

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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Palm Sunday ~ Year C

20th of March 2016

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult
and I know I will not be ashamed.*

This Weeks Readings

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

*He humbled himself to become like us
and God raised Him on high.*

Gospel

Luke 22:14-23:56

*The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.*

Reflection

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to *non-violent* revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, Luke's Gospel recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

By Michael Tate



Responsorial Psalm:

My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?



Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Chrism Mass

Bishop Bill Wright invites you to join him at the Chrism Mass, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton at 7pm on Tuesday 22nd of March 2016. Following the Mass refreshments will be served in the Davis Courtyard. We will be looking for volunteers from each Mass centre to attend the Mass and collect the oils. If you can assist please contact the parish office.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent the following Mass centres will meet for the Stations of the Cross.

Harrington	9.30am
Wingham	9.30am
Old Bar	7.00pm
Cundletown	6.30pm

Flowers for Easter

If anyone is able to provide some fresh flowers to decorate the Taree Church for Easter, could they please drop them off at the sacristy door on Saturday the 26th of March at 9.00am. If you are able to assist with arranging the flowers, your help would be very much appreciated.



Reading for Easter

All those who have volunteered for the Easter Mass services, your names are printed on the new roster in the foyer of the Taree Church, please check if you are still available. If you would like a copy of a reading in preparation for the service, please call in the office. Thank you kindly to all the volunteers, we appreciate your assistance.

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.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross from the Anglican Church in Taree to Our Lady of the Rosary Church this Good Friday starting at 10.30am. For those who would like to carry a cross during the procession you can bring them from home, or use the crosses we have available. The children from the Parish will be re-enacting the Passion as we pray the stations. All welcome.

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.

Taree Baptist Church

Presents 'The Rock's been Rolled, a celebration of Life' concert on Wednesday the 23rd of March from 6pm. Admission free. For more information please call 65530116.

Divine Mercy Novena

Begins on Good Friday for 9 consecutive days leading up to the feast of Divine Mercy to be celebrated on the 3rd of April.

We can pray this Chaplet for our own personal use or we can offer it for the daily intentions dictated by Our Lord to St Faustina. This leaflet will be available in all the Mass centres if anyone would like a copy.



Special collection on Good Friday

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. The collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

The Journey Catholic Radio Program

Tune into Rhema 99.7 FM this week Sunday the 20th of March at 6.30pm to hear speakers Fr Ken Barker, Sr Hilda Scott, Bruce Downes *The Catholic Guy* and many more reflect on the Gospel for Palm Sunday or go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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 or Mary on 0298753664, Registration & Bookings www.trybooking.com/159690.

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 and Carmel Matheson.

Anniversaries: Noel Greenaway, Benjamin Ison, Anthony Ison, Colin Mills, Bernard Casey, Mary and Kevin Standen, Carmel Kennedy and Emily Cowan.

Recently Deceased:

May they rest in peace.



SCAE Roster

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Taree

Note: there will be no SCAE services on Palm Sunday 19th & 20th of March and Easter Sunday 26th & 27th of March.

Next SCAE service will be on:
Saturday 2nd of April 2016

6.00pm SCAE

Leader: Allan Gallagher

Gospel:

Reflection:

Easter Masses

Palm Sunday 20th March

Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm Taree

Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm
Harrington

Mass Sunday 7.30am Old Bar

Mass Sunday 8.30am Wingham

Mass Sunday 9.30am Taree

Mass Sunday 6.00pm Cundletown

Holy Thursday 24th March

Reconciliation 10.00am Taree

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm
Taree. (till 10.00pm)

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm
Wingham

Good Friday 25th March

Stations of the Cross 9.30am
Harrington

Stations of the Cross 10.00am Old
Bar

Stations of the Cross 10.30am Taree
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3.00pm Taree

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3.00pm Wingham

Holy Saturday 26th March

Easter Vigil Mass 7.00pm Taree

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Easter Sunday 27th March

Mass Sunday 7.30am Old Bar

Mass Sunday 8.30am Harrington

Mass Sunday 9.30am Taree

Mass Sunday 6.00pm Cundletown



The Sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.



The Easter *Triduum* begins with the Vigil of Holy Thursday. It marks the end of the forty days of Lent and the beginning of the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council reminded us of the extraordinary significance of the *Triduum* : "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore the Easter *Triduum* of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year."

