

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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The Baptism of the Lord - Year C

10th of January 2016

This Weeks Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

When Jesus had been baptism and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

Reflection

Why was Jesus baptised? He was sinless; the bath of repentance could not make Him holy. In Matthew's Gospel account of this moment in the life of Christ, the former tax collector records the brief exchange where Jesus tells His cousin John; "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." The humanity of the God Man, perfect as it was, still had to be subjected to baptism in accordance with the Father's plan, so that Christ, the "firstborn of many brethren" could establish the pattern that His brothers were later to follow. At His baptism, it was not Jesus who was cleansed, but the waters themselves which were purified by their encounter with the spotless Lamb of God. Now water, a mere physical substance, confers Spirit, grace, light and love — the very Life of God Himself — to the souls of those baptised.



At the close of the Christmas season at the dawn of the third millennium, we are reminded of the power of this great sacrament which immerses us in the life, death and resurrection of the One who was baptized so many centuries ago. The guilt of original sin is washed away. An indelible sacramental character conforms us to Christ. The Holy Spirit is given as a gift, and abides continually in the soul ... and God the Father leads us to embrace our eternal destiny with Him, by the grace conferred upon us by Jesus Christ, whose own baptism we celebrate today.

From a reflection the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus by Fr John Riley.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord will bless his people with peace.



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Year of Mercy Books

Are available for collection from the Parish Office.

Church Library Closed

From Wednesday the 16th of December, reopening on the 20th of January 2016.

Parishioners generally and Swift/Dureau Family Group

Please join our family group on Sunday the 17th of January at 6pm for an easy picnic on the flat area of the riverside below KFC. Bring a sandwich/fish & chips/KFC or whatever is easiest. A chair, sun hat, mozzie spray and thermos are good idea. Please just turn up - or if you prefer, phone Margaret on 56613600 or May on 65525596.

Annual Catechist Mass

On Friday the 5th of February, 7pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bishop Bill Wright will be celebrating a Catechist Mass. It is a great opportunity for priests, parishioners, families and friends to celebrate the ministry of Special Religious Education, Sacramental and Children's Liturgy. The Mass will be followed by supper in the Davis Courtyard. Please RSVP Zoe Crosbie on 49791328.

Australian Catholic Radio "The Journey" on Rhema FM

Rhema 99.7 FM will be broadcasting 'The Journey' a Catholic radio program on Sundays at 6.30pm. The show provides good formation (reflections and interviews with some of Australia's best Catholic presenters), family-friendly Catholic/Christian music and positive stories about our Church designed to deepen the faith of practicing Catholics as well as reaching out to those who are disconnected from our faith communities.

Formation Day

On Saturday the 13th of February 2016 the Tenison Woods Education Centre and Diocesan Liturgy Council invite you to reflect on the meaning and nature of the Easter Triduum, discuss current issues and questions, participate in workshops, to prepare for 2016 by reviewing your 2015 celebrations. Suitable for clergy, RCIA teams, liturgy teams, liturgical ministers and REC's. Cost; donation of \$5, morning tea will be provided. Register by Friday the 5th of February to Sharon Murphy on 9791134.

Wingham Liturgy Team will meet on Friday 15th January 2016 at 11.30am.

Office of Life & Faith

Is looking for young people who are interested in exploring ministry in the Catholic Church as a career option. Applications are now open for the Pastoral Placement Program 2016. All persons interested in working in ministry for the Catholic Church can apply for this program through the Diocese Website at <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/special-events/pastoral-placement-program>.

For more information on this unique program, please contact our office on 49791346 or via email at olaf@mn.catholic.org.au

Catholic Development Fund

The Catholic Development Fund would like to advise our members that McKeogh's Betta Electrical Wingham will no longer be acting as a CDF agent. We would like to thank them for their long standing commitment to the CDF and the service they have so generously given to our members. Please contact the CDF directly if you have any concerns or need any assistance in the future on 1800810330.

Sisterhood National Catholic Women's Conference

The Sisterhood Conference draws women from across the country for an incredible weekend of dynamic talks and formation, participation in the sacraments, quality sisterhood time and most importantly an encounter with an incredible God who loves us beyond measure. This coming year we will be celebrating 10 years of the sisterhood. The conference will be taking place at The Tops Conference centre at Stanwell Tops, Sydney from the 26th-28th of February. The cost is \$225 which includes meals and accommodation for women 17 years and over. Please register online at www.sisterhood.org.au or call Ally on 0423479203.

Tapestry - afternoon tea

Women's Ministry of Wingham Baptist Church will be holding their first afternoon tea for 2016 at the Wingham Baptist Church on Saturday the 27th of February at 2pm. If anyone would like to join, please contact Liz Tilson on 65512606. All ladies welcome to attend.

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

Michael Holstein, Bev Crouch, Phillip Stanford, Barry Armitage, Lillian and Bernie Eddlebuttel, Kelly Sherlock, Mavis Capon, Cyril McGovern, Mary McCaffrey, Chum Cavanagh, Terry Donnelly, Tom Berryman, Paul Cantwell, Von Hobson, Bill Abdo, Craig Ison, Vicki White - Lobbecke, Hanna Cowley, Joe Zarb, Anne Cleal, Pat Wolfenden, Frances Kenny, Alex Quintero, William Twin, Judy Nies, Anne Watson, James Sweeney jnr, Maureen Barrett, John Abernathy, Catherine Worrell, Debbie Hitchen, Kelly Smith, Bronwyn Tarrant, Kelvin Cowan, Pauline Wills, Nerryl Ritter, Fran Westley, Louise Havenaar, Maurice Heiner, John Abernathy, Charlie Perrin, Nino Menta, Bill Walker.

