



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

29TH OCTOBER, 2017

THIS 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I love you Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING: 1 Thes 1:5-10

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia

All who love Me will keep My words and My Father will love then and we will come to them.
Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 22:34-40

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

REFLECTION

Since Vatican II the responsibilities of leadership have been spread throughout the community. This has not happened simply because there are fewer priests and religious. It has occurred primarily because the Council itself insisted that by virtue of their baptism all Christians are called to discipleship, which includes active participation in the mission of the church. While those who are ordained continue in specialised forms of leadership, other people have stepped forward to assume their newly recognised responsibilities. Sometimes they have more influence in the church than do the ordained. We derive the connection between pharisaical and hypocritical from Jesus' description of the Pharisees found in today's reading. His condemnation, along with the condemnation of the priests in the first reading, should be a warning to all who in any way exercise leadership. We must always be on our guard lest the trappings of leadership ensnare us and we fail in our responsibilities toward God and the community we serve. There is a mode of leadership that reflects the very meaning of authority. This way of leadership authors life. It is characterised by the striking image of a nursing mother who both gives and sustains life. Those who exercise leadership in this way create a community where life is fostered, not stifled, where talents serve all of the members, and the talents of all of the members are invited to serve. Such a community not only nurtures its members, it is itself the author of life in the world.

Dianne Bergant CSS

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
5TH OF NOVEMBER 2017

FIRST READING: Mal 1:14 - 2:2. 8-10

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

SECOND READING: 1 Thes 2:7-9. 13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

GOSPEL: Mt 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

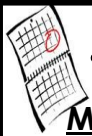
SICK: Patricia Wolfenden, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Mikala Corben, Sonia Pinkerton, Jim Wills, Sue Berry, Margaret Boyton, Bev Crouch, Bruce Mackie, Myra Coleman, Maureen Reed, Lawrence Matteson, Margaret Baker, Jennifer Anne Corben, Kirsty Clarke, Sharon MCarthy and Peter Holden.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jacob Matthew, Rhyann Whittaker, Gerard Unger, Jenny Mason, Allan Ison, Denise Kilmurray, May Frances Reidy, John White, Patrick David Canty, Mary and Kevin Standen.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Helen Trappel, Olive Kember, Michael Dobson, Peter Williams, Leone Treloar, and Tony Kennedy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM





PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER

10am Mediation Grp
1.45pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 31ST 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

ALL SAINTS DAY

WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests
9.30am Taree Mass
2.00pm Storm Village Anointing Mass
6.00pm T Liturgy Mtg

ALL SOULS DAY

THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

9.30am Wingham Mass
9.30am Taree Mass St Joseph's
6.00pm Taree Mass OLR

FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

9am Taree Mass
9.30am Taree Exposition
10.2pm Franciscans - Res C
11am Wingham Mass with School
3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

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10.30am Couple for Christ - Res C
11am-12pm Taree Reconcil.
5.30pm Taree Rosary
6pm Taree Mass
6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

31ST 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 - Bishop Varghese
10.30am Morning tea Res C
6.00pm Cundletown Mass

ALL SOULS NOVEMBER MASS

OFFERINGS

During the month of November, Masses will be offered for deceased members of our families. If you would like people from your families who have died to be remembered at the November Masses, please write their names on an envelope with the heading 'November Mass Offerings for the Holy Souls', place an offering in the envelope and drop it on the plate, or drop it into the Parish Office. Envelopes have been provided in the churches. **All Souls Day Masses:**

Wingham

Wednesday 2nd 9.30am

Taree

Wednesday 2nd 9.30am T St Joseph's

Wednesday 2nd 6.00pm OLR Church

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.

ANNA'S GROUP

Will meet at Taree West Bowling Club on the 5th of November for lunch.

MARTHA'S GROUP

Will meet at the Resource Centre on the 13th of November for Christmas Lunch. Please bring along Christmas food and a donation for Friends of St Paul.

2018 BISHOP'S 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

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.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH PARENT PROGRAM

The program will be held in the Taree Resource Centre on Wednesday the 22nd & 29th of November from 11am -1 pm . Cost \$15. To register or for more information please phone 49791355 or email; seasonsforgrowth@mn.catholic.org.au

OFFERING OUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE HOLY SOULS

On All Souls Day, we not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts, through prayer, almsgiving, and the Mass, to their release from Purgatory. There are two plenary indulgences attached to All Souls Day, one for visiting a church and another for visiting a cemetery. (The plenary indulgence for visiting a cemetery can also be obtained every day from November 1-8, and, as a partial indulgence, on any day of the year.) While the actions are performed by the living, the merits of the indulgences are applicable only to the souls in Purgatory. Since a plenary indulgence removes all of the temporal punishment for sin, which is the reason why souls are in Purgatory in the first place, applying a plenary indulgence to one of the Holy Souls in Purgatory means that the Holy Soul is released from Purgatory and enters Heaven. Praying for the dead is a Christian obligation. In the modern world, when many have come to doubt the Church's teaching on Purgatory, the need for such prayers has only increased. The Church devotes the month of November to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and participation in the Mass of All Souls Day is a good way to begin the month.

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