooster, Mikala Corben, Emma Matheson, John Longden, Bernice Revill, Sandra Baker, Joy Schneider, Gustav Debono and Rita Joyce.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Lillian Eddebuttel, Benjamin Ison, Ilma Kelly, Garth Paul Lovegrove, Colin Mills, Hilda Pensini, Noel Greenaway and Eunice White.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ann (Sister of Margaret Murray)



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent the Following Mass Centres will meet for the Stations of the Cross.

### Harrington

Star of the Sea Church - 9.30am

### Cundletown

St Patricks Church - 6.30pm

### Old Bar

Our Lady of Fatima - 7.00pm

### Wingham

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 10am

# GENERAL INSTRUCTION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

## THE DUTIES OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

In the celebration of Mass the faithful form a holy people, a people whom God has made his own, a royal priesthood, so that they may give thanks to God and offer the spotless Victim not only through the hands of the priest but also together with him, and so that they may learn to offer themselves. They should, moreover, endeavor to make this clear by their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them in the same celebration.

Thus, they are to shun any appearance of individualism or division, keeping before their eyes that they have only one Father in heaven and accordingly are all brothers and sisters to each other.

Indeed, they form one body, whether by hearing the word of God, or by joining in the prayers and the singing, or above all by the common offering of Sacrifice and by a common partaking at the Lord's table. This unity is beautifully apparent from the gestures and postures observed in common by the faithful.

The faithful, moreover, should not refuse to serve the People of God gladly whenever they are asked to perform some particular ministry or function in the celebration.

## St PATRICK

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing - not even death.

### St Patrick's poem on Faith and Trust

"Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

### St Teresa of Avila

Christ has no body now but yours,  
no hands, no feet on earth, but  
yours. Yours are the eyes through  
which Christ looks compassion into  
the world. Yours are the feet with  
which Christ walks to do god. Yours  
are the hands with which Christ  
blesses the world.

