

# 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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## Fifth 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.*

### This Weeks Readings

#### 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.*

## Reflection

‘Love one another as I have loved you.’ You may think that Our Lord’s extravagant extreme of love in voluntarily undergoing death for us, is something no human being could ever measure up to.

But actually, something like this happens whenever a mother or father sits by the bedside of a child suffering the terrible pain of a chronic illness or traumatic accident and, perhaps, even facing the prospect of death. Such a parent will invariably say ‘I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and die.’ It is the same with a person seeing their much loved life partner in a similar situation.

Each of us, usually to a lesser degree and in less fraught

circumstances, has the opportunity to absorb, to some extent, the sufferings of others. We are thus given the possibility of fulfilling the command: ‘Love one another as I have loved you.’

The effect of this sort of loving will be realised at the end of history, not in a garden of Paradise, but as in a wonderful City where all tears will be wiped from our eyes.

We could pause for a moment on our way to that future City, resolving to be alert to opportunities to fulfil our Lord’s command: ‘Love one another as I have loved you.’



Fr Michael Tate

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

I will praise your name for ever, my King and my God.



### **Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

*Alleluia!*

### 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.

### Celebrating 90 years

Ellen Smith and Marie Hammond will both be celebrating their 90 year birthday at this time. You are invited to mark this milestone with them in the grounds of St Paul's Hostel, Cundletown on Saturday the 7th of May at 12 noon. Please bring a plate of finger food to contribute to a shared light lunch. Tea and Coffee available. The venue is under cover but there could be a cool river breeze. Enquiries - Gabrielle 65567248.

### Anna's Group

Will be meeting at Club Taree at 12 noon, after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday the 1st of May.

### Martha's Group

Will meet in the Resource Centre at 12 noon on May the 9th. Please ring Monica on 65523410 to order your meal.

### Ladies Dinner

The St Mary's catering team will be holding a ladies dinner on May the 4th at 6pm for a 6.30 start. The dinner will be a fundraiser to help those in need in our community. A two course meal will be provided. \$15.00 per person plus a donation of a non-perishable food item, eg cereal, tin foods, long life milk, biscuits, etc. Guest speaker Rev Penman from the Taree Uniting Church. Tickets available from the parish office, please RSVP with payment by 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.



### 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.



### The Joy of Love - Pope Francis

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016, Pope Francis published a new papal document called, *Amoris Laetitia*, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family' at the Vatican in Rome. It is about marriage and family life. The papal document is also known as an 'Apostolic Exhortation'. It is available to read and download on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synod-2015/home> If you don't have time to read all 256 pages of the Exhortation, you can access a summary on the bishops conference website.

### Taree Auxiliary of the Leprosy Mission

Present 'A little Light Music' with soloists, choir, bagpipes and afternoon tea. On Thursday the 28th of April at 1.30pm at the Presbytery Church, Albert St, Taree. No admission but donations welcome.

### Volunteers for Soup Kitchen

Taree Catholic Care are seeking volunteers for lunch shifts from 10.00am - 2.30pm on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursday. You don't have to be a great cook to get involved, there are many you can help. To learn more, please contact phone 65395900 or visit their office at 32-34 Pulteney Street, Taree.

### Prayer for Anzac Day

God of love and liberty,  
We bring our thanks today for the peace and security  
we enjoy,  
We remember those who in time of war faithfully  
served their country.  
We pray for their families, and for ourselves whose  
freedom was won at such a cost.  
Make us a people zealous for peace, and hasten that  
day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation  
neither learn war any more.  
This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life  
for the sake of the world:  
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen

### 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, Mark Jensen, John O'Keefe and Mary Trapple.

**Anniversaries:** Chad McDonell, Chris Frost, Maura Whitefield, Fr Thomas Lynam, Tom Lyons and Mathai Varkey.

**Recently Deceased:** Sr Rita Casey and Lois Relf.

May they rest in peace.



