

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**

Trinity Sunday - Year C

22nd of May 2016

First Reading

Proverbs 8:22-31

*Wisdom was born before the earth
was made.*

This Weeks Readings

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.*

Reflection

The Feast of the Trinity of God comes about because Jesus painted a picture of the most intimate communion of Divine Life between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship and yet the most perfect unity.

God is Divine pulsating, shimmering light dancing in threefold exchange of love. In fact, the best name for God is 'Being-in-Love'. What does this mean for us?

How often have you heard: 'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? If God is threefold Being-in-Love, then you and I are made to live in relationship – not in solitary. We are totally on the wrong track if we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient. It will turn out to be a Hellish choice. When we live as much self-giving as is possible, we are closest to Divine Life. In fact, we are Divine Life pulsating into a particular time and place through us.

Each time we bless ourselves, a bit of a Catholic routine, we are invoking the threefold exchange of love and calling its power into our life. Be careful, there will be consequence! You could become more God-like!

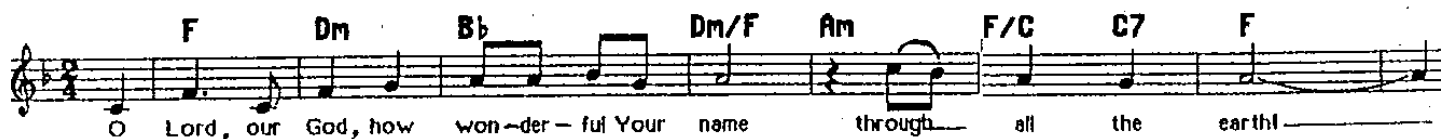
We could pause for a moment, slowly make the Sign of the Cross which recalls our baptism: 'In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit', and promise to image that Name in our lives.

by Fr Michael Tate



Responsorial Psalm:

O Lord, our God, how wonderful Your name in all the earth.



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: To God Who is, Who was, and Who is
the come.

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.

Catholic Mission Appeal

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, please lend your support to this appeal.

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 Taree - 5.30pm.



Altar Servers Party

On the 5th 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.

Anna's Group

Will meet at Club Taree for lunch at 11.30am on the 6th of June.

Martha's group

Will meet in the Resource Centre at 12pm on the 13th of June. Please note this is a holiday weekend but the group will still meet.

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 10th June at 8pm to Monday afternoon 13th 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.



Taree Auxillary of the Leprosy Mission

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

Walking for Mercy

Help raise necessary funds to support women in Cambodia with health care, nourishment, antenatal, delivery and postnatal costs by participating in a walk/fundraiser held by Fr Kevin Corrigan, Parish Priest of Nelson Bay. The walk will take place on Monday the 6th of June to Monday the 13th of June from St Mary MacKillop Chapel North Sydney along Old Pacific Hwy to Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton. For more information please contact Anne or Cathy at the Catholic Developmental Fund on 49791160.

Tenison Woods Annual Dinner

On Friday the 17th of June at the Therry Centre, New England Highway, East Maitland. 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. RSVP by June 9th to secretary P 49309601. \$60 per person.

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. Morning tea will be provided after the service. All welcome.

Tapestry Afternoon Tea

Wingham Baptist Church Women's Ministry 'Tapestry' invite you to an afternoon tea on Saturday May the 28th at 2.00pm at the Wingham Baptist Church. Guest speaker Norma Stitt, focusing on the Presence of God in our lives. For enquiries please call Liz Tilson on 65512606.

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, Mark Jensen, John O'Keefe, Mary Trapple, Bill and Dorothy Wright, Bryce Gaudry and Eric Trad.

Anniversaries: Dulcie Sargent, Regmold Dillen and Franz Ploder.

Recently Deceased: Mick O'Neill.



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.

