

Catholic Parishes of Taree & Wingham

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle



Taree Parish includes Mass centres of Cundletown, Harrington, Lansdowne & Old Bar

Wingham Parish

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Third Sunday of Easter - Year C

10th of April 2016

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

This Weeks Readings

Second Reading

Apocalypse 5:11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory and blessing.

Gospel

Luke 8:15

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; He has shown pity on all people.

Reflection

The threefold response of Peter: 'Yes, you know I love you', balances his threefold denial of any association with Our Lord: 'I do not know the man.'

It is very clear that some of the clergy and some bishops have effectively denied Christ either by their abuse of vulnerable people, or by cover-up afterwards. In the light of this fact, the Pope, successor of St Peter, cannot simply 'go fishing'. It cannot be back to 'business as usual'.

Pope Francis has commanded Church authorities to vigorously deal with the phenomenon of sexual abuse. He has insisted on due proceedings against the guilty. He requires the Church to provide pastoral assistance to those who have suffered abuse.

The Church's only hope of being well-shepherded through this crisis lies in Pope Francis answering the challenge of the Risen Lord using the same words as St Peter, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love You.'

'I love You', more than the institution, more than prestige, more than pain for the Church which is nothing compared with the pain suffered by the victims of abuse.

We might pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis that he will always act as the shepherd who knows how to love the Risen Lord too evidently still bearing wounds in his body.

Fr Michael Tate



Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; He has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

Next Weeks SCAE Roster

Saturday 16th of April 6.00pm

Leader:

Gospel:

Reflection:

Communion:

Please call the office or place your name on the SCAE roster in the sacristy if you are able to volunteer for these positions.

Martha's Group

Will meet at 12 noon on the 11th of April in the Resource Centre.

Swift/Dureau Family Group

Will meet on Sunday the 17th of April at 12 noon for a light lunch at 'Grasslands Café' at 586 Lansdowne Rd, Kundle Kundle. Please phone May before Tuesday the 12th of April so she can book ahead. If any other parishioners would like to join, please call May on 65525596.

White/Moylan Family Group

Will meet on Sunday the 17th of April at Harrington Park (north of the hotel). BYO or buy fish and chips. For more details contact Des on 65501355 or Nancy on 65525103.

Meditation Group

Will not be meeting over the holidays (the 11th, 18th & 25th of April). The group will return together on Monday the 2nd of May.

Dutch Auction

The Friends of St Paul's Cundletown are holding a Dutch Auction on Saturday the 30th of April at 1pm in the St Mary's Hall. Lucky Door Prizes, 80 prizes to be won. Admission \$6.00. Includes 10 auction tickets, plus afternoon tea. Extra 10 tickets for \$2. Contacts; Ailsa 65539563, Diana 65537247, Andy 0429150839.

St Joseph's Anzac

Day Ceremony

St Joseph's Primary School, Wingham invites you to attend the Anzac Day Ceremony "To remember the spirit and courage of the Anzac's" on Friday the 29th of April, commencing at 10.45am in the St Joseph's Hall. Please R.S.V.P St Joseph's School on 65534774 by the 8th of April.



Anglican Men's Dinner

To be held on Wednesday the 13th of April at 6.30pm at St John's Memorial Hall, Victoria Street. Guest speaker, Mike and Linda Mills. \$15.00 per person. For bookings please call Dennis Marriot on 65539474 or 0409150229 by Monday the 11th of April.

Bonnie Wingham Scottish Concert

To be held on Sunday the 22nd of May 2016 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Wingham. 2pm to 5pm. Tickets at the door, \$10 per person, \$25 family.



Combined Churches Men's Breakfast

Will be held at Gloucester Baptist Church, 42 Denison St, on Saturday the 16th of April, 7.30am. Cost \$10, includes breakfast. For bookings please call Geff Bishell 0412681700 or Graeme Bingham 65538272. This breakfast is hosted by Gloucester Baptist Church, and organised by the Combined Churches Men's Fellowship to encourage, strengthen and inspire Christian Men.

Father Rob Galea in Concert

Father Rob Galea is a singer and songwriter with an international fan base. Fr Rob has appeared on the X Factor and has recorded with several renowned artists, including Guy Sebastian, Paulini, Garry and Natasha Pinto and Amelia Farrugia. Fr Rob has significant evangelistic and outreach ministry, speaking and singing at schools, conferences and Churches around the world.

Concert date: Friday the 3rd of June commencing at 8.00pm at the Manning Entertainment Centre. Tickets \$5.00 for Students under 18 years and \$15.00 for Adults. Tickets may be purchased at the MEC by phone 65925466 or via their website.mec@gtcc.nsw.gov.au



Please pray for the sick in the Taree & Wingham parishes:

Patricia Wolfenden, Bev Couch, Julie Rice, Tom Berryman, Helen Trappel, May and Terry Bailey, Teresa Harvey, Pauline Wills, Kelvin Cowan, Debbie Hitchen, Margaret Cross, Joe Zarb, Sue Davis, Eve Collins, Bill Walker, Rose Sansom, Carmel Matheson, Nino Menta, Paul Cantwell, Judy Nice, Vince Rinkin, Josephine Murphy and Mark Jensen.

