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TAREE PARISH & WINGHAM PARISH - DIOCESE OF MAITLAND NEWCASTLE

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Divine Mercy Sunday

23rd of April, 2017

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

SECOND READING

1 Pet 1:3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

GOSPEL

John 20: 19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

REFLECTION

The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, his love is everlasting.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Come and join with us in prayer this Sunday the 23rd of April for the Feast of the Divine Mercy, commencing at 2.30pm in Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree. All welcome.

FIRST CLASS RELIC OF ST MOTHER THERESA

First Class Relic of Saint Mother Theresiae of Calcutta is available for public veneration. A public exposition and veneration of the first class relic of Saint Mother Theresiae of Calcutta is scheduled to honor the Divine Mercy Sunday on 23rd April, 2017 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Taree, from 2.30 pm to 4pm. Please do come and receive the blessings through the intercession of Saint Mother Theresiae of Calcutta.

ANZAC DAY MASS

Will be held at 8.00am in Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree. Please note the Parish Office will be also closed for the day.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP

Taree Vincent De Paul are now selling items for Confirmation, First Holy Communion, and other pious goods such as rosary beads.

TENSION WOODS DINNER

To be held on Thursday the 11th of May, at the Therry Centre, East Maitland at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Guest speaker Professor Tim Flannery, presenting: 'Responsibility and Climate.' Cost \$65.00 per head, includes canapes, drinks, main meal and dessert. Bookings by the 4th of May via phone on 49791134.

PARISH PAPER

The first Parish Paper for this year cannot be printed until June due to committee members being away on holiday. The Paper Committee would appreciate any ideas for items in the paper. Please contact Mike on 65521478.

FAMILY FAITH FORUM

Faith formation is often achieved through gently accompanying another on their journey. As parish communities we have many opportunities to walk with children, families, individuals and couples through significant times in their lives. In this forum we shall examine the nature of accompaniment as experienced through sacraments of initiation, school years and Sunday Mass. The forum will be held on Saturday the 3rd of June, from 9.30am-3.30pm in the Toohey Room, Diocese Offices, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West. Registration is necessary by the 27th of May, please call 49791328 or email olaf@mn.catholic.org.au.

COMBINED CHURCHES MEN'S BREAKFAST

To be held on Saturday the 29th of April, 7.30am at the Taree River City Church. For bookings please text Geoff Bishell on 0412681700 or phone Graeme Bingham on 65538272.

ANZAC DAY PRAYER

O Lord, lover of souls, who through the mouth of your prophet of old declared that all souls are yours, we thank you for the brave and faithful dead, who willingly laid down their lives on the battlefields of war or succumbed to the perils of the deep or of the air. We bless you for the dauntless courage of those defenders of our country who have fallen in the cause of truth and righteousness. In your hand, O Father, we leave their departed spirits. Grant us to follow their good example in faithfulness and endurance, even unto death, that we may with them be found worthy of the crown of everlasting life.

Amen.

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, Mikala Corben, Sonia Pinkerton, Monica Moy, Fred Wisemantel, Anne Cleal, Jim Wills, Robert MacGregor, Anne Hile, Laura Mirabello, Pat Anderson, Emma Matheson, Ambrose Mason, John Longden and Gladys Herrera.

ANNIVERSARIES: Tom Lyons, Chad McDonnell, Peter Noel Fletcher, Chris Frost and Marie Hayward.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Samuel James Smith and Marie Kohlbach.

May they rest in peace.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Why recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy?

Jesus says; "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Saviour. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this Chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy. Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will. By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls."

(<http://www.catholicbible101.com/divinemeracyofjesus.htm>)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

Article 8

I. Mercy and Sin

1846 The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners.¹¹³ The angel announced to Joseph: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."¹¹⁴ The same is true of the Eucharist, the sacrament of redemption: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."¹¹⁵

1847 "God created us without us: but he did not will to save us without us."¹¹⁶ To receive his mercy, we must admit our faults. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."¹¹⁷

1848 As St. Paul affirms, "Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more."¹¹⁸ But to do its work grace must uncover sin so as to convert our hearts and bestow on us "righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."¹¹⁹ Like a physician who probes the wound before treating it, God, by his Word and by his Spirit, casts a living light on sin: Conversion requires convincing of sin; it includes the interior judgment of conscience, and this, being a proof of the action of the Spirit of truth in man's inmost being, becomes at the same time the start of a new grant of grace and love: "Receive the Holy Spirit." Thus in this "convincing concerning sin" we discover a double gift: the gift of the truth of conscience and the gift of the certainty of redemption. The Spirit of truth is the Consoler.

