

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 Ordinary Time

29th of January 2017

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a
humble and lowly people.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God has chosen what is weak
by human reckoning.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.

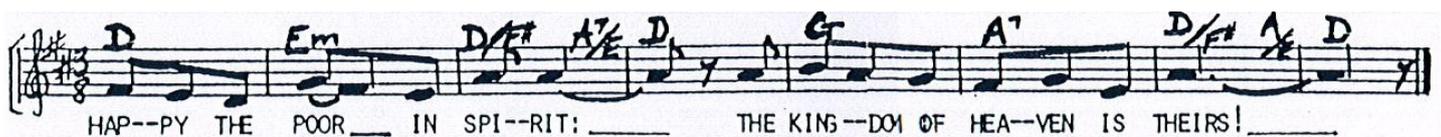
REFLECTION

To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching. The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation. The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in Heaven.

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.

ANNA'S GROUP

Will meet for lunch at the Taree Kowin Chinese Restaurant on Sunday 5th February at 12pm.

MARTHA'S GROUP

Will resume their meetings on Monday the 13th February at 12pm in the Taree Resource Centre.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

Children's Catechism classes will begin on Sunday 5th of February in the Taree Resource Centre after the 9.30am Mass. The sessions will continue each Sunday during the school term. Coffee and tea will be provided for the parents during the session.

SCAE SERVICES

With the arrival of Fr James into the Parish, the SCAE services will now be replaced with a Mass. All rosters will continue as usual for set-up, readings and communion. Thank you to those who have volunteered with the SCAE services over the past few years.

SCAE TRAINING MEETING

A meeting for all SCAE ministers and all those interested in assisting with this ministry, will be held on Saturday the 25th of February from 10am-12.30pm in the Taree Resource Centre. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Volunteer

Appreciation Lunch

When: Sunday, February 12th 2017

Where: St Mary's Hall

Time: 10.30am after Mass for a biscuit and cup of tea, with lunch to be served at 11.45am

RSVP: 7/2/2017 to Parish Office

We hope you can celebrate with us.....

CHRISTMAS CAROL 2016 DVD'S

If anyone is interested in purchasing a DVD copy of the 2016 Church Christmas Carols, they are available at the Parish office. Cost is \$10 per DVD or \$15 for Blue Ray DVD.

SOLAR PANELS FOR ST MARY'S HALL

The Taree Parish has finished installing Solar Panels to St Mary's Hall. We are now looking at installing Solar Panels for the Presbytery. If anyone would like to contribute funds to this project, please contact the office. We would like to thank those who have already given generously to this project, a total of \$600 has been donated to date.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Will resume in February with meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 10.30am in the Resource centre, and every 3rd Sunday for the parish morning tea after the 9.30am Mass.

LENTEN PROGRAM

If anyone is interested in a copy of the 2017 Lenten Program could they please contact the Parish Office. Books are \$8 or book and cd \$15. Orders must be in by the 10th of February.

CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP

A Confirmation workshop will be held on Saturday the 11th of February in the Taree Resource Centre from 10am-12.30pm. The workshop is an opportunity to explore the re-translated Order of Confirmation, reflect on the experience of 2016 Confirmation and review Diocesan resources and procedures, share ideas and discuss local issues. Morning Tea will be provided. Please register by 6th February by phoning 02 49791134 or by emailing sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au

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, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, MaryMcCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Ken Campbell, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Sue Berry, Gloria Ellis, Paul Waite, Doug Welch, Lawrence Mason, Lorraine McKenzie, Helen Wooster and Rupert McLennan, Mikala Corben and Denis Connolly.

ANNIVERSARIES: Edmond and Lucy O'Connell.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

May they rest in peace.



GENERAL INSTRUCTION OF THE

ROMAN MISSAL

Genuflections and Bows

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Known originally as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a relatively ancient celebration. The Church at Jerusalem observed the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century, and likely earlier. The feast celebrates the presentation of Christ in the temple at Jerusalem on the 40th day after His birth.

According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and the parents had to "buy him back" on the 40th day after his birth, by offering a sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons" (Luke 2:24) in the temple (thus the "presentation" of the child).

