

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH TAREE
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC PARISH WINGHAM
 Mass centres of Cundletown, Harrington, Lansdowne & Old Bar

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD -YEAR B

13TH OF MAY 2018

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

13TH OF MAY

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11
 Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING: Eph 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mk 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

20TH OF MAY

PENTECOST SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11
 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

SECOND READING:

1 Cor 12:3-7, 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.

REFLECTION

Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the whole of creation, not just us.

Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'.

At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body.

The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time.

We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos.

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PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

SICK: Patricia Wolfenden, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Maureen Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Mikala Corben, Jim Wills, Sue Berry, Margaret Boyton, Bev Crouch, Margaret Baker, Jennifer Anne Corben, Robert MacGregor, Mary Headley, Bill Walker, Carmel Matheson, Steven Ralph, Carol Healey, Janora Senders, Terry Mason, Jim Canty, Tony Fionette, Elissa McVey, Emma Stacey, Louise Havenaar, Arthur Marr, Sarah Kingsford, Gina Douglas, Vincent Foster.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Bugler, Mary McCarthy, Loretta Bartlett, Arnold Laird and Jean Laird

RECENTLY DECEASED:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 14TH MAY, 2018

10.00 am Christian Meditation Group- Old
Presbytery
12:00 pm Martha's Group- Res C
1.45 pm T Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 15TH OF MAY

**9.30 am Harrington Liturgy of the Word +
Comm + Exp**

10.00 am Women's Prayer Grp - Old
Library
9.30-11.00 am T&W Library open -Old Pres
10.30-11.30 am OB Church Open for Prayer
& Rosary
12.00 pm Men's Bible Study Grp-Old Pres
5.30 pm Taree Mass

WEDNESDAY 16TH OF MAY

8:50 am T MMP Prayer for Priests
9.30 am Taree Mass
2.25 pm St Clare's mass Fr James
5.30 pm T&W PPC meeting

THURSDAY 17TH OF MAY

9.30 am Taree mass

FRIDAY 18TH OF MAY

9.00 am Taree Mass
9.30 am Taree Exposition
11.00 am Wingham Mass
11:30 Wingham Liturgy meeting
3.00 pm Old Bar Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 19TH OF MAY

10.30 am Couples for Christ- Res C
11.00 am-12.00 pm Taree Reconciliation
5.30 pm Taree Rosary
6.00 pm Taree Mass
6.00 pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 20TH OF MAY

PENTECOST SUNDAY

7.00 am Old Bar Rosary
7.30 am Old Bar Mass
7.50 am W Rosary
8.00am Wingham Reconciliation
8.30 am Wingham Mass
9am Taree Rosary
9.30 am Taree Mass
**10.30am Couples for Christ morning tea
after mass - Res C**
5.00 pm Cundletown Mass

THE HOLY ROSARY will be recited in the grotto at Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree each weekday during the month of May at 5.00pm.

INVITATION for LADIES DINNER NIGHT on **Tuesday, 22nd May**, 6pm for 6.30pm at **St. Mary's Hall, Albert Street, Taree**. Cost per ticket is \$20. \$5 from each ticket sold and proceeds from Raffle will be donated to Taree Women's Refuge. Tables of eight or ten. All welcome to attend. R.S.V.P. to Parish Office with Payment by **Friday 18th May**. Parish Office: 65521084

COUPLES FOR CHRIST IS CELEBRATING THEIR 18TH ANIVERSARY on SATURDAY 19TH MAY. Mass will be held at 10.00 am followed by Adoration and Lunch. All Parishioners are invited to attend. Kindly RSVP for Lunch to Susie (0414309834).

THE TAREE LEPROSY MISSION will be hosting a Coach Trip to Gloucester Village on 16th May leaving at 9.00am from Endeavour Place. For bookings phone Phyll on 6552 5556.

TAX RECEIPTS - 2017/18 FINANCIAL YEAR Please advise the Parish Office by June 30, if you require a tax receipt for Planned Giving contributions made in 2017/18 Financial Year. Tax receipts are unable to be issued for late requests received after this date.

THANK YOU

- ◆ Fr. James and the office staff would like to thank Loesje for organising the movie "St. Paul the Apostle" and the parishioners for making it a successful event.
- ◆ Loesje would like to thank everyone for coming to the movie St Paul the Apostle last Sunday and also those who provided a plate and Felicity who provided the labels for the lolly bags.
- ◆ Both Mike and Linda Norris are truly grateful for all the prayers, meals and messages which they have received from so many parishioners both in Old Bar and Taree over the past two years.

WHITE / MOYLAN FAMILY GROUP

will meet on Sunday, 20th of May, 12:00 noon at Harrington Park near the shops to have fish and chips. Please bring your own chair.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

On Sunday the 20th of May 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 a mass a morning tea will be held in the Saint 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 Parish Office so we can organise the program for the mass.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who lived forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.