



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

19TH OF NOVEMBER 2017

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

FIRST READING: Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING: Thes 5:1-6

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you; says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia;

GOSPEL: Mt 25:14-30

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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
26TH OF NOVEMBER 2017**

FIRST READING: Ez 34:11-12.

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

SECOND READING: 1Cor 15:20-26, 28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL Mt 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

REFLECTION

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

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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, Ray Reed, Lawrence Mattheson, Margaret Baker, Jennifer Anne Corben, Peter Holden, Bill Storock, Robert MacGregor, Mary Headley and Bill Walker.

ANNIVERSARIES: Daphne Evelyn Wright and Darren Greenway.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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Hap - py are those who fear the Lord

PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

9.30am-1pm Quilters Group
10 am Mediation Grp -Old Pres
1.45 pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests
7.00pm - 9.00pm RCIA - Guest speaker Sister Lynette Pearce

TUESDAY 21ST 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
12.00pm Men's Bible Study - Old Pres.

5.30pm Taree Mass

6.00pm T Liturgy Mtg.

WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests

9.30am Taree Mass

9.30am Banyula Lodge Mass

12.00pm Old Bar School Mass

6.00pm Extra-ordinary Ministers training session - OLR Church

THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

9:30am Taree Mass

9.30am Taree Mass St Joseph's School

5.15pm W finance Council Mtg. Office

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

9am Taree Mass

9.30am Taree Exposition

11am Wingham Mass with School

3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

CHRIST THE KING

11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation.

5.30pm Taree Rosary

6pm Taree Mass

6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

CHRIST THE KING

7.00am Old Bar Rosary

7.30am Old Bar Mass

7.50am W Rosary

8-8:20am Wingham

Reconciliation

8.30am Wingham Mass

9am Taree Rosary

9.30am Taree Mass

10.30am Social Sunday lunch-SMH

6.00pm Cundletown Mass

6.00pm Lansdowne SCAE

TRAINING AND EVALUATION DISCUSSION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

For all those who were not able to attend the training session for the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion last month there will be another training session on Wednesday the **22nd of November** at 6pm in the Taree Church.

For all extraordinary ministers there will be an evaluation and discussion session on the **29th of November** at 6pm in the Taree Church.

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. Would you please bring donations of non-perishable food, excluding products containing nuts. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.

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.

MARTHA'S GROUP

Will meet at Taree West Bowling club for a Christmas get together on the 3rd of December at 12 noon. Contact Yvonne Burns on 65522992.

+ RCIA +

Monday 7.00pm-9.00pm

Taree Resource Centre

MONDAY THE 20TH OF NOVEMBER

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.

SUNDAY THE 26TH OF NOVEMBER

Liturgical Rite of Acceptance of our two RCIA candidates Terri and Joanne. We hope you'll be there to bless and support them as they walk this special journey. There will be a morning tea provided in the resource centre after the Mass, if anyone would like to bring along a small plate of biscuits that would be very much appreciated.

MONDAY THE 4TH OF DECEMBER

Vivian Williams, Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Co-Ordinator is offering us an Advent Seminar on Mark's Year B Gospel. Tea/coffee and light refreshments will be provided. If anyone would like to attend please contact the office on 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; all day rides, pony rides, side show games, Santa photo's, talent show and 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

COLUMBIAN CALENDARS

Anyone wishing to purchase a copy of the 2018 Columbian calendar they are available at Wingham St Vincent de Paul for \$10. To order please contact Von on 65534219.