

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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Mary, The Holy Mother of God - Year A

1st January 2017

FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22-27

They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:16-21

The Shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib.

REFLECTION

Liturgically, the Octave of Christmas commemorates: the Solemnity of the Mother of God; the day designated for prayers for global peace; and the beginning of the New Year. Though the shepherds gain insight into the presence of God by seeing this holy family, it is Mary who holds all these things in her heart. She is the one who ponders the significance of these mysterious events. Mary becomes for Christians an inspiration of contemplation and reflection. She inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events, lest we go blandly through life without meaning or direction. She inspires us to fidelity to the practices of our faith, practices which are the disciplines of soul that lead the community to a clearer focus on God's presence in human affairs.

The theme of peace appears today on many levels. Its meaning, 'fullness of life', bursts forth in every one of the readings. The ancient prayer or blessing of peace is an appropriate start for the New Year. It resonates well with the angels' wish for people of good will. Peace is also our inheritance in Christ. As adopted children of God, we have been given the freedom to live in a godly manner, calling God our *Abba*. Right relationships in the covenant activity of God are the pathways of peace. The beginning of a New Year is a good time to reach out to others and to pray for God's blessing of peace for each dimension of human encounter.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May God bless us in his mercy.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

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MASS SCHEDULE & MEETINGS

NEW YEARS EVE VIGIL MASS 31ST DECEMBER

6.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree
SCAE
6.00pm Star of the Sea, Harrington
Fr George

NEW YEARS DAY MASS SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY

7.30am Our Lady of Fatima, Old Bar
Fr George
8.30am Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Wingham SCAE
9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree
Fr George
6.00pm St Patrick's, Cundletown
Fr George

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 2017

Parents and carers of school aged children turning 8 next year, or older who wish to make their Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation next year, are advised that the program will commence early in the First Term of 2017. **The first information session will be Wednesday 22nd February 2017 for parents only.** If further information is required please contact the Parish Office on 6552 1084.

NEXT WEEK: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8TH OF JANUARY 2017

First Reading : Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Second Reading : Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

Gospel : Matthew 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the King.

Monday 2nd	10.00am 1.45pm	Meditation Group-Rd Rm Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests
Tuesday 3rd	9.30am 10.30- 11.30am 1pm-3pm 5.30pm	Harrington Liturgy of the word Communion & Ex. Old Bar Church open for rosary and prayers. Men's Bible Study Grp-Old Presbytery Taree Mass
Wednesday 4th	8.50am 9.30am	Taree Marian Movement of Priests Taree Mass
Thursday 5th	9.30am	Taree Mass - OLR
Friday 6th	9.00am 9.30am 9.30am 10-2pm 3.00pm	Taree Mass Taree Exposition Wingham Liturgy of the Word + Communion. Fransiscans Mtg - Res C Old Bar Exposition and Mari- an Movement of Priests
Saturday 7th	11am- 12pm 5.30pm 6.00pm 6.00pm	The Epiphany of the Lord Taree Reconciliation Taree Rosary Taree Vigil Mass Harrington Vigil SCAE
Sunday 8th	7.30am 7.50am 8-8.20am 8.30am 9.00am 9.30am 6.00pm 6.00pm	The Epiphany of the Lord Old Bar SCAE Wingham Rosary Wingham Reconciliation Wingham Mass Taree Rosary Taree Mass Cundletown SCAE Lansdowne SCAE

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, Eve Collins, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Ken Campbell, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Sue Berry, Gloria Ellis, Chris Wright, Mary Eyles, Ashlyn Rick, Mary Headley, Ursula McLoughlin, Nicolette Zacarri, Violet Lyall, Gustav De Bono, Peter Holden, Rupert McLennon, Betty McLennon, Dennis Connolly, Paul Waite, Doug Welch, Lawrence Mason, Sharon McCarthy.

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RECENTLY DECEASED:

