

# Catholic Parishes of Taree & Wingham



Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

**Taree Parish** Mass centres of Cundletown, Harrington, Lansdowne & Old Bar

## Wingham Parish

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Committed to Stewardship  
Good Stewards Sharing the  
God-given Gifts of  
Time Talent Treasure**

## Pentecost Sunday - Year C

15th of May 2016

### First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

### This Weeks Readings

#### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making the one body.

### Gospel

John 20:19-23

As the Father sent Me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

## Reflection

In the very old days, the 'Holy Spirit' was known as the 'Holy Ghost'. It comes from the old English word 'gust' which 'blows wherever it pleases'. St Luke's account of Pentecost tells of what 'sounded like a powerful wind from heaven'. This is the Divine Wind, this is the Holy Gust, the Holy Spirit. Out of nowhere, this mighty Gust burst into the disciples' lives with gale force, sweeping away their fear.

The Divine Wind is nothing less than the Breath of God. 'O Breathe on me Breath of God' is one of the most beautiful hymns, sung to a traditional Irish melody. One verse goes: 'O Breathe on me Breath of God ... until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine'. It is like a log at the back of the fireplace late at night. The log is intact but absolutely glowing through and through with fire. It is to be the same with us.

Peter was inspired to preach to the crowds 'with a loud voice' about 'Jesus the Nazarene' and the fact that 'God raised him to life'. That is the gospel. That is the message which those who breathe with the breath of God have been preaching since the birthday of the Church at Pentecost.

We could pause for a moment to pray an ancient chant of the Church:

'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they will be created,  
and you will renew the face of the earth.'



by Fr Michael Tate

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

Lord, send out Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.



### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of Your love.  
Alleluia!

## **Father Rob Galea Welcome Dinner**

Will be held on the 2nd of June in the St Mary's Hall, Taree, commencing at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Tickets are \$20.00 per head. Fr Rob will be guest speaker. Please book at the parish office by the 30th of May.

## **Father Rob Galea in Concert**

The 3rd of June commencing at 8pm at the Manning Entertainment Centre. Tickets \$5.00 for students under 18 yrs and \$15.00 for adults. Tickets may be purchased at the MEC by phone on 65925466 or via the website [mec@gtcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mec@gtcc.nsw.gov.au)

## **Pentecost Sunday Brunch**

After the 9.30am Mass in Taree a brunch will be held in the St Mary's Hall. All Parishioners are welcome to come along to celebrate the feast of Pentecost by sharing a meal of various cuisines representing the different nationalities within our Parish.

## **Congratulations to Father George**

Father George will be celebrating his 13th anniversary of ordination as a priest on the 19th of May and his birthday on the 21st of May. Please keep Father in your prayers on these special days.

## **Catholic Mission Appeal**

Next weekend all parish Mass centres will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to reach out and support the inspirational work of the Catholic Church in Cambodia, by helping provide the country's most vulnerable children with emotional and spiritual support, as well as an opportunity to break the cycle of poverty and gain a new future through the power of education. There will be envelopes provided next weekend, please lend your support to this appeal.

## **New Catholic Church in Belmont**

The Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Diocese is set to build a new Church at Belmont, its first in twenty years. We ask blessings for this new Church, please keep this in your prayers.

## **Congratulations on Ordination**

We congratulate Camillus Chinenye Nwahia on his upcoming Priestly Ordination on June 4th at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. May God bless him on this special day and on his new journey as a priest. Please keep Camillus in your prayers.

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

Patricia Wolfenden, Bev Crouch, 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, Paul Cantwell, Judy Nice, Vince Rinkin, Josephine Murphy, Mark Jensen, John O'Keefe, Mary Trapple, Bill and Dorothy Wright and Bryce Gaudry.

**Anniversaries:** Marie Bugler, Kathleen Moloney and Elsie Gallagher.

**Recently Deceased:** Rodney Towers, John Bock, Kevin O'Brien and Bernadette Farrugia.

*May they rest in peace.*



## **The Holy Rosary during the month of May**

During the month of May the rosary will be recited every Monday to Friday at 5.00pm at the Grotto at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Taree.

