

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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3rd Sunday in Advent - Year A

11th of December 2016

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

God himself will come and save us.

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

Are you the one that is to come. Or must we wait for someone else?

REFLECTION

Half way through Advent we pause for a moment to celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday for rejoicing. Isaiah paints a picture of regeneration. The desert that once seemed to be dead is now bursting with life; eyes that lacked sight, ears incapable of capturing and holding sound, limbs without strength, and tongues devoid of speech are all given new life. There will be no death in that age of fulfilment, no limitations, no mourning. As we move deeper and deeper into the reality of God's presence in our midst, we will discover the meaning of true fulfilment.

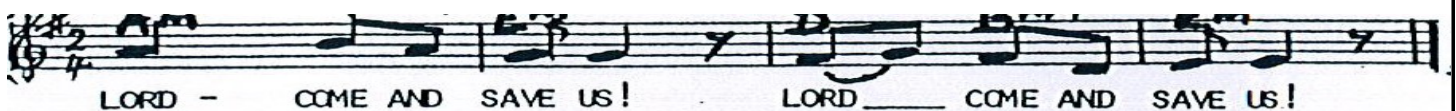
John the Baptist is a standard for judging the privilege of entering here and now, the kingdom of heaven. He was the herald of the coming of Jesus, the one who prepared for him, but John himself died before the death and resurrection of Jesus opened the flood gates of the eschatological tide. By comparison, even the least in the kingdom of God is far greater than this prophetic herald. John also serves as a model of patience in suffering. His circumstances teach us that moving toward eschatological fulfilment is not without cost.

Just as Matthew presents us with the example of John the Baptist, so James describes the patience required of those who await the age of fulfilment. That age of fulfilment will dawn in its time; all we can do is discharge our responsibilities regardless of how demanding they might be, and wait for that day patiently, convinced that it will come in God's due time.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, Come and save us.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

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.

HEALING MASS - WINGHAM

There will be a Healing Mass at Wingham on Sunday 11th of December during the 8.30am Mass. There will also be a Working Bee held after Mass, Please bring your own items for cleaning the Church as well as garden tools for the grounds. A cuppa will be had before and after the Working Bee. Please bring a plate to share.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2016

RECONCILIATION WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER

6.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree
(for both Taree and Wingham)

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS - SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER

5.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree
Fr Bill Burston

5.30pm Star of the Sea, Harrington
Fr George

8.00pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Wingham Fr Bill Burston.

8.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree
Fr George

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER

8.00am Our Lady of Fatima, Old Bar
Fr Bill Burston

9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree
Fr George

HOLY FAMILY MASS FRIDAY 30TH DECEMBER

9.00am Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree
Fr George

NEW YEARS EVE VIGIL MASS 31ST DECEMBER

6.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree SCAE
6.00pm Star of the Sea, Harrington
Fr George

NEW YEARS DAY MASS SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY

7.30am Our Lady of Fatima, Old Bar
Fr George

8.30am Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Wingham SCAE

9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree
Fr George

6.00pm St Patrick's, Cundletown Fr George

BISHOP'S AWARD

Applications are now called for the 2016 Bishop's Award. Application packs are available from Catholic Secondary Schools Administration Office or the Parish Office.

Applications can be forwarded to the Catholic Schools Office, to be received no later than 22nd of December.

ANGLICAN MEN'S DINNER

Will be held on Wednesday 14th December at St John's Memorial Hall Victoria Street, Taree starting at 6pm for dinner to start at 6.30pm. Speakers will include Ian Woolard and David Denning cost will be \$18 per person. Refreshments will be available on site. For bookings please contact Dennis Marriot on 6553 9474 or mobile 0409 150 229 by Monday 12th or before.

THANKYOU

A very special thank you to all the volunteers who generously gave their time to support our Carols in the church event. We raised a wonderful \$2,400 for projects in our parish. To our students of St Joseph's, Taree and St Clare's, Taree who provided such wonderful entertainment for us, we are very grateful and to all those who made monetary donations many thanks.

