

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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Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C

17th of April 2016

First Reading

Acts 13:14, 43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

This Weeks Readings

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 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.

Reflection

This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd. The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference.

Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Parishes and religious groups that were born with a particular cultural identity have changed in complexion and composition. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith.



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Not everyone is happy with diversity. Some within the early community resented the success of Paul and Barnabas and they tried to turn the people against them. This sounds strangely familiar to us. Religious groups born out of struggle and hard work, that were lovingly nurtured and that grew strong, often resist what they perceived to be the invasion of foreigners. If these people could only take as their model the company of the blessed revealed in John's vision, they would see that those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb come from every nation and race and people and tongue.

Dianne Bergant CSS

Responsorial Psalm:

We are His people, the sheep of His flock.



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Next Weeks SCAE Roster

Sunday 24th of April 9.30am

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.

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. 80 prizes to be won, including Lucky Door Prizes, 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.

Anzac Day Mass

Will be celebrated on the 25th of April in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Taree at 8am. The RSL servicemen will also be participating in the service.



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 for sale outside the front of the Church upon entry. \$10 per person, \$25 family.



Bushland Health Group Luncheon

Taree Church volunteers are invited to attend a luncheon to celebrate 'National Volunteers Week' on Monday the 9th of May, 12 noon at the Karingal Gardens Café. Please RSVP by Friday the 29th of April on 65920000.

Mass of Neophytes

Come and join the celebration with Bishop Bill, Parish Priests, our new Catholics and their families RCIA and friends on Friday the 13th of May 2016 for the Mass of Neophytes. Beginning at 6.30pm at St Joseph's, Corner of Kenrick and Farquhar Streets, The Junction. Refreshments and fellowship following the Mass. RSVP by May the 8th. Phone Daphne on 0402318074 or email daphne.peterson68@gmail.com

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 Crouch, 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: Carol Frances Easley, Patrick Bourke, Rose Lovell, Lillas Baker and Mona Wyburn.

Recently Deceased: Sister Mary DePorres

May they rest in peace.





The Nine Choirs of Angels

First Choir

1. Seraphim 2. Cherubin, 3. Thrones

Closest to heaven concern themselves with contemplating the glory of God. It is the 6-winged Seraphim who sing the Sanctus, "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts" (Isaiah 6:3).

Second Choir

4. Dominations, 5. Virtues, 6. Powers.

The second order of angels are charged with governing and ordering the laws of the created universe.

Third Choir

7. Principalities, 8. Archangels, 9. Angels

Closest to earth concern themselves with creation and are the most familiar to us.

Our Guardian Angels

They put good thoughts into our minds, and move our will to what is good.

The Angels who appeared to the shepherds at Bethlehem, and who were seen at the tomb of Christ, and after His Ascension, made themselves visible and spoke to men; but generally the influence us without being seen or heard by us. They move us to some step that is conducive to the welfare of our souls or bodies, and often save us from some impending danger by a secret impulse without which we should have incurred death or misfortune.

They offer our prayers and good works to God.

St. Raphael offered the prayers of Tobias (Tob. 12:12). The Angel in the Apocalypse offers the prayers of the Saints in a golden censor (Apoc. 8:3). This is not because God Himself does not hear our prayers, but the Angels mingle their prayers with ours, and so make them more acceptable to God. "In all the benefits we receive from God, our Guardian Angel takes part, because he helps in obtaining them for us" says St Thomas.

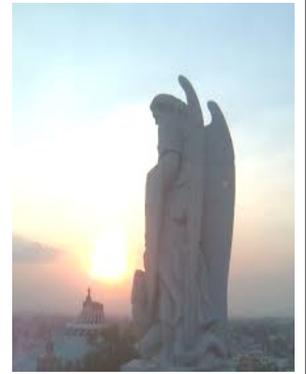
They protect us in danger.

