

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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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th of February, 2017

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:14-15

Even these may forget, says the Lord God, yet I will not forget you.

SECOND READING

Corinthians 4:1-5

The Lord will bring light to all that is hidden in darkness.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:24-34

Do not worry about tomorrow.

REFLECTION

What can be nobler than building up the reign of God? What could deserve our commitment more than the proclamation of the gospel? What greater privilege could be ours than acting as agents of the blessings of God? Disciples are called to just such privileged roles. And where are these disciples to be found? They spend their lives in classrooms, factories, offices and hospitals. They serve in families, businesses, restaurants, shopping malls, banks and grocery stores. They answer telephones, protect us from harm, build our roads, and repair our plumbing. Disciples upbuild the reign of God in whichever form of life or occupation they have chosen. Although we embark on a life of service with great enthusiasm and genuine commitment, it does not take long before the enormity of the task becomes apparent. We might then begin to doubt ourselves or doubt the call itself. At such times, Jesus exhorts us to trust in God. All is in the hands of God; for our part, we have only to trust. Our own limitations and sinfulness often get in the way. There are forces in society that seem bent on undermining our every effort. The people to whom we commit ourselves can be ungrateful or want no part of us or our service. Sometimes the obstacles seem to come from the church, its structures and its personnel. In the midst of such darkness, we hear Jesus gently but firmly saying: Do not worry! Trust! God cares for the birds and the grass, surely God will care for you.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Rest in God alone, my soul.

8th Sunday (A)

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

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.

RETURN OF OLD PALMS

Anyone who has old palms from Easter last year, could they please be returned to the Parish office by Tuesday 28th February at the latest.

SUPPLY OF PALM LEAVES

If there are any parishioners that could supply palm leaves prior to Palm Sunday on the 9th April, could you please contact the Parish Office. Even if you can supply a few, it would be very much appreciated, as it is a lot to ask one person to supply on their own.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Will be celebrated this Tuesday 28th February at the Anglican Church Taree. The celebration will begin with Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic church at 5.00pm, followed by pancakes at the Anglican Church, Victoria St, Taree concluding with the burning of the palm leaves in preparation for the feast of Ash Wednesday. Please RSVP to the Parish Office if you will be attending the pancake celebration.

TUESDAY MASS - 28TH FEBRUARY 2017

Please note that Mass will be held at the earlier time of 5.00pm to allow for the celebration of Shrove Tuesday at the Anglican Church at 6.00pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SHROVE TUESDAY

If there are any parishioners who could assist with taking the old palm leaves along with the drum used to burn the leaves to the Anglican Church after the 5.00pm Mass on 28th February, could you please contact the Parish Office.

ANNA'S GROUP

Will meet at 12pm on Sunday 5th March at Manning Hotel for lunch.

MARTHA'S GROUP

Will meet at 12pm on Saturday 11th March at the Resource Centre for lunch. A guest speaker will be attending.

WHITE/MOYLAN GROUP

Will hold a planning day at the Dawson's residence, 189 Brimbin Rd, Taree, on Sunday 12th March at 12 noon. Contact Fran on 6553 9040. BYO lunch.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Will be hosted by the Uniting Church on Friday 3rd March at the following Centres;

Harrington: Star of the Sea at 10am, with speaker Susie Ploder. Please RSVP to Joy by calling 0499 649 912.

Old Bar: Our Lady of Fatima at 7.30pm. Supper to follow.

Taree: Uniting Church, Chatham at 10am. Refreshments to follow.

LEPROSY MISSION TAREE - COACH TRIP

Taree Auxillary of the Leprosy Mission are holding a coach trip to visit Edstein Creative Stone and travel over some of the lower lands of Taree. Morning tea and lunch provided on the way. please book by phoning Phyl Smith on 6552 5556.

Rotary Club of Taree North



Invitation

2 Course Dinner and Fundraiser

Guest Speaker

Gemma Sisia

Founder of the School of St Jude in Tanzania

Date: Thursday, 9th March, 2017

*Venue: Club Taree, Wingham Road,
Taree.*

Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

Cost \$40.00 per person

Bookings: Jan Swift 6551 7111

Susan Bell 0421 526 046

(Tickets must be paid for at time of booking)

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, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Ken Campbell, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Helen Wooster, Rupert McLennan, Mikala Corben, Emma Matheson, John Longden, Bernice Revill, Sandra Baker and Joy Schneider.

ANNIVERSARIES:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Nick Smith, Daphne Cross, Monica Fletcher and Kathryn Passlow.



May they rest in peace.

ASH WEDNESDAY - MASS TIMES

9.00am: Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree -
Fr George

10.30am: Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Wingham - Fr James

10.30am: St Josephs Primary School, Taree
(Liturgy only) - Fr George

6.00pm: St Patrick's Church, Cundletown -
Fr James

**Please note that Ash Wednesday is a day of
fasting and abstinence.**

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is mainly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance. Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance.

Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's palm Sunday Mass.

FASTING

The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th Birthday (Canon 97) to the 59th Birthday (i.e. the beginning of the 60th year, a year which will be completed on the 60th birthday) to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The fast is broken by eating between meals and by drinks which could be considered food (milk shakes, but not milk). Alcoholic beverages do not break the fast; however, they seem to be contrary to the spirit of doing penance.

ABSTINENCE

The law of abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Salt and freshwater species of fish, are permitted, as are animal derived products such as margarine and gelatin which do not have any meat taste.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent the Following Mass Centres will meet for the Stations of the Cross.

Harrington: Star of the Sea Church -10.00am

Cundletown: St Patricks Church - 6.30pm

Old Bar: Our Lady of Fatima - 7.00pm

MASS SCHEDULE & MEETINGS

Monday 27th			10.00am 1.45pm 7.00pm	Meditation Group-Old Pres Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests Adoration Our Mothers Love Prayer Grp - Chapel / Res C
Tuesday 28th	9.30am 5.00pm	<u>Shrove Tuesday</u> Harrington Lit of Word + comm +Exp Taree Mass - Fr George	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 1.00pm-3.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Women's Prayer Grp -Old Lib Old Bar Church open for Prayers and Rosary Men's Bible Study Grp-Old Pres Shrove Tuesday -Anglican Ch. Women's Craft Grp - SMH
Wednesday 1st	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 5.30pm	<u>Ash Wednesday</u> Taree Mass - Fr George Taree - St Josephs Taree - (Liturgy)Fr George Wingham with St Josephs School - Fr James Cundletown Mass -Fr James	8.50am	Taree Marian Movement of Priests
Thursday 2nd	9:30am	Taree Mass OLR - Fr George		
Friday 3rd	9.00am 11.00am	Taree Mass - Fr George Wingham Mass - Fr James	9.30am 3.00pm	Taree Exposition Old Bar Exposition and Marian Movement of priests
Saturday 4th	6.00pm 6.00pm	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>1st Sunday of Lent</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 Fr George Taree Rosary

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

5th of March 2017

First Reading : Gen 2: 7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord creates man and the garden of Eden.

Second Reading : Rom 5:12-19

Jesus has atoned for Adam's sin.

Gospel : Matthew 4: 1-11

Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert.

