

# 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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## Easter Sunday - Year C

27th of March 2016

### First Reading

Acts 10:34. 37-43

*We have eaten and drunk with Him  
after His resurrection from the dead.*

### This Weeks Readings

#### Second Reading

Col 3:1-4

*Look for the things that are in heaven,  
where Christ is.*

### Gospel

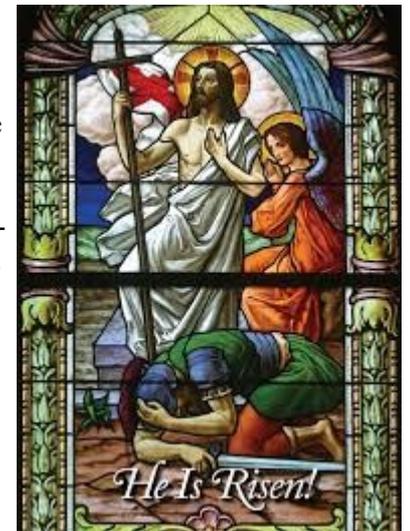
John 20:1-9

*The teaching of scripture is that He  
must rise from the dead.*

## Reflection

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy. This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.' The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen. Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!



Fr Michael Tate

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.



### **Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

*Alleluia.*

### **Anna's group**

Will meet at Club Taree after the Sunday Mass on April the 3rd.

### **Martha's group**

Will meet at 12 noon on the 11th of April in the Resource Centre.

### **Musicians needed for Wingham Church**

Wingham Church is in need of musicians to assist with the music for Sunday Masses. Please contact Helen Scriven for further information on 65508062.

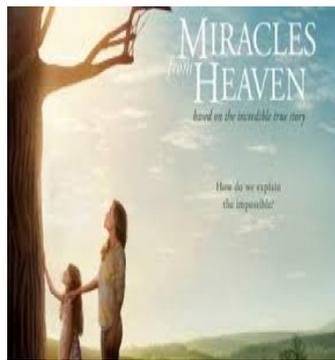
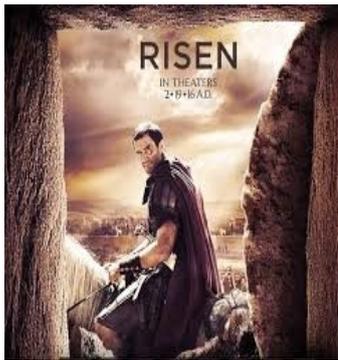


### **New Christian Movies**

Fays Twin Cinema will be screening two new Christian based films to be released on the 31st of March until the 6th of April.

"Miracles from Heaven" is based on the incredible true story of the Beam family. This heart-warming film shows the extraordinary power of a mother's love and a families ability to rally around each other in the face of overwhelming adversity. Rated PG.

"Risen" is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Rated M. Tickets available at Taree Fay's Twin Cinema.



### **Combined Churches Men's Breakfast**

Will be held at Gloucester Baptist Church, 42 Denison St, on Saturday the 16th of April, 7.30am. Cost \$10, includes breakfast.

For bookings please call Geff Bishell 0412681700 or Graeme Bingham 65538272. This breakfast is hosted by Gloucester Baptist Church, and organised by the Combined Churches Men's Fellowship to encourage, strengthen and inspire Christian Men.



### **Catholic Mission**

Catholic Mission wishes to expand their pool of volunteers who serve as Mission Ambassadors in 2016. Being a Mission Ambassador is your chance to make a difference, by going into local parishes on nominated weekends, you will help raise awareness of, and funds for, the valuable work performed by missionary Priests, Religious, Catechists and Lay-leaders around the world. For more information to volunteer please call Mark Toohey on 0408020511.

### **National Ass. of Catholic Families**

Will be hosting a Weekend Family Conference/Retreat on April 8-10, 2016, at Merroo Christian Centre, Kurrajong, NSW. Talks and activities for all ages. Includes (chaplain) Bishop Peter Comensoli - daily Mass, family catechesis and prayer, great outdoor activities, plus evening social entertainment. For further information contact [nacf.sydney@hotmail.com](mailto:nacf.sydney@hotmail.com) or Mary on 0298753664, Registration & Bookings [www.trybooking.com/159690](http://www.trybooking.com/159690).

### **Office of Life & Faith**

Is looking for young people who are interested in exploring ministry in the Catholic Church as a career option. Applications are now open for the Pastoral Placement Program 2016. All persons interested in working in ministry for the Catholic Church can apply for this program through the Diocese Website at <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/special-events/pastoral-placement-program>. For more information please contact our office on 49791346 or email [olaf@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:olaf@mn.catholic.org.au)

### **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 [daphane.peterson68@gmail.com](mailto:daphane.peterson68@gmail.com)

### **Hastings Choristers**

Presents Choruses and more from 'Messiah' George Frideric Handel. Saturday the 2nd of April at 2.00pm. Port Macquarie Baptist Church, McIntyre Close. Tickets at the Glasshouse or at the door. Adults \$25, Concessions \$20 and School Students \$10.

