



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD - YEAR A

6TH AUGUST, 2017

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
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FIRST READING: DN 7:9-10, 13-14

His raiment was as white as snow.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) The Lord is King, the Most High over all the earth.

SECOND READING: 2 PT 1:16-19

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight;
Listen to him.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MT 17:1-9

His face was shining like the sun.

REFLECTION

In the midst of Ordinary Time we are invited to behold the Transfiguration of Christ. By some horrible coincidence, we recall Christ's brilliance on the day that the world marks another cosmic event, its birth into the atomic age at Hiroshima. The paradox of these events should not be lost on us. The white light that shone from Christ was a mere suggestion of the divine splendour that is beyond human comprehension; the flashing light from the atomic explosion was an omen of the destructive force that is within human grasp. It is imperative that the horror of the latter be brought under the control of the glory of the former.



The Transfiguration was a moment in time when Jesus' divine glory broke through his humanity and shone with a brilliance that was blinding. We sing of this glory time and again in the psalms. Yet when it really appears we can hardly believe it ourselves. The readings outline three different moments when this glory was revealed.

The first was reported by the visionary in the book of Daniel. The second moment was the scene of the Transfiguration. The third is hidden in the resurrection testimony of the author of the Letter of Peter. We are the ones who today possess the prophetic message; we are the present day eyewitnesses of Christ's majesty. We too have moments when we might behold his glory and hear the voice proclaiming his identity, but we need eyes of faith and ears that are open.

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**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
13TH OF AUGUST 2017**

FIRST READING: 1 KGS 19:9,11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

SECOND READING: ROM 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it would help my people.

GOSPEL: MT 14:22-23

Command me to come to you over the water.

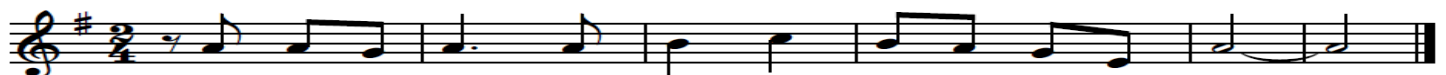
PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

SICK: Patricia Wolfenden, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Linda Norris, Margaret Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Helen Wooster, Mikala Corben, Sonia Pinkerton, Anne Cleal, Jim Wills, Robert MacGregor, Sue Berry, Brendan Maloney, Peter Rinkin, Laurence Matheson, Michael Allen, Bernie Eddlebutt, Louise Havenaar, Raymond McBriarty, Janora Senders, Margaret Boyton and Bill Walker.

ANNIVERSARIES: Annie Antony, Angela Kruezberger, Matthew Kennedy, Thomas Earley and Jill O'Keefe.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Vera Buckett.

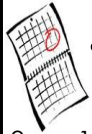
RESPONSORIAL PSALM



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PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 7TH AUGUST

9am-1pm Quilters Group- Res C
 10am Meditation Group - Old
 Presbytery
 1.45pm T Hr of Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST

**9.30am Harrington Liturgy of the
 Word + Comm + Exp**
 9.30 -11am T&W Library Old Pres.
 10am Women's Prayer Grp - Old
 Library
10.30am Wingham Mass
 10.30-11.30am Old Bar Church
 open for prayers & Rosary
 12pm Men's Bible Study- Old Pres.
5.30pm Taree Mass
 6.30pm Women's Craft Group

WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for
 Priests
9.30am Taree Mass
 10.30am Bushland Nursing Home
 Anointing Mass

THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST

9.30am Taree Mass
9.30am St Josephs School Mass
 5.15pm W Finance Council Mtg

FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST

9am Taree Mass
 9.30am Taree Exposition
11am Wingham Mass
11am St Clare's School Mass
 3.00pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30-12pm Rosary Makers Group -
 Old Library
 11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation
 5.30pm Taree Rosary
6pm Taree Mass
6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00am Old Bar Rosary
7.30am Old Bar Mass
 7.50am Wingham Rosary
 8-8.20am Wingham reconciliation
8.30am Wingham Mass
 9am Taree Rosary
9.30am Taree Mass
5.00pm Cundletown Mass
5.00pm Lansdowne Mass

ST MARY OF THE CROSS - MASS

On Tuesday, 8th August, Wingham Parish will hold a Mass at 10.30am with St Joseph's Primary School attending. Taree will hold a 5pm Mass.

CAROL'S IN THE CHURCH - 2018

The Parish has decided to hold the Christmas Carol's In the Church event every two years. The next event will be held in December 2018. We thank the Carol's Committee for their hard work over the past three years, and look forward next year's event being a successful and inclusive community event.

ANNA'S GROUP

To meet at Taree West Bowling Club on Sunday 6th August, at 12 noon for lunch.

MARTHA'S GROUP

To meet at the Parish Resource Centre, on Monday 14th August, at 12 noon for lunch. Meat pie day! No numbers needed as extra pies will be ordered.

SWIFT/DUREAU FAMILY GROUP

To meet 19th August, 12 noon. Please consult programme. Details next week or by phone calls to the Swifts 6551 3600 or David Archer 6556 7248. Thank you.

WHITE/MOYLAN FAMILY GROUP

CHANGE OF DATE from 13th to 20th August. Soup lunch at the Dawson's, 12 noon. Ring Fran on 6553 9040 for numbers. Thank you.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST RAFFLES

Raffle tickets are available from the Parish Office, in books of 5 or 10. If you could collect a book to sell please call in and collect from the Office. Great prizes to be won, with all proceeds going to the Parish and CFCA Work for the Poor programs.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST MORNING TEA

Please note that the Couples for Christ morning tea for has been changed to the 27th August.

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

There will be forms at the back of the Church, and in all Mass Centres to update your details with the Parish. If you could please add your details including your email address, this will help the Parish with communication to all Parishioners. Email addresses are sought after, to enable urgent messages such as Mass Changes to reach the entire community.

DIocese EVENTS

BBI E-CONFERENCE

The 13th Annual BBI eConference will be held Thursday 10th August. To participate in the conference; there will be local screenings in Forster, Aberdeen, Morrisset and Newcastle West. For more information phone Zoe Marr on 4979 1328 or email olaf@mn.catholic.org.au

A DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Encounter will be held on Friday 11 August at 10.30 AM at Corcoran Centre, George St, Morpeth. For more information phone Zoe Marr on 4979 1328.



MARY **MACKILLOP**

was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne, in 1842, the eldest child of Scottish immigrants. In 1861 she moved to the small town of Penola in South Australia, where she

met Fr Julian Tenison Woods. Together they established Australia's first free Catholic school. In 1866 she co-founded Australia's first religious order, the Sisters of St Joseph, and took a vow of poverty. Soon there were 17 schools under her care, but Mary's refusal to abide by the rules of the Bishop in Adelaide led to her excommunication from the church. She was accepted back a year later and eventually shown respect by the Bishops for her work with the poor. Mary was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1995, as a result of a woman who was cured of leukaemia in 1961 after a group offered prayers to Sister Mary. She was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI on 17 October 2010 and is now known as St Mary of the Cross.

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"Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can." *Mary MacKillop, 1907*