

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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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9th of April, 2017

FIRST READING

First Reading: Is 50: 4-7

Despite rejection, Isaiah does not abandon his call.

SECOND READING

Second Reading: Phil 2: 6-11

Jesus made himself lowly and was exalted.

GOSPEL

Gospel: Mt 26: 14-27:66

The Passion.

REFLECTION

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake.

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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!

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.

HOLY WEEK MASS VOLUNTEERS

Required for Our Lady of the Rosary Mass services. If you are able to assist, please add your name to the rosters in the front foyer of the Church, or by calling the Parish Office.

MARTHA'S GROUP

Will meet in the Resource Centre on Monday the 10th of April for lunch.

WHITE/MOYLAN FAMILY GROUP

To meet on Sunday the 9th of April at 12 noon for fish & chips at Harrington park.

CHRISM MASS

The annual Chrism Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 7pm on Tuesday 11th April, to receive the holy oils. Thank you to those who have volunteered.

DONATIONS OF FLOWERS

If any Parishioners are able to give a donation of flowers for Easter and are able to deliver them to the church 9am Easter Saturday, could you please let the office know. Thank You.

ANGLICAN PARISH MEN'S GROUP

Dinner to be held on Wednesday 12th April at 6.30pm at St Johns Memorial Hall, Victoria Street Taree. Cost is \$16.00 per person with refreshments available on site.

For bookings please phone Dennis Marriott on 6553 9474 or 0409150229. RSVP No later than Monday 10th.

RISEN LORD

Manning Valley Christian choir are having a free Easter reflection in music, word and song called 'Risen Lord' from 2.00pm Sunday 9th April at Taree Presbyterian Church.

PARISH PAPER DELAY

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 Hogan on 65521478.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held each Friday at;

9.30am: Star of the Sea, Harrington

10am: Lady of Perpetual Help, Wingham

6.30pm: St Patrick's, Cundletown

7pm: Our Lady of Fatima, Old Bar

EASTER MASS TIMES 2017

Palm Sunday – 9th April 2017

Mass Sunday 7.30am at Old Bar

Mass Sunday 8.30am at Wingham

Mass Sunday 9.30am at Taree

Mass Sunday 6pm at Cundletown

Mass Sunday 6pm at Lansdowne

Holy Thursday – 13th April 2017

Reconciliation 10am at Taree

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm at Taree

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm at Wingham

Good Friday – 14th April 2017

Stations of the Cross 10.30am at Taree

Stations of the Cross 10.00am at Old Bar

Mass of the Lord's Passion 3pm at Taree

Mass of the Lord's Passion 3pm at Wingham

Holy Saturday – 15th April 2017

Easter Vigil Mass 7pm at Taree

Easter Vigil Mass 7pm at Wingham

Easter Sunday – 16th April 2017

Mass Sunday 7.30am at Old Bar

Mass Sunday 7.30am at Harrington

Mass Sunday 9.30am at Taree

Mass Sunday 9.30am at Wingham

Mass Sunday 6.00pm at Cundletown

Mass Sunday 6.00pm Lansdowne

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, Rita Joyce, Sonia Pinkerton, Monica Moy, Fred Wisemantel, Anne Cleal, Jim Wills, Robert MacGregor, Anne Hile, Laura Mirabello and Pat Anderson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Patricia Anne King, Peter Irwin, Harold Mainey, Joan Casey, Clare Starten, Joyce Croker, Mary Newton, Mary Standen, Kevin Standen and Terry McGovern.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Barbara Montague, Sister Anne Cavanagh (Sister Fintan)



May they rest in peace.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the re-enactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognised as a symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter.

During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion. These may be returned to the church, or kept for the year.

Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are appropriately gathered at the church and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used in the follow year's Ash Wednesday observance.

The colours of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

THE CHRISM MASS

1. In accordance with a most ancient tradition of the Church, on this day all Masses without the people are forbidden.

2. The blessing of the Oil of the Sick and of the Oil of Catechumens and the consecration of the Chrism are carried out by the Bishop, according to the Rite described in the Roman Pontifical, usually on this day, at a proper Mass to be celebrated during the morning.

3. If, however, it is very difficult for the clergy and the people to gather with the Bishop on this day, the Chrism Mass may be anticipated on another day, but near to Easter.

4. This Mass, which the Bishop concelebrates with his presbyterate, should be, as it were, a manifestation of the Priests' communion with their Bishop. Accordingly it is desirable that all the Priests participate in it, insofar as is possible, and during it receive Communion even under both kinds. To signify the unity of the presbyterate of the diocese, the Priests who concelebrate with the Bishop should be from different regions of the diocese.

5. In accord with traditional practice, the blessing of the Oil of the Sick takes place before the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, but the blessing of the Oil of Catechumens and the consecration of the Chrism take place after Communion. Nevertheless, for pastoral reasons, it is permitted for the entire rite of blessing to take place after the Liturgy of the Word.



MASS SCHEDULE & MEETINGS

Monday 10th			10.00am Meditation Group- Old Pres 12.00pm Martha's Grp - Res C 1.45pm Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests 7.00pm Old Bar ML Prayer Group-Res C
Tuesday 11th	9.30am Harrington Lit of Word + Comm +Exp *No Mass due to Chrism Mass in Newcastle		10.00am Women's Prayer Grp - Old Lib 10.30am-11.30am Old Bar Church open for Prayers and Rosary 1.00pm-3.00pm Men's Bible Study Grp-Old Pres 6.30pm Women's craft Grp - SMH
Wednesday 12th	9.30am Taree Mass - Fr George 10.30am Bushland Place Mass - Fr James		8.50am Taree Marian Movement of Priests 9.30am-11am T&W Library Open - Old Pres
Thursday 13th	7.00pm Taree Mass - Fr George 7.00pm Wingham Mass- Fr James	<u>The Lords Supper</u> <u>Holy Thursday</u>	10.00am T Reconciliation - Fr George 5.15pm W Finance Council Mtg - Office
Friday 14th	10.30am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Taree Mass - Fr James 3.00pm Wingham Mass - Fr George	<u>Passion of the Lord</u> <u>Good Friday</u>	3.00pm Old Bar Exposition and Marian Movement of priests
Saturday 15th	7.00pm Taree Mass - Fr George 7.00pm Wingham Mass - Fr James	<u>Holy Saturday</u>	10.30am Couples for Christ - Res C 11.00am - 12pm Taree Reconciliation - Fr George
Sunday 16th	7.30am Old Bar Mass - Fr James 7.30am Harrington Mass - Fr George 9.30am Wingham Mass - Fr George 9.30am Taree Mass - Fr James 6.00pm Cundletown Mass- Fr George 6.00pm Lansdowne - Fr James	<u>Resurrection of the Lord - Easter</u>	7.00am Old Bar Rosary 9.00am Taree Rosary 10.30am Couples for Christ Morning tea after Mass - Res C

NEXT WEEKS READINGS:

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

Peter recounts the deeds of Jesus.

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Set your heart on the greater gifts.

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty, Peter sees and believes.

16th of April 2017