ROSTERS FOR WINGHAM CHURCH

Rosters are about to be drawn up for the next 4 months at Wingham. If you would like to be on the roster, please put your name and contact details on the request form at the back of the church.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 2017


Parents and carers of school aged children turning 8 next year, or older who wish to make their Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation next year, are advised that the program will commence early in the First Term of 2017. **The first information session will be Wednesday 22nd February 2017 for parents only.** If further information is required please contact the Parish Office on 6552 1084.

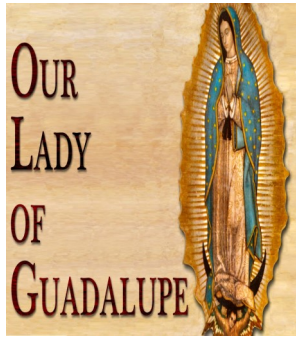
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN THE TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES:

Patricia Wolfenden, Mary and Helen Trapple, Bev Crouch, Julie Rice, Tom Berryman, May and Terry Bailey, Teresa Harvey, Kelvin Cowan, Sue Davis, Eve Collins, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Ken Campbell, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Sue Berry, Gloria Ellis, Chris Wright, Mary Eyles, Ashlyn Rick, Mary Headley, Ursula McLoughlin, Nicolette Zacarri, Violet Lyall, Gustav De Bono, Peter Holden, Rupert McLennon, Betty McLennon, Dennis Connolly, Makala Dwyer, Paul Waite, Doug Welch, Lawrence Mason, Sharon McCarthy.

ANNIVERSARIES:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Raema Burrows

May they rest in peace. 



In 1531, Juan Diego, a peasant convert was walking in the hill country of central Mexico. A woman, surrounded by bright light, appeared and Introduced herself as the Virgin Mary. She requested that a church be built in the place where they stood. The first chapel was built in about 1533. A new basilica was constructed in 1964.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT - LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE

The Presider or an assistant lights the third candle, which can be named the Saint's candle to call to mind all the saints who share the life of Christ by being baptised into his Body the Church .

V: Lord Jesus, your coming was foretold by the prophet Isaiah who proclaims 'Look, your God is coming, he is coming to save you'.

.R: Come, Lord Jesus

V: Lord Jesus, you come among us now as the light of the world. St James urges us to be patient and not to lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

R: Come, Lord Jesus

V: Lord Jesus, you will come again in Glory and raise the dead to new life.

R: Come, Lord Jesus

Presider : O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. One God for ever and ever.

R: Amen

MASS SCHEDULE & MEETINGS

Monday 12th	11.00am	St Joseph's Wingham Advent Liturgy	10.00am 12.00pm 1.45pm 7.30pm	Meditation Group-Rd Rm Martha's group - Res C Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests Christmas choir practice in the church
Tuesday 13th	9.30am 10.00am 5.30pm	Harrington Liturgy of the word Communion & Ex. St Clares - End of school year Mass Taree Mass	10.00am 10.30-11.30am 1.00pm-3.00pm	Women's Prayer Grp - Old Library Old Bar Church open for rosary and prayers. Men's Bible Study Grp-Old Presbytery
Wednesday 14th	9.30am 6.00pm	Taree Mass St Josephs Taree Yr 6 Graduation	8.50am 9.30-11am 6.00pm	Taree Marian Movement of Priests T&W Library Open-Old Presbytery Anglicans Men's Dinner
Thursday 15th	9.30am 12.30pm	Taree Mass St Josephs Taree Yr 6 Farewell Mass	5.15pm	Taree Finance Meeting
Friday 16th	9.00am 9.30am	Taree Mass Wingham Liturgy of the Word with Communion.	9.30am 11.30am 3.00pm	Taree Exposition Wingham Liturgy team Meeting Old Bar Exposition and Marian Movement of priests
Saturday 17th	6.00pm 6.00pm	Taree Vigil SCAE Harrington Vigil Mass	10.30am 5.30pm	Couples for Christ - Res C Taree Rosary
Sunday 18th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	4th Sunday of Advent Old Bar Mass Wingham SCAE Taree Mass Cundletown Mass	7.00am 7.50am 9.00am 10.30am	Old Bar Rosary Wingham Rosary Taree Rosary Couples for Christ & Altar Servers Party after Mass Res C

Next Week 4th Sunday in Advent

First Reading : Isaiah 7:10-14

The virgin will conceive.

Second Reading : Romans 1:1-7

Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

Gospel : Matthew 1: 18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

18th of December 2016