On the weekends; Cundletown - 5.30pm before Mass, Taree - 5.30pm before Mass.

## **Diocese Pastoral Council meeting**

Will meet at the Forster Parish Hall on the 28th of May for an open meeting followed by a workshop session.

## **2016 Cursillo Retreat**

This year's Diocesan Cursillo in Christianity retreat will be held on the June long week-end from Friday night 10<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm to Monday afternoon 13<sup>th</sup> June at 5:30. Catholic men and women are invited to attend this live in weekend at the Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre just south of Newcastle. Enquiries call Mike or Linda Norris on 65574060.

## **Altar Servers Party**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of June we invite all the Altar Servers from each Mass center to come together to serve at the 9.30am Mass in Taree. We would like to thank you for your service each week assisting Father George by holding a party for you in the resource center after the Mass. All parishioners are welcome to come celebrate with cake, party food and the presentation of a gift for each Altar server.

## **Annual Memorial Service**

Members of the community are invited to attend the National Palliative Care Week Annual Memorial Service on Wednesday the 25th of May 2016 at 10am in the Lavender Room, Manning Great Lakes Memorial Gardens 183 Pampoolah Rd, Taree.

## **Wingham Family Group**

Will get together to share a meal at Il Colosseo Italian Restaurant, Oxley St, Chatham Plaza, Taree on the 21st of May at 6.30pm. BYO alcohol. Please call Liz Jarvis on 65530274 to confirm bookings.

## **Swift/Dureau Family Group**

Will be getting together for a picnic at Croki Sunday the 15th of May at 12 noon. Parishioners please feel welcome to join our picnic. Bring everything. Cool river breeze. Enquiries please call Margaret on 65513600.

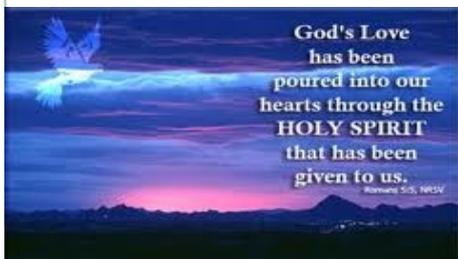
## **Taree Auxilary of the Leprosy Mission**

Coach trip on Wednesday the 25th of May to Lorne Valley Macadamia Farm. Hosted by Taree Auxilary of the Leprosy Mission. Leave from the riverside parking area in Endeavour Park (behind KFC) at 9.00am. Bookings to Phyll 65525556.

## Pentecost Sequence



Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance  
give.  
Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which  
endure;  
Come, thou light of all that  
live!  
Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful  
guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow;  
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.  
Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of  
thine,  
And our inmost being fill:  
If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turned to ill.  
Heal our wounds, our strength  
renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:  
Bend the stubborn heart and  
will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the  
chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.  
Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts  
descend:  
Give us comfort when we die;  
Give us life with thee on high;  
Give us joys that never end.



## Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8).

On Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, they were granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Those gifts helped them to fulfill their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations. For us, too, those gifts granted when we are infused with sanctifying grace, the life of God in our souls help us to live a Christian life.

### The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit-The Manifestation of Sanctifying Grace

#### 1. Wisdom

Wisdom is the first and highest gift of the Holy Spirit, because it is the perfection of the theological virtue of faith. Through wisdom, we come to value properly those things which we believe through faith. The truths of Christian belief are more important than the things of this world, and wisdom helps us to order our relationship to the created world properly, loving Creation for the sake of God, rather than for its own sake.

#### 2. Understanding

Understanding is the second gift of the Holy Spirit, and people sometimes have a hard time understanding (no pun intended) how it differs from wisdom. While wisdom is the desire to contemplate the things of God, understanding allows us grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic Faith. Through understanding, we gain a certitude about our beliefs that moves beyond faith.

