



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B

7TH OF JANUARY 2018

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FIRST READING: Is 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING: Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

14TH OF JANUARY

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: 1 Sam 3:3-10,19

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have found the

Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jn 1:35-42

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

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.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

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PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

SICK: Patricia Wolfenden, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Mikala Corben, Sonia Pinkerton, Jim Wills, Sue Berry, Margaret Boyton, Bev Crouch, Bruce Mackie, Myra Coleman, Maureen Reed, Ray Reed, Lawrence Mattheson, Margaret Baker, Jennifer Anne Corben, Peter Holden, Robert MacGregor, Mary Headley, Bill Walker, Ellen Smith and Carmel Mattheson, Steven Ralph.

ANNIVERSARIES: Neil Crossingham, Carl McLennan, Hilda Jane White.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Denise Dale, Thomas Roach, Bernard (Barney) Hogan.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 8TH JANUARY, 2018

1.45pm Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY

9.30am Harrington Liturgy of the Word + Comm + Exp

10.30-11.30am Old Bar Church open for prayers & Rosary
12pm Mens Bible Study Grp-Old Presbytery

5.30pm Taree Mass

WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests

9.30am Taree Mass

THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY

10.00am Taree Funeral Mass

- **Bernard (Barney) Hogan**

9.30am No School Mass

5.15 Wingham Finance Council Meeting - Office

FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY

9am Taree Mass

9.30am Taree Exposition

11am Wingham Mass

3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY

11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation.

5.30pm Taree Rosary

6pm Taree Mass

6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00am Old Bar Rosary

7.30am Old Bar Mass

7.50am W Rosary

8-8:20am Wingham

Reconciliation

8.30am Wingham Mass

9am Taree Rosary

9.30am Taree Mass

6.00pm Cundletown Mass



INVITATION TO ATTEND THE ORDINATION OF BISHOP ELECT BRIAN MASCORD

Date Thursday 22 February 2018 (The Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle)

Time 7.00pm

Venue WIN Entertainment Centre (Corner Crown and Harbour Streets, Wollongong)

Details of Coach trip

Leave Hamilton on Thursday 22 February at 11.00 am - arrive Wollongong at 3.30pm
Return from Wollongong on Friday 23 February at 9.00am - arrive Hamilton 1.30pm

Accommodation and Breakfast:

This will be at the Sage Hotel - a short walk from the WIN Entertainment Centre

Total Cost (Accommodation and Travel):

Single - \$270

Twin Share - \$170 each person

Couples - \$170 each person

RSVP: Booking the coach and accommodation needs to be done before the end of January before Monday 22 January 2018 by phoning 4979 1157 or by emailing Teresa.brierley@mn.catholic.org.au
For further information: Please contact Teresa Brierley after 2nd January 2018.

Transport from Taree: If we have enough interest we will look at hiring a coach to transport Parishioners to Newcastle so that they can link up with the Coach travelling to Wollongong. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office on 6552 1084 ASAP.

MEDITATION GROUP

Will resume meetings on 15th of January, 2018 onwards.

ROSTERS FOR 2018

Have been prepared and available for collection from the sacristy.

ROOM/HALL USAGE

Would all groups who presently use any of the Parish rooms/hall for meetings and gatherings please advise the Parish Office on 65521084 of your requirements and contact details for 2018.

TRIDUUM WORKSHOPS

The Diocesan Liturgy Council is offering a 3.5 hour workshop in Newcastle West on Saturday 10th February 2018 from 9:30-1:00pm. Please contact the parish office on 65521084 for further information.

RCIC UPDATES

The 2018 Sacraments of Initiation will commence on Wednesday 21st of February with an information night for parents at 7pm. The program is for children turning 8 next year wanting to make their Sacraments of Baptism (for those not already Baptised), Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

ALTAR SERVERS RAFFLE:

1st Prize: Christine-Old Bar

2nd Prize: Des Moylan

3rd Prize: Helen-Harrington

Raffle raised \$488.85 .

Thank you for your generous support.

VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to help out as a member of the hospital and nursing home visitation team, please contact the Parish Office on 6552 1084. Assistance would be appreciated.

NEW PARISHIONER

If you are a new parishioner of Taree and Wingham , we welcome you to our community. Please take the time to fill in a card at the back of the Church and place in the box provided or contact the parish office 6552 1084.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Is on sale at the back of the church before and after all Sunday Masses. Please pick up a copy \$2.00.