(http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM)

St Catherine of Siena

8 Fascinating Facts About the Life of St. Catherine of Siena

1) She had a twin. Though it's not clear whether they were identical or not, St. Catherine had a twin sister, Giovanna.

2) She had 24 siblings. That's right, she was one of 25 children.

3) She had a mystical vision of Jesus as a young child. An early biography written by her confessor claimed that when she was 5 or 6 year old, she was walking home and suddenly had a vision of Jesus enthroned in heaven surrounded by the Apostles Peter, Paul, and John.

4) She had a mystical vision of St. Dominic. The two most culturally accepted paths for a woman in her time and place were marrying or becoming a cloistered nun. St. Catherine resisted both options. Apparently, St. Dominic himself appeared to her in a vision, which convinced her to be a Dominican tertiary, something that at the time was normally reserved for widows. She also got special permission to wear a habit.

5) She had another vision of Jesus when she was 21. Initially, she lived her vocation as a Dominican tertiary in silent isolation in her family's home. Then, when she was 21 years old, she experienced a vision of Jesus in which he wed her as his bride, and even gave her a ring. She was then told by Christ to leave her solitude and serve the poor, which she did.

6) She experienced stigmata. First reported to have been experienced by St. Francis of Assisi a little more than a hundred years earlier, St. Catherine received a version of the stigmata in 1375 that, according to the biography written by her confessor, was only visible to herself per her request of God.

7) She survived an assassination attempt. In early 1378, she was sent by Pope Gregory XI to Florence, Italy to seek peace between Florence and Rome. Soon after, however, Pope Gregory XI and violence broke out. On June 18th, in the midst of violence, someone tried to assassinate her, though she survived.

8) She was attacked by demons on her deathbed. Here's what one eye-witness reported: [S]he began altogether to change, and to make various signs with her head and her arms as if to show that she was suffering from grave assaults of demons, and remained in this calamitous state for an hour and a half, half of which time having been passed in silence... (<https://churchpop.com/-facts-catherine-siena>)

MASS SCHEDULE & MEETINGS

Monday 24th		<u>St Fidelis</u>	10.00am 1.45pm	Meditation Grp - Old Pres Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests
Tuesday 25th	8.00am 9.30am	<u>Anzac Day</u> Taree Mass - Fr George Harrington Lit of Word + Comm +Exp OFFICE CLOSED	9.30am-11am 10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 1.00pm-3.00pm 6.30pm	T & W Library open - Old Pres Women's Prayer Grp - Old Lib Old Bar Church open for Prayers and Rosary Men's Bible Study Grp-Old Pres Women's Craft grp - SMH
Wednesday 26th	9.30am	Taree Mass - Fr George	8.50am 5.30pm	Taree Marian Movement of Priests T & W PPC Mtg
Thursday 27th	9.30am	Taree Mass - Fr George	10.30am 5.15pm	Taree St Josephs Anzac Day Service - Fr George Wingham Finance Mtg
Friday 28th	9.00am 11.00am	Taree Mass - Fr George Wingham Mass - Fr Gren	9.30am 3.00pm	Taree Exposition Old Bar Exposition and Marian Movement of priests
Saturday 29th		<u>St Catherine of Siena</u> <u>3rd Sunday of Easter</u> Taree Mass - Fr George Harrington Mass - Fr Glen	10.30am 11.00am - 12pm 5.30pm	Couples for Christ - Res C Taree Reconciliation - Fr James Taree Rosary
Sunday 30th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	<u>3rd Sunday of Easter</u> Old Bar Mass - Fr Glen Wingham Mass - Fr George Taree Mass - Fr Glen 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:

30th of April 2017

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

Second Reading: 1 Pt 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

They recognized him at the breaking of the bread.