### **Please pray for the sick in the Taree & Wingham parishes:**

Patricia Wolfenden, Bev Couch, 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 and Paul Cantwell.

**Anniversaries:** Luciana Gamalo, Bridget Lyons, Mary Poole, Francis Reidy, Harold Mainey, John Schneider and Joseph Litjens.

**Recently Deceased:** Allan Tisdell.

May they rest in *peace* 

SCAE Roster  
Our Lady of the Rosary Church,  
Taree

Saturday 2nd of April 2016

6.00pm SCAE

Leader: Allan Gallagher

Gospel:

Reflection:

Communion:

## Divine Mercy Sunday



### Words of Wisdom

The resurrection of Christ is our hope! This the Church proclaims today with joy. She announces the hope that is now firm and invincible because God has raised Jesus Christ from the dead. She communicates the hope that she carries in her heart and wishes to share with all people in every place, especially where Christians suffer persecution because of their faith and their commitment to justice and peace.

Pope Benedict XVI



On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that “from now on throughout the Church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday.”

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day.

*“On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.” (Diary of Sr. Faustina, 699)*

During Pope John Paul II last journey to Poland in August of 2002, the Holy Father visited the Divine Mercy Shrine of Lagiewniki, near Krakow, where Sister Faustina lived and died, he said:

*“How much the world is in need of the mercy of God today! In every continent, from the depths of human suffering, a cry for mercy seems to rise. In those places where hatred and the thirst for revenge are overwhelming, where war brings suffering and the death of innocents, one needs the grace of mercy to pacify the minds and the hearts and make peace spring forth. In those places where there is less respect for life and human dignity, one needs the merciful love of God, in whose light we see the ineffable value of every single human being. Mercy is needed to ensure that every injustice may find its solution in the splendour of truth. “So today, in this Sanctuary, I solemnly wish to entrust the world to Divine Mercy. I do so with the burning desire that the message of God’s merciful love, proclaimed here through Saint Faustina, may reach all the inhabitants of the earth and fill their hearts with hope. May this message spread from this place to our beloved homeland and throughout the world. May the binding promise of the Lord Jesus be fulfilled: from here has to come out “the spark that will prepare the world for his final coming.”*

[www.michaeljournal.org/popedivinemeracy](http://www.michaeljournal.org/popedivinemeracy)  
[www.americancatholic.org/Features/JohnPaulII/DivineMercy](http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/JohnPaulII/DivineMercy)

### Next Week - 2nd Sunday of Easter Year C

**First Reading:** Acts 5:12-16

*The number of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.*

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

*I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.*

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

### 3rd of April 2016



## Liturgies and Meetings

<b>Monday 28th</b>		Public Holiday - Office Closed	<b>10.00am</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Meditation Group - Reading Room Men's Bible Study Group
<b>Tuesday 29th</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Harrington</b> Liturgy of the Word + Com & Exposition. <b>Taree</b> Mass	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30-11.30am</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	Women's Prayer group -O.Lib Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers RCIA meeting-resource centre
<b>Wed 30th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Taree</b> Mass	<b>8.50am</b> <b>9.30-11am</b>	<b>Taree</b> MMP Prayer for Priests T & W Library Open
<b>Thursday 31st</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Taree</b> Mass at St Joseph's school	<b>5.15pm</b>	<b>Taree</b> Finance Meeting
<b>Friday 1st</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Taree</b> Mass	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10.00-2pm</b> <b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Taree</b> Exposition Franciscans mtg - Res C Old Bar Exposition & MMP
<b>Saturday 2nd</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<u><b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b></u> <b>Taree</b> Vigil SCAE <b>Harrington</b> Vigil Mass	<b>10.30am</b> <b>11am-12.00pm</b>	Couples for Christ <b>Taree</b> Reconciliation
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	<b>7.30am</b> <b>8.30am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>2.00pm-4.00pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<u><b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b></u> <b>Old Bar</b> Mass <b>Wingham</b> SCAE <b>Taree</b> Mass <b>Taree</b> Baptism <b>Divine Mercy</b> Adoration and Reconciliation <b>Cundletown</b> Mass	<b>7.00am</b> <b>7.50am</b> <b>9.10am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Old Bar</b> Rosary <b>Wingham</b> Rosary <b>Taree</b> Rosary <b>Anna's</b> group - Old Library