



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR A 26TH OF NOVEMBER 2017

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
26TH OF NOVEMBER 2017**

FIRST READING: Ez 34:11-12.

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father

David.

Alleluia

GOSPEL Mt 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

3RD OF DECEMBER 2017

FIRST READING: Is 63:16-17

Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL Mk 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

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REFLECTION

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

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PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

SICK: Patricia Wolfenden, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Mikala Corben, Sonia Pinkerton, Jim Wills, Sue Berry, Margaret Boyton, Bev Crouch, Bruce Mackie, Myra Coleman, Maureen Reed, Ray Reed, Lawrence Mattheson, Margaret Baker, Jennifer Anne Corben, Peter Holden, Robert MacGregor, Mary Headley and Bill Walker.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Nina O'Mahoney and Bill Stork.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jacqueline M'Vey.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

10 am Mediation Grp -Old Pres
1.45 pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests
7.00pm - 9.00pm RCIA

TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

9.30am Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Comm + Exp
9.30 -11am T&W Library - Old Pres.
10am Women's Prayer Grp - Old Library
10.30-11.30am Old Bar Church open for prayers & Rosary
12.00pm Men's Bible Study - Old Pres.
5.30pm Taree Mass
6.30 Women's Craft Group SMH

WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests
9.30am Taree Mass
6.00pm Extra-ordinary Ministers evaluation and discussion - OLR Church

THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

9:30am Taree Mass

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

9am Taree Mass
9.30am Taree Exposition
10-2pm Franciscans-Res C
11am Wingham Mass with School
3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.30am Couples for Christ Res C
11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation.
5.30pm Taree Rosary
6pm Taree Mass
6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.00am Old Bar Rosary
7.30am Old Bar Mass
7.50am W Rosary
8-8:20am Wingham Reconciliation
8.30am Wingham Mass
9am Taree Rosary
9.30am Taree Mass
6.00pm Cundletown Mass

EVALUATION AND DISCUSSION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

For all extraordinary ministers there will be an evaluation and discussion session on the **29th of November** at 6pm in the Taree Church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Please help the needy in our area. Boxes will be placed in front of the altars at all Mass centres. Would you please bring donations of non-perishable food, excluding products containing nuts. Thank you for your generosity.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST CHRISTMAS 2017 PARTY

The celebration will be held in the St. Mary's Hall on Saturday the 2nd of December at 11:30am. Cost is \$15. Lunch and entertainment included. Money raised will go to St. Vincent de Paul Taree. For bookings please contact Susie 0414309584. Cut off date is 29th November 2017.

SOCIAL SUNDAY

Christmas Lunch will be held in St Mary's Hall on 26th November 2017 . Cost \$10.00 per person. Children under 12 years \$5.00. Doors open 10.30am for morning tea and seated for lunch at 11.45am. All welcome.

ANNA'S GROUP

Will meet at Taree West Bowling club for a Christmas get together on the 3rd of December at 12 noon.

WHITE/MOYLAN FAMILY GROUP

To join Couples for Christ Christmas party lunch on Saturday, 2nd of December 11:30am. Table has been booked. Please pay at the door. \$15 per person.

SWIFT/DUREAU FAMILY GROUP

Share a Christmas meal at Holsteins home on Sunday 10th December 2017 at 6pm. Please phone Anne a week ahead on mobile 0407484930 to discuss your contribution to the meal.

COLUMBIAN CALENDARS

Anyone wishing to purchase a copy of the 2018 Columbian calendar they are available at Wingham St Vincent de Paul for \$10. To order please contact Von on 65534219.

+ RCIA +

Monday 7.00pm-9.00pm

Taree Resource Centre

SUNDAY THE 26TH OF NOVEMBER

Liturgical Rite of Acceptance of our two RCIA candidates Terri and Joanne. We hope you'll be there to bless and support them as they walk this special journey. There will be a morning tea provided in the hall after the Mass..

MONDAY THE 4TH OF DECEMBER

Vivian Williams, Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Co-Ordinator is offering us an Advent Seminar on Mark's Year B Gospel. Tea/coffee and light refreshments will be provided. If anyone would like to attend please contact the office on 65521084.

ST JOSEPH'S WINGHAM CHRISTMAS FETE

To be held on Saturday the 2nd of December from 10am-3.00pm at St Joseph's Wingham School. Fun for all the family; all day rides, pony rides, side show games, Santa photo's, talent show and much more. All welcome. If anyone is able to volunteer with the running of the fete, please call Elise on 0414542692 . Thank you.

PARISH PAPER

Unfortunately the next issue of the Parish paper will not be published as planned. Our team is small and each member is currently having overload issues. However we will return early in the New Year.

OLD BAR FAMILY GROUP

Christmas Lunch at Peter and Cheryl Neals' home at Oxley Island on the 3rd of December at 12noon.
RSVP Cheryl on 0448445401.
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