

# 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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**4th Sunday in Advent - Year A**

**18th of December 2016**

## 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.

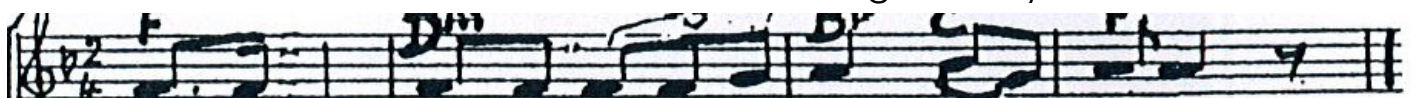
## Reflection

Despite all of the excitement associated with eschatological fulfilment, despite all of the assurance we have that it will be an experience of peace and abundant life, the mystery for which we long requires the risk of faith. Despite all of the times that we have celebrated the Nativity, we still do not have full comprehension and understanding. Still we are invited to enter deeply into the event that is before us. Will we step into a life of deeper faith and commitment, or will we merely participate in the external celebration of the feast? Only we can decide, and only we will really know the decision that we make. The circumstances of our lives influence the way we live out our faith. As Christians, we are called to devote ourselves to the service of Christ. Our primary commitment must be to Christ and to the way of being human that he has shown us. We must be committed to what enriches life and not to what diminishes it. We must be committed to the good of people and not to the hoarding of things. We may not be official heralds of the gospel, but we proclaim our faith in the way we live our lives, in the kindness with which we treat others, in honesty of our business transactions. We proclaim the gospel when we stand for justice, when we forgive those who have offended us, when we show compassion to those who suffer. As we step into the eschatological age, we are called to recommit ourselves to genuine Christian living.

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let the Lord enter; he is King of Glory.



LET THE LORD ENT-ER HE IS THE KING OF GLORY!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

**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.**

## FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

If anyone is able to provide flowers to prepare the Church for the Christmas Mass services could they please let the parish Office know. Also anyone wanting to help with arranging flowers could they please be at the church by 9am on Saturday 24th.

## ROSTERS FOR WINGHAM CHURCH

Rosters are about to be drawn up for the next 4 months at Wingham, so if you want to be on the roster, please put your name and contact details on the request form at the back of the church. Rosters will be distributed before Christmas.

## 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.

## ST MARY'S CRAFT GROUP

Is now on a break for Christmas. The group will resume in 2017 on a date to be advised.

## TAREE RECONCILIATION

Will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary on the 21st of December at 6.00pm.

## 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.

## ALTAR SERVERS PARTY

Will be held on 18th December at 10.30am , after the Mass in Resource Centre.

### 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  
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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

## 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:** Christine Black, Angus McDonald, Trevor Casey, Chris Dodd.

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

May they rest in peace.



## **E BOOK - SON OF GOD: THE DAILY GOSPEL**

This e-book which can be downloaded free of charge offers the Gospel for every day of the Liturgical Year A-1 with a reflection of 750 words on each daily Gospel, it Began on the First Sunday of Advent 2016 and will continue until November 2017. It may be passed on to friends and family, It can be accessed by going to the following web address [www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/)

### **FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT - LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE**

*The Presider or an assistant lights the fourth candle, which is often named the Angel Gabriel Candle for those messengers who bring God's word into our world.*

V: Lord Jesus, your coming was foretold by the prophet Isaiah when he proclaimed 'The maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name that means God is with us.'

**.R: Come, Lord Jesus**

V: Lord Jesus, you come among us now in your Word and Sacrament to give us the strength to live according to the Good News you revealed.

**R: Come, Lord Jesus**

V: Lord Jesus, you will come again in Glory in the fullness of time because you are the Christ the one who has saved his people from their sins.

**R: Come, Lord Jesus**

**Presider :** Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by the Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever.

### **THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS AT GRECCIO**

What better way to prepare for the arrival of the Christ Child than to take a brief journey to Greccio, the spot in central Italy where Saint Francis of Assisi created the first Christmas crib in the year 1223. Francis, recalling a visit he had made years before to Bethlehem, resolved to create the manger he had seen there. The ideal spot was a cave in nearby Greccio. He would find a baby (we're not sure if it was a live infant or the carved image of a baby), hay upon which to lay him, an ox and an ass to stand beside the manger. Word went out to the people of the town. At the appointed time, they arrived carrying torches and candles. One of the friars began celebrating Mass. Francis himself gave the sermon. His biographer, Thomas of Celano, recalls that Francis "stood before the manger...overcome with love and filled with a wonderful happiness...

" For Francis, the simple celebration was meant to recall the hardships Jesus suffered even as an infant, a saviour who chose to become poor for our sake, a truly human Jesus.

Tonight, as we pray around the Christmas cribs in our homes, we welcome into our hearts that same Saviour.

# MASS SCHEDULE & MEETINGS

<b>Monday 19th</b>			<b>10.00am</b>	Meditation Group-Rd Rm
			<b>1.45pm</b>	Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests
<b>Tuesday 20th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Harrington</b> Liturgy of the word Communion & Ex.	<b>10.00am</b>	Women's Prayer Grp - Old Library
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Taree</b> Mass	<b>10.30-11.30am</b>	Old Bar Church open for rosary and prayers.
			<b>1.00pm-3.00pm</b>	Men's Bible Study Grp-Old Presbytery
<b>Wednesday 21st</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Taree</b> Mass	<b>8.50am</b>	Taree Marian Movement of Priests
			<b>9.30-11am</b>	T&W Library Open-Old Presbytery
			<b>6.00pm</b>	Taree Reconciliation
<b>Thursday 22nd</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Taree</b> Mass - OLR		
<b>Friday 23rd</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Taree</b> Mass	<b>9.30am</b>	Taree Exposition & Reconciliation
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Wingham</b> Liturgy of the Word + Communion.	<b>3.00pm</b>	Old Bar Exposition and Marian Movement of priests
<b>Saturday 24th</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<u><b>The Nativity of our Lord</b></u> <b>Taree</b> Vigil Mass Fr Bill	<b>11.00am - 12pm</b>	Taree Reconciliation
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Harrington</b> Vigil Mass Fr George		
	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Wingham</b> Vigil Mass Fr Bill		
	<b>8.30pm</b>	<b>Taree</b> Vigil Mass Fr George		
<b>Sunday 25th</b>		<u><b>The Nativity of our Lord</b></u>		
	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Old Bar</b> Mass Fr Bill Burston	<b>7.00am</b>	Old Bar Rosary
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Taree</b> Mass Fr George	<b>9.00am</b>	Taree Rosary

## Next Week The Nativity of our Lord ( Christmas )

**First Reading : Isaiah 9:1-7**

A Son is given to us.

**Second Reading : Titus 2 :11-14**

God's grace has been revealed to all people.

**Gospel : Luke 2 :1-14**

Today a Saviour has been born for you.

**25th of December 2016**