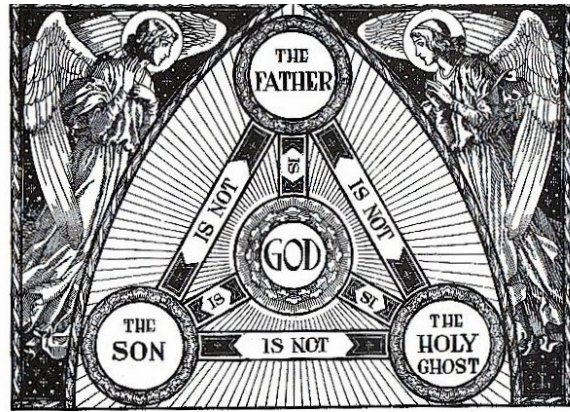
Concert date: Friday the 3rd of June commencing at 8.00pm at the Manning Entertainment Centre.

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



The Most Holy Trinity



St. Patrick explained the doctrine of the Holy Trinity to his flock in Ireland by using the three leaves of the shamrock. Each leaf represented one of the three persons, but yet it was still only one shamrock. If we take a look at our self, each human is made up of a mind, a body, and a soul, and yet we are still only one person. A fire has flames, heat, and light, but yet it is still just one fire. When you hear a person's speech, you are hearing three things - his words, his thoughts, and his voice. When you strum one chord on a guitar, it is made up of 3 separate notes, all equal to each other.

Everything in nature is in 3 dimensions - length, width, and height (coincidence?). And while these examples help to explain the concept of three in one, the Holy Trinity is so much more.

For instance, where Jesus is present, the Father and Holy Spirit are also present, because they are one. Where the Father is present, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are also present simultaneously. Where the Holy Spirit is present, the Father and Jesus are also present in one person (*This constant three-in-one presence is called "circumincession".*) This means that when we receive the Eucharist at Mass, which is truly the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ, we are also receiving the Father and the Holy Spirit, because they are one. When we are Confirmed and receive the Holy Spirit, we are also receiving the Father and Jesus as well. We know that Jesus Christ is physically present in every Tabernacle in every Catholic Church in the world, which means that the Father and the Holy Spirit are as well. This is very significant, because the Father and Jesus and the Holy Spirit also dwell in heaven at the same time, so the Tabernacle is a kind of gateway to heaven for the world, because of the Divine Presence that lives there every hour of every day of every month of every year.

And THAT is why it is so important to attend Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as often as possible, because you are accessing heaven when you do! How many people walk into church and never genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament? How many people never go to confession to get absolution for their mortal sins before receiving the blessed Trinity on their tongue? How many people talk and visit before Mass like they are waiting for the curtain to go up in a theater, instead of praying and showing reverence for the Divine Presence? How many Masses are said with hardly any reverence and respect for the Holy Trinity dwelling in the Tabernacle? Way too many. If the Pope were to come to our church, we would all be beating down the door to get a good seat to see, hear, and maybe even shake his hand; but how many of us regularly attend Eucharistic Adoration so that we can adore Jesus Christ and the Father and the Holy Spirit in the Eucharist? A minuscule percentage of those of us who would go and see the Pope, that's for sure.

Liturgies and Meetings

Monday 23rd			10.00am 1.45pm 7.30pm	Mediation Group - Rd Rm Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests Men's Bible Study Group
Tuesday 24th	9.30am 5.30pm	<u>Our Lady Help of Christians</u> Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Com & Exposition. Taree Liturgy of the Word and Communion	10.00am 10.30-11.30am 6.30pm	Women's Prayer grp - O.Lib Old Bar Church open, Rosary & prayers Women's Craft Group
Wednesday 25th	9.30am	Taree Liturgy of the Word and Communion	8.50am 9.30-11.00am	Taree Marian Movement of Priests. T & W Library Open
Thursday 26th	9.30am	<u>St Philip Neri</u> Taree Liturgy of the Word		
Friday 27th	9.00am	Taree Liturgy of the Word	3.00pm	Old Bar Exposition & Marian Movement of Priests.
Saturday 28th	6.00pm 6.00pm	<u>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</u> Taree Vigil Mass Harrington Vigil SCAE	11am-12.00pm	Taree Reconciliation
Sunday 29th	7.30am 8.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	<u>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</u> Old Bar SCAE Wingham Mass Taree SCAE Cundletown Mass	7.00am 7.50am 8.00-8.20am 9.00am	Old Bar Rosary Wingham Rosary Wingham Reconciliation Taree Rosary

Next Week - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year C 29th of May 2016

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

They all ate and were filled.

