

Mass centres of Cundletown, Harrington, Lansdowne & Old Bar

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## The Ascension of the Lord

28th of May 2017

### THIS WEEKS READINGS

#### FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up into heaven.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

#### SECOND READING: EPH 1:17-23

Christ is head of the Church.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go and teach all the people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL: MT:16-20

Jesus sends forth the apostles with the promise to be with them always.

### NEXT WEEK READINGS - PENTECOST SUNDAY

4TH OF JUNE 2017

#### FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-11

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

#### SECOND READING: 1COR12:3-7,12-13

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

#### GOSPEL: JN 20:19-23

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

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## REFLECTION

As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire. The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind' accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord. The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord. We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.

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## PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

**SICK:** Patricia Wolfenden, Mary and Helen Trapple, Bev Crouch, Julie Rice, Tom Berryman, May and Terry Bailey, Teresa Harvey, 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, Sonia Pinkerton, Monica Moy, Anne Cleal, Jim Wills, Robert MacGregor, Anne Hile, Laura Mirabello, Pat Anderson, Cecily Bohringer, Jan Daines, Ambrose Mason, John Longden, Sandra Baker, Rupert McLennan, Sue Berry, Bill Walker, Marie McGovern and Gladys Herrera.

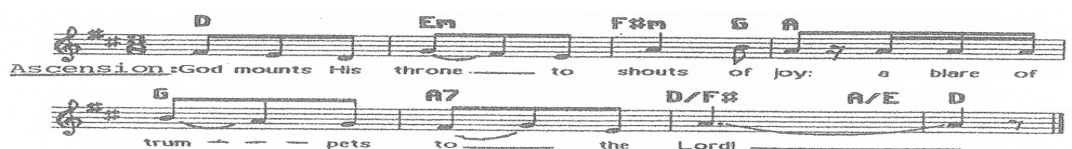
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Elizabeth Dora Wilson, Dallas Moore, Mitchell Reid, Anthony Bartolo, Maria Bartolo and Eric Lyons.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Anne Maree Gutberlet and Fr. Keith Turnbull.



May they rest in peace.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM



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## CONFIRMATION 2017

Confirmation will be celebrated for both Taree and Wingham on Friday the 2nd June, 6pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Taree, with Bishop William Wright. Family, friends and parishioners are all welcome to attend this special occasion.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2017

Envelopes are available on the seats and entrance tables in the Taree Church. The Wingham appeal will be this Sunday, 28th June, with envelopes available on the seats in the Wingham Church. We thank you for your continued support for this important appeal.

### ANNA'S GROUP

To meet on Sunday 4th June, 12 noon at Taree West Bowling Club.

### MARTHA'S GROUP

To meet Public Holiday Monday, 12th June at 12 noon in the Resource Centre.

### TAX RECEIPTS - 2016/2017 FINANCIAL YEAR

Please advise the Parish Office by June 30, if you require a tax receipt for Planned Giving contributions made in the 2016/17 Financial Year. Tax receipts are unable to be issued for late requests received after this date.

### BISHOP WRIGHT TO VISIT TAREE & WINGHAM PARISH

Bishop William Wright will be visiting the Parish on 2/3/4 June. The Bishop will be presiding at the Confirmation Liturgy on Friday the 2nd June, 6pm Vigil and 9:30 am Sunday Mass in Taree, followed by Pentecost celebrations after the Mass in St Mary's Hall. Wingham has arranged an informal dinner with the Bishop, following a 5pm Sunday Mass, at Wingham golf club on the 4th June. Each to pay for their own meals or drinks. Numbers for catering are required before the 28th May to Lance Scriven on 6550 8062.

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

On Sunday the 4th June 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 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.

### CHANGE OF MASS TIME AT WINGHAM - SUNDAY 4TH JUNE

There will no 8.30am mass on Sunday 4th June. Mass will be celebrated at 5.00pm Sunday evening with Bishop William Wright.

### CHANGE OF MASS TIME AT LANSDOWNE

Sunday evening mass at Lansdowne will be held at 5pm until further notice.

### CURSILLO RETREAT - JUNE 2017

Come journey with us as we share our faith stories - a weekend of meditations, prayers, songs and talks - at Myuna Sport and Recreation Centre, Wangi Rd, Myuna Bay. To be held Friday evening 9th June to Monday 12th June 2017. For details please ring Greg Byrne 0427918564 or Linda Norris 0408 077 089.

### ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL WINGHAM - P & F FUNDRAISER

If there are any past or present students of St Joseph's Primary School, Wingham who would like to purchase a paver to commemorate their family's time at the school, please contact Mary on 6553 4774. The pavers will be used alongside the new concrete pathway that will highlight the entrance onto the new kindergarten building. Funds raised will support the purchase of items for the new room.

### ANGLICAN MEN'S GROUP DINNER

To meet Wed the 14th June at 6pm at St John's Memorial Hall. Dinner to be served at 6.30pm, \$16 per person, and bookings by 12th June to Dennis on 6553 9474.

### CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

To be held on Friday 2 June (10.00 am - 2.00pm) (4 hours) OR Tuesday 13 & Tuesday 27 June 2017 (5.30pm - 7.30pm) (2 x 2 hours), at Holy Name Parish Hall, 33 Lake Street Foster. Please contact Paul Skippen from Forster Parish on 6554 6401.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### MONDAY 29TH MAY

10am Meditation - Old Pres  
1.45pm Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests

### TUESDAY 30TH MAY

**9.30am Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Comm + Exp**  
9.30am-11am T&W Library open  
10am Women's Prayer Group - Old Lib  
10.30 OB Church open for Rosary & Prayers  
1pm Men's Bible Study - Old Pres  
**5.30pm Taree Mass**

### WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY

#### THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priest  
**9.30am Taree Mass**  
6.00pm Confirmation Practice

### THURSDAY 1ST JUNE

**9.30am Taree Mass - OLR**

### FRIDAY 2ND JUNE

**9am Taree Mass**  
9.30am Taree Exposition  
10-12pm Franciscans-Res C  
**11am Wingham Mass**  
3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP  
**6.00pm Confirmation with Bishop Bill**

### SATURDAY 3RD JUNE

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

10.30am C for C—Res C  
11am - 12pm Taree Reconciliation  
5.30pm Taree Rosary  
**6pm Taree Mass**  
**6pm Harrington Mass**

### SUNDAY 4TH JUNE

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

7am Old Bar Rosary  
**7.30am Old Bar Mass**  
7.50am Wingham Rosary  
8-8.20am Wingham Reconciliation  
**8.30am Wingham Mass**  
9am Taree Rosary  
**9.30am Taree Mass**  
10.30am Pentecost celebration-SMH  
5.30pm Cundletown Rosary  
**6pm Cundletown Mass**

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The reality of Christ's Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed, that "He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is denial of Christ's Resurrection. Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall. The Feast of the Ascension marks the beginning of the first novena, or nine days of prayer. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday, ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, ten days later. Today, Catholics recall that first novena by praying the Novena to the Holy Ghost between Ascension and Pentecost, asking for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

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