



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

5TH OF NOVEMBER 2017

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
5TH OF NOVEMBER 2017

FIRST READING: Mal 1:14 – 2:2.
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You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

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 ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You have one Father,
your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher:
the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
12TH OF NOVEMBER 2017

FIRST READING: Wis 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

SECOND READING: 1 Thes 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

GOSPEL: Mt 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

REFLECTION

There have been periods in the church's history where the burdens placed on the shoulders of people — particularly an exaggerated sense of guilt for certain sins — truly weighed people down, creating a terrible sense of unworthiness, leading to the living of distorted lives.

Our Lord makes it clear that leaders cannot evade responsibility for this by hiding behind honorific titles.

In the Gospels, we find the One who said: 'Come to me all you who toil and are burdened and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.' (Matt 11:28-30).

If people don't find that the burden laid on them by Church leaders (who often long to be greeted obsequiously) leads to refreshment and rest for their souls, then it is right to question the burden, and to question the leaders who impose such burdens.

Perhaps we could pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis whose favoured titles are simply: 'Bishop of Rome', 'Servant of the Servants of God'.

Fr Michael Tate

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, Peter Holden, Bill Storock and Robert MacGregor.

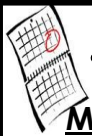
ANNIVERSARIES: Elizabeth Dora Wilson, Stanley Claude Wilson, Mary Margaret Trappel, Henry Arthery Trappel, Joan Redman, Charly Redman, Shirley Betts, Dawn Schubert, Phil Ottaway, Thora Ottaway, Paul Waan, Carmel Mainey and Bluey Callinan.

RECENTLY DECEASED : Carol Ann De Jong, Lorraine Farrell

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SUNDAY XXXI

In You, In You O Lord, I have found my peace



PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

9.30-1 pm Quilters Grp
10 am Mediation Grp
1.45 pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

9.30am Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Comm + Exp
9.30 -11 am 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

WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests
9.30am Taree Mass
10.30am St.Paul anointing mass

THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

9:30am **Taree mass**
9.30am Remembrance day service St Joseph

FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

9am Taree Mass
9.30am Taree Exposition
11am Wingham Mass with School
3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:30 - 12pm Rosary Makers Group
11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation.
5.30pm Taree Rosary
6pm Taree Mass
6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00am Old Bar Rosary
7.30am Old Bar Mass
7.50am Wingham Rosary
8-8.20am Wingham Reconciliation
8.30am Wingham Mass
9am Taree Rosary
9.30am Taree Mass - Bishop Varghese Chakkalakkal
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.

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.

LEPROSY MISSION AFTERNOON TEA

All welcome at the Presbyterian Church hall, Albert Street on Tuesday 21st of November at 1:30pm. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Colin Martin and his wife Sally from Gloucester who is the Chairman of the Australian Board of the Leprosy Mission. Hosted by the Taree Leprosy Mission, there is no charge but donations are very much appreciated. For details contact Monica 65523410.

TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Those who were not able to attend the training session for the extraordinary ministers of communion will have an opportunity to attend another session in the coming weeks. Those who are interested please contact the office as soon as possible.

RCIA UPDATE

Next meeting will be on Monday the 6th of November at 7pm in the Resource Center. Please feel welcome to come along and support our candidates as we delve into session two: PRAYER.

MARTHA'S GROUP

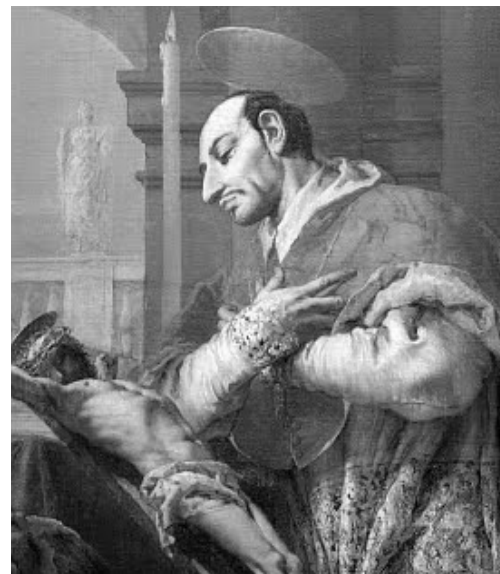
Will meet at the Resource Centre on the 13th of November for Christmas Lunch. Please bring along Christmas food and a donation for Friends of St Paul.

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

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



Patron Saint of Catechists: Saint Charles Borromeo (1538-1584) Feast Day: November 4

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