



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

12TH OF NOVEMBER 2017

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
12TH OF NOVEMBER 2017**

FIRST READING: Wis 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thes 4:13-18

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 25:1-13

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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
19TH OF NOVEMBER 2017**

FIRST READING: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

SECOND READING: 1 Thes 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

GOSPEL: Mt 25:1-13

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

REFLECTION

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' Some (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into our history, into our moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

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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.

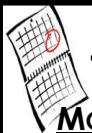
ANNIVERSARIES: Ellen Carter and Frank Adam's.

RECENTLY DECEASED : Lorraine Farrell.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SUNDAY XXXXX

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PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

10 am Mediation Grp -Old Pres
 12pm Martha's Group-Res C
 1.45 pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests
 7.00pm - 9.00pm RCIA - Res C

TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

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
 10:40am Remembrance Day Service - St Joseph's Taree
 12.00pm Men's Bible Study - Old Pres.

5.30pm Taree Mass

6.30pm Women's craft group

WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests

9.30am Taree Mass

10.30am Bishop Tyrell anointing Mass

5:30pm T & W PPC Mtg-Res C

THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

9:30am Taree Mass

9.30am Taree Mass St Joseph's School

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

9am Taree Mass

9.30am Taree Exposition

11am Wingham Mass with School

11.30 Wingham Liturgy mtg

3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

6.00pm St Clare's Graduation Ceremony

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

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10.30am C for C -Res C

11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation.

5.30pm Taree Rosary

6pm Taree Mass

6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00am Old Bar Rosary

7.30am Old Bar Mass

8.00am Wingham Reconciliation

8.30am Wingham Mass

9am Taree Rosary

9.30am Taree Mass

10.30am Morning tea cancelled

6.00pm Cundletown Mass

ALL SOULS 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 provided in the churches.

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.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

CHRISTMAS 2017 PARTY

The celebration will be held in the St. Mary's Hall on Saturday the 2nd of December at 11:30am. Cost is \$15. Lunch and entertainment included. Money raised will go to St. Vincent de Paul Taree. For bookings please contact Susie 0414309584. Cut off date is 29th November 2017.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

There will be no Couples for Christ morning tea Sunday the 19th of November.

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.

SWIFT/ DUREAU FAMILY GROUP

Parishioners please come and join us for Fish and Chips and wall walk at Harrington (12 noon). For more details phone May 6552 - 5596 or Margaret 6551 - 3600.

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 from Gloucester who is the Chairman of the Australian Board of the Leprosy Mission and his wife Sally. Hosted by the Taree Leprosy Mission, there is no charge but donations are very much appreciated.

+ RCIA +

On **Monday the 20th** of November at 7pm in the Resource Centre, **Sr Lynette Pearce rsj** has generously offered to be our RCIA guest speaker...her topic '**JESUS.**'

You are all invited to come and share her wisdom and knowledge at this gathering, this will help us journey together, while at the same time deepening our faith and prayer life. **Please come** and bring your friends with you, you won't be disappointed.

This Monday the 13th of November
Session three: The Bible

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Please help the needy in our area. Boxes will be placed in front of the altars at all Mass centres from Sunday the 4th of December. Would you please bring donations of non-perishable food, excluding products containing nuts. Thank you for your generosity.

SOCIAL SUNDAY

Christmas Lunch will be held in St Mary's Hall on 26th November 2017. Cost \$10.00 per person. Children under 12 years \$5.00. Doors open 10.30am for morning tea and seated for lunch at 11.45am. All welcome. R.S.V.P. and payment to parish office by Friday 24th Nov. For more details please contact 65521084.

ST JOSEPH'S WINGHAM CHRISTMAS FETE

To be held on Saturday the 2nd of December from 10am-3.00pm at St Joseph's Wingham School. Fun for all the family; giant inflatables, all day rides, pony rides, side show games, Santa photo's, talent show and much, much more. All welcome. If anyone is able to volunteer with the running of the fete, please call Elise on 0414542692. Thank you.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH

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