These last Forty Days were a time of preparation for these great Three days, which is what *Triduum* means. These three days lead us to an empty tomb and an Octave, eight days, of celebrating the Resurrection. They also introduce an entire liturgical season, the Easter Season, which lasts for Fifty days until Pentecost.

We will soon attend the Last Supper and receive the gift of the Holy Eucharist, the Body, Blood Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. We will enter into the deep meaning of the Holy Priesthood. We will be invited to pour ourselves out like the water in the basins used to wash feet on Holy Thursday. We will be asked with the disciples in the Gospel accounts we will hear proclaimed to watch with the Lord. We will be invited to enter with Him into his anguish by imitating His Holy surrender in his Sacred Humanity in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Through the stark and solemn Liturgy of the Friday we call "Good", we will stand at the Altar of the Cross where heaven is rejoined to earth and earth to heaven, along with the Mother of the Lord. We will enter into the moment that forever changed - and still changes - all human History, the great self gift of the Son of God who did for us what we could never do for ourselves by in the words of the ancient Exultet, "trampling on death by death". We will wait at the tomb and witness the Glory of the Resurrection and the beginning of the New Creation. Let us enter fully into the Sacred Triduum Liturgies. The Great Three Days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Invite Us into Heart of the Mystery of Faith.

<http://www.catholic.org/>

Next Week 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.

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4

Look for 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.

Liturgies and Meetings

Monday 21st		<u>Holy Week</u>	10.00am 7.30pm	Meditation Group - Reading Room Men's Bible Study Group
Tuesday 22nd	9.30am 5.30pm	<u>Holy Week</u> Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Com & Exposition. Taree Liturgy of the Word + Communion	10.00am 10.30-11.30 5.45pm 6.30-8.30pm 7.00pm	Women's Prayer group - Library Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers Stations of the Cross rehearsal for Good Friday- Res C Craft Group - SMH RCIA meeting-resource centre
Wednesday 23rd	9.30am	<u>Holy Week</u> Taree Mass	8.50am 9.30-11am 6.30pm	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T & W Library Open Taree Liturgy Meeting
Thursday 24th	7.00pm 7.00pm	<u>Holy Thursday</u> Taree Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by exposition until 10.00pm Wingham Mass of the Lord's Supper.	10.00am	Reconciliation Taree
Friday 25th	3.00pm 3.00pm	<u>Good Friday</u> Taree service of The Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross Wingham service of The Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross Public Holiday Office Closed	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayers Wingham - Stations of the Cross Harrington - Stations of the Cross Taree- Stations of the Cross from the Anglican Church to Our Lady of the Rosary
Saturday 26th	7pm 7pm	<u>Easter Saturday</u> Taree Vigil Mass including Baptisms/Confirmation/First Eucharist Wingham Vigil Mass	9.30am 11-12.00pm	Morning Prayers Taree Reconciliation
Sunday 27th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	<u>Easter Sunday</u> Old Bar Mass Harrington Mass Taree Mass Cundletown Mass	7.00am 9.10am	Old Bar Recitation of the rosary Taree recitation of the Rosary
Monday 28th			10.00am 7.30pm	Meditation Group - Reading Room Men's Bible Study Group
Tuesday 29th	9.30am 5.30pm	Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Com & Exposition. Taree Mass	10.00am 10.30-11.30 7.00pm	Women's Prayer group - Library Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers RCIA meeting-resource centre
Wednesday 30th	9.30am	Taree Mass	8.50am 9.30-11am	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T & W Library Open
Thursday 31st	9.30am	Taree Mass at St Joseph's school	5.15pm	Taree Finance Meeting
Friday 1st	9.00am	Taree Mass	9.30am 10.00-2pm 3.00pm	Taree Exposition Franciscans mtg - Res C Old Bar Exposition & MMP
Saturday 2nd	6.00pm 6.00pm	<u>Divine Mercy Sunday</u> Taree Vigil SCAE Harrington Vigil Mass	10.30am 11-12.00pm	Couples for Christ Taree Reconciliation
Sunday 3rd	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Old Bar Mass Wingham SCAE Taree Mass Taree Baptism Divine Mercy Adoration/Reconciliation Until 4.00pm Cundletown Mass	7.00am 7.50am 9.10am 10.30am	<u>Divine Mercy Sunday</u> Old Bar Recitation of the rosary Wingham Rosary Taree recitation of the Rosary Anna's group - Old Library