Anniversaries: Mary Newton, Clare Starten, Joyce Croker, Nathan Berry, Joan Casey, Norman Eade, Patricia Eade, Mary Ellen Myers, Aaron Collins and Brian Wills.

Recently Deceased: Myra Siose and Keith Collins.

May they rest in peace.





Peter and Judas: A Lesson in Mercy and Hope

In the Passion according to St. Mark we notice the parallel between Judas and Peter. The Gospel tells us what happened after the denial of Peter: *"The Lord turned and looked at Peter. And he went out and wept bitterly."* (Lk. 22:61). Not only did Jesus predict His denial by Peter



but also His betrayal by Judas. He did not just look at Judas, but even kissed him. Judas left and hanged himself. (Mt. 27:5). Superficially, Peter and Judas have the same fate. Both betrayed Our Lord, both recognized their own guilt and felt remorse, both received Jesus' love even after the betrayal: A look. A kiss. Where is the difference? Why do we have such dramatically different endings given the seemingly equal fate of both apostles?

The difference lies in this only: Peter trusted in God's mercy - Judas did not.

Betraying Jesus wasn't the worst that Judas did. As despicable as this act was, it did not lead to Judas' tragic demise. His downfall was that he had lost hope. He either did not believe in forgiveness, or he did not trust that this forgiveness would be given him; or he decided that he could not or would not forgive himself, in which case he gave himself up into hopelessness and despair. It may seem that his despair was proof of his great sorrow over betraying his friend and master. Repentance, however, is something completely different. Repentance is always a great benefit for our soul. Real repentance leads us back, leads us to forgiveness; real repentance is a special kind of love towards the person one has betrayed. If we are just disappointed with ourselves and our failure, this is not real repentance but simply pride. Then we are giving ourselves up in hopelessness and calling it our just punishment. Self-pitying sorrow is not desired by Jesus. It is not proof of my love for Him when I claim apparently with contrition: "I don't deserve to be forgiven..." or "I just cannot forgive myself..." If I cannot forgive myself it simply means that I prefer my wounded pride over His suffering Love.

Humility instead of Despair

After he betrayed Jesus, Peter may have wished to die, just like Judas. For a moment it may have seemed the only way out of his guilt. The difference, however, was that Peter chose hope while Judas chose despair. Judas refused that forgiveness which he also could have received. His fate was not sealed by a kiss, but by his pride. That is the great lesson for our faith: How often do we wallow in self-pity and think we are really humble. Self-pity has nothing to do with humility, nor with repentance. Humility is always truth, and the truth is: we sinned. And we will sin again. And there is only one way to make up for it, to "undo" it. We have to truly and honestly repent, humbly throw ourselves into Our Lord's arms - in the Sacrament of Confession. Judas lacked in hope because he lacked in humility. And Jesus takes us up into His arms. He gazes at us full of mercy, just as He gazed at Peter full of mercy. It is not important how often we fail or fall - provided we return to Him every time full of hope and humility.

*by Fr. Bernhard Springer and Jennifer Hartline
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Next Week - 4th Sunday of Easter Year C

17th of April 2016

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17


The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

I give the sheep eternal life.



Liturgies and Meetings

Monday 11th		<u>St Stanislaus</u> 	<p style="text-align: center;">12.00pm 1.45pm 7.30pm</p>	<p>Martha's Group - Res C T Hour of Prayer for Priests Men's Bible Study Group</p>
Tuesday 12th	<p>9.30am 5.30pm</p>	<p>Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Com & Exposition. Taree Liturgy of the Word & Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am 10.30-11.30am 6.30pm-8.30pm 7.00pm</p>	<p>Women's Prayer grp -O.Lib Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers Craft Group - SMH RCIA meeting - Res C</p>
Wed 13th	<p>9.30am</p>	<p>Taree Liturgy of the Word & Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8.50am 9.30-11am 6.00pm</p>	<p>Taree MMP T & W Library Open Anglican Men's Dinner</p>
Thursday 14th	<p>9.30am</p>	<p>Taree Liturgy of the Word & Communion</p>		
Friday 15th	<p>9.00am</p>	<p>Taree Liturgy of the Word & Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3.00pm</p>	<p>Old Bar Exposition & MMP</p>
Saturday 16th	<p>6.00pm 6.00pm</p>	<p><u>4th Sunday of Easter</u> Taree Vigil SCAE Harrington Vigil Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am 11am-12.00pm</p>	<p>Couples for Christ - Res C Taree Reconciliation</p>
Sunday 17th	<p>7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm</p>	<p><u>4th Sunday of Easter</u> Old Bar Mass Wingham SCAE Taree Mass After Mass Couples for Christ morning tea. Taree Baptism Cundletown Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7.00am 7.50am 9.10am 10.30am</p>	<p>Old Bar Rosary Wingham Rosary Taree Rosary Anna's group - Old Library</p>