On that same day, the mother would be ritually purified (thus the "purification").

Saint Mary and Saint Joseph kept this law, even though, since Saint Mary remained a virgin after the birth of Christ, she would not have had to go through ritual purification. In his gospel, Luke recounts the story (Luke 2:22-39).

When Christ was presented in the temple, "there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel" (Luke 2:25) When Saint Mary and Saint Joseph brought Christ to the temple, Simeon embraced the Child and prayed the Cantic of Simeon:

"Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace; because my eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel"

(Luke 2:29-32).

A genuflection, made by bending the right knee to the ground, signifies adoration, and therefore it is reserved for the Most Blessed Sacrament, as well as for the Holy Cross from the solemn adoration during the liturgical celebration on Good Friday until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

During Mass, three genuflections are made by the priest celebrant: namely, after the showing of the host, after the showing of the chalice, and before Communion. Certain specific features to be observed in a concelebrated Mass are noted in their proper place. If, however, the tabernacle with the Most Blessed Sacrament is present in the sanctuary, the priest, the deacon, and the other ministers genuflect when they approach the altar and when they depart from it, but not during the celebration of Mass itself.

Otherwise all who pass before the Most Blessed Sacrament genuflect, unless they are moving in procession. Ministers carrying the processional cross or candles bow their heads instead of genuflecting.

A bow signifies reverence and honor shown to the persons themselves or to the signs that represent them. There are two kinds of bows: a bow of the head and a bow of the body.

- ◆ A bow of the head is made when the three Divine Persons are named together and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honor Mass is being celebrated.
- ◆ A bow of the body, that is to say a profound bow, is made to the altar; during the prayers *Munda cor meum* (*Almighty God, cleanse my heart*) and *In spiritu humilitatis* (*Lord God, we ask you to receive*); in the Creed at the words *Et incarnatus est* (*by the power of the Holy Spirit ... and became man*); in the Roman Canon at the words *Supplices te rogamus* (*Almighty God, we pray that your angel*). The same kind of bow is made by the deacon when he asks for a blessing before the proclamation of the Gospel. In addition, the priest bows slightly as he speaks the words of the Lord at the consecration.

MASS SCHEDULE & MEETINGS

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| Monday 30th | | | 10.00am | Meditation Group-Old Pres |
| | | | 1.45pm | Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests |
| Tuesday 31st | 9.30am | <u>St John Bosco</u> Harrington Liturgy of the word Communion & Exp. | 10.30am-11.30am | Old Bar Church open for Prayers and Rosary Men's Bible Study Grp-Old Presbytery |
| | 5.30pm | Taree Mass - Fr George | 1.00pm-3.00pm | |
| Wednesday 1st | 9.30am | Taree Mass Fr George | 8.50am | Taree Marian Movement of Priests |
| | | | 9.30am-11am | T & W Library Open - Old Pres |
| | | | 5.30pm | Parish Assembly Mtg - Res C |
| Thursday 2nd | 9:30am | <u>The Presentation of Our Lord</u> Taree Mass - Fr George Special blessings for the feast of the presentation | | |
| Friday 3rd | 9.00am 9.30am | Taree Mass - Fr George Wingham Liturgy of the Word + Communion | 9.30am 10-2pm 3.00pm | Taree Exposition Franciscans Mtg - Res C Old Bar Exposition and Marian Movement of priests |
| Saturday 4th | 6.00pm 6.00pm | <u>5th Sunday of Ord Time</u> Taree Mass - Fr George Harrington Mass - Fr James | 10.30am 11.00am - 12pm 5.30pm | Couples for Christ - Res C Taree Reconciliation - Fr George Taree Rosary |
| Sunday 5th | 7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm | <u>5th Sunday of Ord Time</u> Old Bar Mass - Fr James Wingham Mass - Fr George Taree Mass - Fr James Cundletown Mass - Fr George | 7.00am 7.50am 8-8.20am 9.00am | Old Bar Rosary Wingham Rosary Wingham Reconciliation Taree Rosary |

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

First Reading : Isaiah 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Second Reading : 1Corinthians 2:1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

Gospel : Matthew 5:13-16

You are the light of the World.

5th of February 2017

