

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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The Epiphany of The Lord

8th of January 2017

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60: 1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the King.

REFLECTION

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world. There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, every nation on Earth will adore you.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

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.

HEARTY WELCOME TO FATHER JAMES ODOH

Father James Odoh has been appointed by the Bishop to be the new Assistant priest to the Taree and Wingham Parish.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM HELP

If there are any parishioner's who would like to assist with the children's Catechism classes to begin in February, there will be a meeting in the Resource Centre on Sunday 15th January after the 9.30am Mass to discuss the upcoming program. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

When: Saturday, February 12th 2017

Where: St Mary's Hall

Time: 10.30am after Mass for a biscuit and cup of tea, with lunch to be served at 11.45am

RSVP: 7/2/2017 to Parish Office

We hope you can celebrate with us.....

*Thank
you*

CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP

A Confirmation workshop will be held on Saturday February 11th at Taree Parish Resource Centre from 10am-12.30pm. The workshop is an opportunity to explore the re-translated Order of Confirmation, reflect on the experience of 2016 Confirmation and review Diocesan resources and procedures, share ideas and discuss local issues. Morning Tea will be provided. Please register by 6th February by phoning 02 4979 1134 or by emailing sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 2017

Parents and carers of school aged children turning 8 next year, or older who wish to make their Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation next year, are advised that the program will commence early in the First Term of 2017. **The first information session will be Wednesday 22nd February 2017 for parents only.** If further information is required please contact the Parish Office on 6552 1084.

YOUTH FESTIVAL

The 3rd Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney from 7-9 December 2017. Expressions of Interest are now open for young people in Year 9 (2017) to 25 years who would like to be a part of the Maitland-Newcastle contingent. Those over the age of 25 are encouraged to register as group leaders. For more information contact us at youth.festival@mn.catholic.org.au **or** www.facebook.com/mncatholicyouth

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, Eve Collins, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Ken Campbell, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Sue Berry, Gloria Ellis, Paul Waite, Doug Welch, Lawrence Mason, Lorraine McKenzie, Helen Wooster.

ANNIVERSARIES: Hilda Jane White, Ellen Carter, Annie Dunn, Neil Crossingham, Kelly Sherlock.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Fitzgerald

May they rest in peace.



THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

GENERAL INSTRUCTION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

is the Christian feast observed on the 6th of January. The word 'epiphany' means to shine upon, to manifest, or to make known. Thus, the Epiphany celebrates the many ways Christ has made himself known to the world. Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the **Baptism of the Lord**; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the **Nativity of Christ**; and the visitation of the **Wise Men** or Magi.

Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

When to Stand and When to Sit During Mass

The gestures and posture of the priest, the deacon, and the ministers, as well as those of the people, ought to contribute to making the entire celebration resplendent with beauty and noble simplicity, so that the true and full meaning of the different parts of the celebration is evident and that the participation of all is fostered. Therefore, attention should be paid to what is determined by this General Instruction and the traditional practice of the Roman Rite and to what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice.

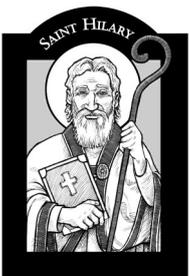
A common posture, to be observed by all participants, is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered for the sacred Liturgy: it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants.

The faithful should stand;

- ◆ from the beginning of the Entrance prayer, or while the priest approaches the altar, until the end of the collect
- ◆ for the *Alleluia* chant before the Gospel
- ◆ while the Gospel itself is proclaimed
- ◆ during the Profession of Faith and the Prayer of the Faithful
- ◆ from the invitation, *Orate, fratres (Pray, brethren)*, before the prayer over the offerings until the end of Mass, except at the places indicated below.

They should, however, sit;

- ◆ while the readings before the Gospel and the responsorial Psalm are proclaimed and for the homily and while the Preparation of the Gifts at the Offertory is taking place
- ◆ and, as circumstances allow, they may sit or kneel while the period of sacred silence after Communion is observed.



ST HILARY

St Hilary was born at Poitiers in c. 315 of a wealthy pagan family. He married and had a daughter and after many years of study, he converted to Christianity. In 353, Hilary was chosen bishop of Poitiers, and for the remainder of his days he became an outspoken defender of the faith against Arianism. He opposed Emperor Constantius' attempt to take control over church matters, which led to him being exiled to Phrygia. During this period, Hilary wrote works explaining the faith, and although severe in tone, his writings were responsible for converting many people. He returned to Gaul after four years in exile and continued his fight against Arianism. Hilary introduced Eastern theology to the Western Church, and was proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1851.

MASS SCHEDULE & MEETINGS

Monday 9th		<u>Baptism of the Lord</u>	10.00am 1.45pm	Meditation Group-Rd Rm Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests
Tuesday 10th	9.30am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Harrington Liturgy of the word Communion & Exp. Taree Mass Taree Liturgy Meeting	10.30am-11.30am 1.00pm-3.00pm	Old Bar Church open for Prayers and Rosary Men's Bible Study Grp-Old Presbytery
Wednesday 11th	9.30am	Taree Mass	8.50am	Taree Marian Movement of Priests
Thursday 12th	9.30am	Taree Mass - OLR		
Friday 13th	9.00am 9.30am	<u>St Hilary</u> Taree Mass Wingham Liturgy of the Word + Communion	9.30am 3.00pm	Taree Exposition Old Bar Exposition and Marian Movement of priests
Saturday 14th	5.30pm 6.00pm 6.00pm	<u>Mass of Virgin Mary</u> <u>2nd Sunday in Ord time</u> Taree Rosary Taree Vigil SCAE Harrington Vigil Mass	9.30am-12pm 11.00am - 12pm	Rosary makers Grp-Old Lib Taree Reconciliation
Sunday 15th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	<u>2nd Sunday in Ord time</u> Old Bar Mass Wingham SCAE Taree Mass Cundletown Mass	7.00am 7.50am 9.00am	Old Bar Rosary Wingham Rosary Taree Rosary

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

15th January 2017

First Reading : Isaiah 49:3,5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my Salvation may reach to the ends of the Earth.

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Gospel : John 1:29-34

This is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the World.