#### 3. Counsel

Counsel, the third gift of the Holy Spirit, is the perfection of the cardinal virtue of prudence. Prudence can be practiced by anyone, but counsel is supernatural. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we are able to judge how best to act almost by intuition. Because of the gift of counsel, Christians need not fear to stand up for the truths of the Faith, because the Holy Spirit will guide us in defending those truths.

#### 4. Fortitude

While counsel is the perfection of a cardinal virtue, fortitude is both a gift of the Holy Spirit and a cardinal virtue. Fortitude is ranked as the fourth gift of the Holy Spirit because it gives us the strength to follow through on the actions suggested by the gift of counsel. While fortitude is sometimes called *courage*, it goes beyond what we normally think of as courage. Fortitude is the virtue of the martyrs that allows them to suffer death rather than to renounce the Christian Faith.

#### 5. Knowledge

The fifth gift of the Holy Spirit, knowledge, is often confused with both wisdom and understanding. Like wisdom, knowledge is the perfection of faith, but whereas wisdom gives us the desire to judge all things according to the truths of the Catholic Faith, knowledge is the actual ability to do so. Like counsel, it is aimed at our actions in this life. In a limited way, knowledge allows us to see the circumstances of our life the way that God sees them. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we can determine God's purpose for our lives and live them accordingly.

#### 6. Piety

Piety, the sixth gift of the Holy Spirit, is the perfection of the virtue of religion. While we tend to think of religion today as the external elements of our faith, it really means the willingness to worship and to serve God. Piety takes that willingness beyond a sense of duty, so that we desire to worship God and to serve Him out of love, the way that we desire to honor our parents and do what they wish.

#### 7. Fear of the Lord

The seventh and final gift of the Holy Spirit is the fear of the Lord, and perhaps no other gift of the Holy Spirit is so misunderstood. We think of fear and hope as opposites, but the fear of the Lord confirms the theological virtue of hope. This gift of the Holy Spirit gives us the desire not to offend God, as well as the certainty that God will supply us the grace that we need in order to keep from offending Him. Our desire not to offend God is more than simply a sense of duty; like piety, the fear of the Lord arises out of love.

# Liturgies and Meetings

<b>Monday 16th</b>			<b>10.00am</b> <b>1.45pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Mediation Group - Rd Rm Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests Men's Bible Study Group
<b>Tuesday 17th</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Harrington</b> Liturgy of the Word + Com & Exposition. <b>Taree</b> Liturgy of the Word and Communion	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30-11.30am</b>	Women's Prayer grp - O.Lib Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers
<b>Wednesday 18th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Taree</b> Liturgy of the Word and Communion	<b>8.50am</b> <b>9.30-11.00am</b>	Taree Marian Movement of Priests. T & W Library Open
<b>Thursday 19th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Taree</b> Liturgy of the Word		
<b>Friday 20th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Taree</b> Liturgy of the Word	<b>3.00pm</b>	Old Bar Exposition & Marian Movement of Priests.
<b>Saturday 21st</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<u>The Most Holy Trinity</u> <b>Taree</b> Vigil SCAE + RCIC Reconciliation Session 4 <b>Harrington</b> Vigil Mass	<b>10.30am</b> <b>11am-12.00pm</b>	Couples for Christ - Res C Taree Reconciliation
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	<b>7.30am</b> <b>8.30am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<u>The Most Holy Trinity</u> <b>Old Bar</b> Mass <b>Wingham</b> SCAE + RCIC Reconciliation Session 4 <b>Taree</b> Mass + RCIC Reconciliation Session 4 Catholic Mission Appeal <b>Cundletown</b> Mass <b>Lansdowne</b> SCAE	<b>7.00am</b> <b>7.50am</b> <b>9.00am</b>	Old Bar Rosary Wingham Rosary Taree Rosary

## Next Week - Trinity Sunday Year C

**22nd of May 2016**

**First Reading:** Proverbs 8:22-31

Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

**Second Reading:** Romans 5:1-5

To God through Christ, in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

**Gospel:** John 16:12-15

Whatever the Father has is Mine. The Spirit will receive what I give, and tell you about it.