## 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@gfcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mec@gfcc.nsw.gov.au)



## St Mark



St Mark the Evangelist was the author of the first synoptic Gospel. He is believed to be the same man referred to in the Acts of the Apostles as John Mark; a disciple of Jesus and John the Baptist and the cousin of St Barnabas. Mark travelled with St Paul and St Barnabas on missionary journeys to preach the gospels. He was a close companion of St Peter; it is considered that his gospel represented the teachings and memoirs of St Peter. He later travelled to Alexandria in Egypt where he continued his evangelisation. The church in Alexandria claims that St Mark became their first bishop and that he was eventually martyred there in the first century. As an evangelist, St Mark is often symbolised as a lion. He is the patron saint of Egypt.

## St Catherine of Siena



St Catherine of Siena was the youngest of 25 children born of a wealthy Italian family in c1347. From a young age she devoted her life to prayer and became a tertiary sister of the Dominican order despite her parents objections. She worked with the sick and attracted a following of men and women who accompanied her on her frequent journeys. Catherine became heavily involved in the politics of both Church and State as she attempted to make peace between Florence and the papacy. She urged Pope Gregory to return the papacy to Rome from Avignon, which he did in 1376. His death two years later led to a schism in the Western church, as detractors of the newly elected pope Urban VI set up a rival pope in Avignon. In an effort to restore unity to the church, Catherine gave support to the Urban VI but was exhausted by her efforts. She died soon after suffering a stroke, aged only 33. [www.liturgyhelp.com](http://www.liturgyhelp.com)

## Next Week - 6th Sunday of Easter Year C

**First Reading:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

**Gospel:** John 14:23-29


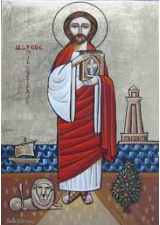

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

## 1st of May 2016





# Liturgies and Meetings

<p><b>Monday 25th</b></p> 	<p><b>8.00am</b></p>	<p><u>Anzac Day</u> <b>Taree Anzac Day Mass</b></p> <p><b>Public Holiday Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>1.45pm 7.30pm</b></p>	<p>Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests Men's Bible Study Group</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 26th</b></p>	<p><b>9.30am</b>  <b>5.30pm</b></p>	<p><u>St Mark</u> <b>Harrington</b> Liturgy of the Word + Com &amp; Exposition.</p> <p><b>Taree Mass</b></p> 	<p><b>10.00am 10.30-11.30am</b>  <b>6.30pm-8.30pm 7.00pm</b></p>	<p>Women's Prayer grp -O.Lib Old Bar Church open, Rosary &amp; prayers</p> <p>Women's Craft Group-SMH RCIA meeting - Res C</p>
<p><b>Wed 27th</b></p>	<p><b>9.30am</b></p>	<p><b>Taree Mass</b></p>	<p><b>8.50am 9.30-11am</b></p>	<p>Taree Marian Movement of Priests. T &amp; W Library Open</p>
<p><b>Thursday 28th</b></p>	<p><b>9.30am</b></p>	<p><u>St Peter Chanel</u> <b>Taree Mass</b></p>	<p><b>10.30am</b></p>	<p>Taree St Joseph's Anzac Liturgy</p>
<p><b>Friday 29th</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am</b></p>	<p><u>St Catherine of Siena</u> <b>Taree Mass</b></p> 	<p><b>9.30am 10.45am 3.00pm</b></p>	<p>Taree Exposition Wingham St Joseph's Anzac Liturgy Old Bar Exposition &amp; Marian Movement of Priests.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 30th</b></p>	<p><b>6.00pm 6.00pm</b></p>	<p><u>6th Sunday of Easter</u> <b>Taree Vigil Mass+Baptism Harrington Vigil SCAE</b></p>	<p><b>10.00am 11am-12.00pm</b></p>	<p>RCIC mtg - T Bean Bar Cafe Taree Reconciliation</p>
<p><b>Sunday 1st</b></p>	<p><b>7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm</b></p>	<p><u>6th Sunday of Easter</u> <b>Old Bar SCAE Wingham Mass Taree SCAE Cundletown Mass</b></p>	<p><b>7.00am 7.50am 8-8.20am 9.00am 10.30am</b></p>	<p>Old Bar Rosary Wingham Rosary Wingham Reconciliation Taree Rosary Anna's Group - Old Library</p>