Anniversaries: Mary Maloney, Clare Shoemark, Cyril Shoemark, Bill Smith, Doherty family, Boere family, Veen family, Hilda Jane White and Nita Lucy Mackie, Evelyn Mongan, Neil Crossingham.

Recently Deceased: Robert Filby, Dennis Bungie, Mary McMahon, Betty Wadsworth.



SCAE Roster
Our Lady of the Rosary Church,
Taree

Saturday 16th January 2016

6.00pm SCAE

Leader: Peter Dahdah
Gospel: Tony Frost
Reflection: Robert Douglas
Communion: Jan Swift

Sunday 24th January 2016

9.30am SCAE

Leader:
Gospel:
Reflection:
Communion:

Saturday 30th January 2016

6.00pm SCAE

Leader:
Gospel:
Reflection:
Communion:

If there is no name beside the duty on this roster we need a volunteer to fulfil the role. Please phone the parish office if you can fill

**Sacraments of Initiation
2016**

Parents and Carers of school aged children turning 8 next year or older who are wishing to make the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation next year, be advised that the program will commence early in the first term of 2016. The first Information Session will be held on Wednesday the 24th of February 2016. Please check your school newsletter. If further information is required please contact the Parish Office on 65521084.



The Sacrament of Baptism: Gateway to New Life

The sacrament of Baptism is the beginning of life - supernatural life.

Because of original sin, we come into the world with a soul which is supernaturally dead. We come into the world with only the natural endowments of human nature. The supernatural life which is the result of God's personal and intimate indwelling, is absent from the soul.

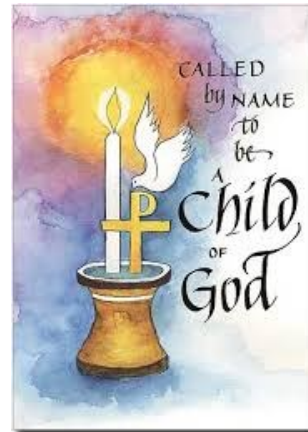
Original sin is not, in the strict sense, a "blot" upon the soul. Indeed, original sin is not a "something" at all. It is the absence of something that should be there. It is a darkness where there ought to be light.

Jesus instituted the sacrament of **Baptism** to apply to each individual soul the atonement which He made on the Cross for original sin.

Jesus will not force His gift upon us, the gift of supernatural life for which He paid. He holds the gift out to us hopefully, but each of us must freely accept it.

We make that acceptance by receiving the sacrament of Baptism.

When the sacrament of Baptism is administered, the spiritual vacuum which we call original sin disappears as God becomes present in the soul, and the soul is caught up into that sharing of God's own life which we call **sanctifying grace**.



www.beginningcatholic.com/baptism.htm



Words Of Wisdom

“Before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice

Jesus to St Faustina

Next Week 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

17th of January 2016



Liturgies and Meetings

Monday 11th				
Tuesday 12th	9.30am 5.30pm	Harrington Liturgy of the Word & Exposition. Taree Mass	10.30-11.30	Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers
Wednesday 13th	9.30am	Taree Mass	8.50am	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests
Thursday 14th	9.30am	Taree Mass		
Friday 15th	9.00am 11.00am	Taree Mass Wingham Mass	9.30am 11.30am 3.00pm	Taree Exposition Wingham Liturgy meeting OB Exposition & Cenacle
Saturday 16th		<u>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 6pm Taree Vigil SCAE 6pm Harrington Mass	11-12.00pm 5.30pm	Taree Reconciliation Taree Recitation of the rosary
Sunday 17th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Old Bar Mass Wingham SCAE Taree Mass Taree Baptisms Cundletown Mass	7.00am 7.50am 9.10am 12noon	Old Bar Recitation of the rosary Wingham recitation of the rosary Taree recitation of the Rosary Taree and Wingham Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Councils - Luncheon in SMH Taree
Monday 18th				
Tuesday 19th	9.30am 5.30pm	Harrington Liturgy of the Word & Exposition. Taree Mass	10.30-11.30	Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers
Wednesday 20th	9.30am	Taree Mass	8.50am 9.30-11am	Taree MMP Prayer for Priests T&W Library open
Thursday 21st	9.30am	<u>St Agnes</u> Taree Mass		
Friday 22nd	9.00am	Taree Mass	9.30am 3.00pm	Taree Exposition OB Exposition & Cenacle
Saturday 23rd		<u>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 6pm Taree Vigil Mass 6pm Harrington SCAE	11-12.00pm 10.30am 5.30pm	Taree Reconciliation Couples for Christ - Res C Taree Recitation of the rosary
Sunday 24th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	<u>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Old Bar SCAE Wingham Mass + Baptism Taree SCAE Cundletown Mass	7.00am 7.50am 8-8.20am 9.10am	Old Bar Recitation of the rosary Wingham recitation of the rosary Wingham Reconciliation Taree recitation of the Rosary