

# 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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Good Stewards Sharing the  
God-given Gifts of  
Time Talent Treasure**

## The Ascension of Our Lord - Year C

8th of May 2016

### First Reading

1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

### This Weeks Readings

#### Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

Christ will appear again to bring salvation.

#### Gospel

Luke 24:46-53

While blessing them, He was taken to heaven.

## Reflection

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

*by Dianne Bergant*



### **Responsorial Psalm:**

God mounts His throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.



### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people My gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
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.

## Pentecost Sunday

On Sunday the 15th of May during the 9.30am Mass in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Taree as part of the Pentecost celebrations the readings and prayers will be said in different languages. Parishioners are asked to attend dressed in the National dress of their native country or in red as this represents the colour of Pentecost. After Mass a brunch will be held in the St Mary's Hall, parishioners are asked to bring along a plate to share representing the cuisine of another country. If there are any children or adults who would like to participate in the readings and prayers said in another language, please contact the office so we can organise the program for the Mass. We have invited the Anglicans to join us.



## The Holy Rosary during the month of May

"The Month of May dedicated to Mary, is a fitting time to begin to recite the Rosary daily."

*Pope Francis.*

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 the Sunday Mass/SCAE.  
Taree - 5.30pm before the Saturday Vigil Mass/SCAE.

## Martha's Group

Will meet in the Resource Centre at 12 noon on May the 9th. Please ring Monica on 65523410 to order your meal.

## 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.



## Parish Paper

The Parish Paper usually out in April, will not be printed till mid-June. Some travel and family commitments of our volunteers have meant a delay. We will put a request for your stories and news into the Parish Bulletin when we get into the swing! Meanwhile please put on your thinking caps.

## 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.

## Bonnie Wingham Scottish Concert

To be held on Sunday the 22nd of May 2016 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Wingham. 2pm to 5pm. Tickets for sale at the front gate of the Church. \$10 per person, \$25 family.



## Anglican Men's Dinner

Will be held on Wednesday the 11th of May at 5.30PM (not the usual time of 6.00pm) at St John's Memorial Hall, Victoria St, Taree. \$16.00 per person. For bookings please call Dennis Marriott on 65539474.

## Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers

As we celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday we would like to thank all beautiful mother's in our parish and community for all they do and wish them a happy, peaceful day, full of blessings.



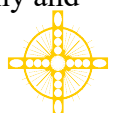
## Please pray for the sick in the Taree & Wingham parishes:

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:** Dulcie Brook, Delia Smith, Lyle Hart, Mark Bastick, Reg Hughes, Mary McCarthy and Loretta Bartlett.

**Recently Deceased:** William Corben and Phillis Forbes.

*May they rest in peace.*



## Father Rob Galea in Concert



Father Rob Galea is a singer and songwriter with an international fan base. Fr Rob has appeared on the X Factor and has recorded with several renowned artists, including Guy Sebastian, Paulini, Garry and Natasha Pinto and Amelia Farrugia.

Fr Rob has significant evangelistic and outreach ministry, speaking and singing at schools, conferences and Churches around the world.

Concert date: Friday the 3rd of June commencing at 8.00pm at the Manning Entertainment Centre.

Tickets \$5.00 for Students under 18 years and \$15.00 for Adults.

Tickets may be purchased at the MEC by phone 65925466 or via their website  
[mec@gtcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mec@gtcc.nsw.gov.au)



## The Ascension

For those forty days after His Resurrection, Our Divine Savior was preparing His Apostles to bear the loss of His Presence through the gain of the Comforter who was to come

“..throughout the course of forty days, He had been appearing to them, and telling them about the Kingdom of God.” Acts 1:3

It was not a period when He dispensed gifts, but rather one in which He gave out laws and prepared the structure for His Mystical Body, the Church. Moses had fasted days before the giving of the Law; Elias fasted forty days before the restoration of the Law; and now for forty days the Risen Savior laid the pillars of His Church, and the new Law of the Gospel. But the forties were about to end, and the apostles were bidden to wait upon the fiftieth day – the day of Jubilee.

Christ had led them out as far as Bethany, which was to be the scene of the last adieu; not in Galilee but in Jerusalem, where He had suffered, would take place His return to His Heavenly Father. His sacrifice being completed, as He was about to ascend to His Heavenly Throne, He raised His hands bearing the imprint of nails. That gesture would be one of the last recollections the Apostles would have, save one. The hands were raised to heaven and then pulled downward to earth as if to draw down its blessings on men. Pierced hands best distribute benediction. In the Book of Leviticus, after the reading of the prophetic promise of the Messiah, there came the high priestly benediction; so too after showing that all prophecies were fulfilled in Him, He prepared to enter the heavenly sanctuary. Hands that held the scepter of authority in heaven and on earth now gave the final blessing: “And even as He blessed them, He parted from them, and was carried up into heaven...” Luke 24:51

Had Christ remained on earth, sight would have taken the place of faith. In heaven, there will be no faith because His followers will see; there will be no hope, because they will possess; but there will be love, for love endureth forever!

*Venerable Fulton John Sheen*



### Prayer to the Mother of the Lord for all mothers



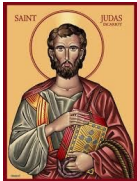

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.



Let us also remember all the beautiful women in our world who could not have children, may God bless them abundantly for the sacrifices they have made, for their reward shall be great in Heaven.

# Liturgies and Meetings

<b>Monday 9th</b>			<b>10.00am</b> <b>12.00pm</b> <b>1.45pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Mediation Group - Rd Rm Martha's Group - Res C Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests Men's Bible Study Group
<b>Tuesday 10th</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Harrington</b> Liturgy of the Word + Com & Exposition. <b>Taree Mass</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30-11.30am</b> <b>6.30-8.30pm</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	Women's Prayer grp - O.Lib Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers Women's Craft Group RCIA meeting - Res C
<b>Wednesday 11th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Taree Mass</b>	<b>8.50am</b> <b>9.30-11.00am</b> <b>5.30pm</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	Taree Marian Movement of Priests. T & W Library Open Anglican Men's Dinner T&W PPC mtg
<b>Thursday 12th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Taree Mass</b> at St Joseph's School	<b>5.15pm</b>	Taree Finance Council mtg
<b>Friday 13th</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	<b>Taree Mass</b> <b>Wingham</b> Mass with St Joseph's School kids	<b>9.30am</b> <b>3.00pm</b>	Taree Exposition Old Bar Exposition & Marian Movement of Priests.
<b>Saturday 14th</b>	 <b>6.00pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<u>St Matthias</u> <u>Pentecost Sunday</u> <b>Taree Vigil</b> SCAE + RCIC Reconciliation Session 3 <b>Harrington Vigil</b> Mass	<b>9.20-12.00pm</b> <b>11am-12.00pm</b>	Our Lady Rosary Makers Taree Reconciliation
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	 <b>7.30am</b> <b>8.30am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<u>Pentecost Sunday</u> <b>Old Bar</b> Mass <b>Wingham</b> SCAE + RCIC Reconciliation Session 3 <b>Taree Mass</b> + RCIC Reconciliation Session 3 <b>Cundletown</b> Mass	<b>7.00am</b> <b>7.50am</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	Old Bar Rosary Wingham Rosary Taree Rosary Couples for Christ morning tea after Mass

## Next Week - Pentecost Year C

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11

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

**Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one spirit, we were all baptized making one body.

**Gospel:** John 20:19-23

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

**15th of May 2016**