Thus St. Peter was delivered from prison by an Angel (Acts 12:7), Daniel was kept safe in the den of lions, and the three young men in the fiery furnace (Dan. 6:29; 3:49). We read stories sometimes of children being run over, or falling from a height, and escaping unhurt. We can scarcely doubt that this was owing to the intervention of their Guardian Angels. God has commissioned the Angels thus to help us. "He hath given His Angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. In their hands they shall bear thee up, lest thy dash thy foot against a stone." (Ps. 90:11) But the chief office of our Guardian Angel is to preserve us from the snares of the devil; the Holy Angels have powers over the evil spirits, who fly away at their approach (Tob. 8:3). We must therefore commit ourselves to the care of our Guardian Angels in all times of danger, and before undertaking a journey, or any new enterprise, and we should wish our friends when they start on a journey, the good wish of Tobias when his son was leaving his home, "May the Angel of God accompany you!"

They often reveal to men the will of God.

Instances in point are the sacrifice of Abraham, the message of the Angel to Zacharias and to Our Lady. The appearance of an Angel sometimes causes fear at first, but it soon changes to consolation and joy. It is just the opposite with the appearances of evil Angels; they give consolation to begin with, but this soon changes to confusion and fear. If we desire the protection of the Holy Angels, we must try and imitate them by a holy life; we must also honor them, and often invoke their aid. Experience teaches us that innocent children enjoy a wonderful protection from the Angels. Innocence attracts them, and sin drives them away, as smoke drives away bees. We cannot expect our Guardian Angels to take care of us when we are doing what we know is displeasing to God. We must also beg for the aid of our Guardian Angel; we must congratulate him on his faithfulness to God; we must salute him when we go out and when we come in; we must thank him for all his benefits. We must say with Tobias, "What can be worthy of his benefits, and what can we give him sufficient for these things?" (Tob. 12:3)

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Next Week - 5th Sunday of Easter Year C

24th of April 2016

First Reading: Acts 14: 21-27

They assembled the Church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

Gospel: John 13:31-35

I give you a new Commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.



Liturgies and Meetings

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| Monday 18th | | | | <p style="text-align: right;">1.45pm 7.30pm</p> <p>T Hour of Prayer for Priests Men's Bible Study Group</p> |
| Tuesday 19th | <p>9.30am Taree Mass 9.30am Harrington</p> | <p>Liturgy of the Word + Com & Exposition.</p> <p>Please Note: There will be no 5.30pm Mass today, this has been changed to a morning Mass.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">10.00am 10.30-11.30am 7.00pm</p> | <p>Women's Prayer grp -O.Lib Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers RCIA meeting - Res C</p> |
| Wed 20th | <p>9.30am Taree Mass</p> | <p>Taree Mass</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">8.50am 9.30-11am 5.30pm 7.00pm</p> | <p>Taree Marian Movement of Priests. T & W Library Open T&W PPC mtg - Res C Taree Liturgy mtg</p> |
| Thursday 21st | <p>9.30am Taree Mass</p> | <p>Taree Mass</p> | | |
| Friday 22nd | <p>9.00am Taree Mass</p> | <p>Taree Mass</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">9.30am 3.00pm</p> | <p>Taree Exposition Old Bar Exposition & Marian Movement of Priests.</p> |
| Saturday 23rd | | <p><u>5th Sunday of Easter</u></p> <p>6.00pm Taree Vigil Mass 6.00pm Harrington Vigil SCAE</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">11am-12.00pm</p> | <p>Taree Reconciliation</p> |
| Sunday 24th | | <p><u>5th Sunday of Easter</u></p> <p>7.30am Old Bar SCAE 8.30am Wingham Mass + Baptism 9.30am Taree SCAE 6.00pm Cundletown Mass 6.00pm Lansdowne SCAE</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">7.00am 7.50am 8-8.20am 9.00am</p> | <p>Old Bar Rosary Wingham Rosary Wingham Reconciliation Taree Rosary</p> |