

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 Nativity of our Lord (Christmas)

25th of December

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYERS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-7

A Son is given to us.

SECOND READING

Titus 2 :11-14

God's grace has been revealed to all people.

GOSPEL

Luke 2 :1-14

Today a Saviour has been born for you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

CHRISTMAS DAY PRAYERS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1: 1-6

In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.

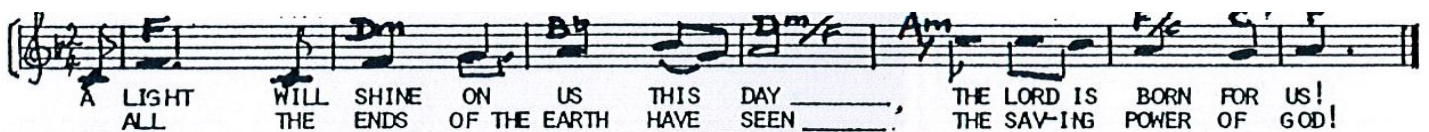
GOSPEL

John 1: 1-18

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord.
Today a great light has come upon the earth.

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM FATHER GEORGE

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed and joyful Christmas. May the peace and happiness of Baby Jesus be yours today and throughout the New Year. I also thank all those who sent me Christmas greetings. May God bless you all.
Fr George Anthicadu

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 2016 / 2017

The office closes at 3.30 PM on 23rd December and will reopen at 9.00AM on Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Merry Christmas from Kate, Loesje and Glenda



CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY TAREE CHURCH

The children will be hosting a Nativity Play after the 9.30am Christmas Day Mass on Sunday the 25th December 2017, in the Taree Church. There will be a real pony included in the play, which the children will be able to pat and feed afterwards.

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, Chris Wright, Mary Eyles, Ashlyn Rick, Mary Headley, Ursula McLoughlin, Nicolette Zacarri, Violet Lyall, Gustav De Bono, Peter Holden, Rupert McLennon, Betty McLennon, Dennis Connolly, Paul Waite, Doug Welch, Lawrence Mason, Sharon McCarthy.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jim Bastick

RECENTLY DECEASED:

May they rest in peace.



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.

FAREWELL TO LOESJE AND WELCOME GLENDA

Taree Parish would like to farewell Loesje and thank her for the invaluable help she gave while she was working in the Parish Office. We would also like to welcome Glenda into the Parish Office who will be taking over the role of Parish Secretary.

SECOND COLLECTION ON CHRISTMAS DAY

The 2nd Collection on Christmas Day this year, will be used for sponsorship of school children in India. Last year, the Parish gave 14 children scholarships which has changed the life of those students. So this year I encourage you to support this cause during Christmas.

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

*R*EFLECTION

Today the Christmas celebration gains a new depth of theological meaning. At midnight, the birth in history was proclaimed. At dawn, the initiative of God's gift was declared and the community's joyful gratitude was announced. In this third celebration, the identity of Christ and the new way of life that he brings is announced.

If our eyes are open and alert, we can see that God has won a victory for us, one that is tangible and realised in our midst. It is an overwhelming victory, one that permanently conquers the enemy. This victory has a profound impact on every place, every time and every people. The birth of the infant, the king in David's line, promises salvation to all who long for it. This salvation is a new vision of wisdom, one that has been realised in Christ, God's agent of grace in the world. It is a new world, one of inclusivity and of righteous honour. It is a new age, one that is ushered in by the child who is leading a victory procession.

Ultimately, only eyes of faith allow us to see the fullness of God's revelation. The glory of the infant king is the very presence of God made flesh. Jesus is the eternal incarnate Word who has pitched his tent among us. Ours is not a distant God; the incarnate wisdom of God is among us, and we are called to a change of heart that will allow us to see this wonder.

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2016

HOLY FAMILY MASS FRIDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2016

9.00am Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree, Fr George

NEW YEARS EVE VIGIL MASS 31ST DECEMBER 2016

6.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree SCAE
6.00pm Star of the Sea, Harrington, Fr George

NEW YEARS DAY MASS SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY 2017

7.30am Our Lady of Fatima, Old Bar, Fr George
8.30am Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wingham SCAE
9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree, Fr George
6.00pm St Patrick's, Cundletown, Fr George

MASS SCHEDULE & MEETINGS

Monday 26th			10.00am	Meditation Group-Rd Rm
			1.45pm	Taree Hr of Prayer for Priests
Tuesday 27th	9.30am	Harrington Liturgy of the word Communion & Ex.	10.30am-11.30am	Old Bar Church open
	5.30pm	Taree Mass	1.00pm-3.00pm	Men's Bible Study Grp-Old Presbytery
Wednesday 28th	9.30am	Taree Mass	8.50am	Taree Marian Movement of Priests
Thursday 29th	9.30am	Taree Mass - OLR		
Friday 30th	9.00am	Taree Mass	9.30am	Taree Exposition
	11.00am	Wingham Liturgy of the Word + Communion	3.00pm	Old Bar Exposition and Marian Movement of priests
Saturday 31st		<u>7th Day in the Octave of the Nativity of our Lord</u>	11.00am - 12pm	Taree Reconciliation
	5.30pm	Taree Rosary		
	6.00pm	Taree Vigil SCAE		
	6.00pm	Harrington Vigil Mass		
Sunday 1st		<u>Mary the Holy Mother of God</u>	7.00am	Old Bar Rosary
	7.30am	Old Bar Mass	7.50am	Wingham Rosary
	8.30am	Wingham SCAE	9.00am	Taree Rosary
	9.30am	Taree Mass		
	6.00pm	Cundletown Mass		

Next Week

First Reading : Numbers 6: 22-27

They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

Second Reading : Galations 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman.

Gospel : Luke 2 :16-21

The Shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib... When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus

1st January 2017

