



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF TAREE AND WINGHAM

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Taree
Our Lady of Perpetual help Church, Wingham
Our Lady of Fatima Church, Old Bar

Star of the Sea Church, Harrington
St Patrick's Church, Cundletown
St Therese Church, Lansdowne

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Couples for Christ, St Mary's Catering Group,
Safeguarding, RCIC, RCIA, Readers, Ministers

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR C

7TH AUGUST 2022

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP AND THE 6 'P's..

WHAT WE MAY LEARN

It's St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's Feast Day on this Monday 8th August. Mass will be celebrated to honour Australia's first canonised Saint on Monday at 8.00am.

The present Josephite's have recently referred to the 6 'P's to capture some of the core aspects of Mary's character and spirituality. Here they are in summary

- Passion in her convictions;
- Possibilities- believed in exploring them; by
- Practical action;
- Partnership- forming partnerships to further the 'common good';
- Perseverance- particularly when confronting adversity;
- Prayer- for ongoing transformation and communion with God.

When young 24 year old Mary MacKillop took her vows and so became the first Josephite, there would have been no anticipation at the time about the future which awaited. Her essential purpose was to dedicate her life to God by living a life in service of the rural poor. With the guidance of Fr Julian Tennyson Woods, Mary worked to establish a Religious Order of women to share the living out of this vocation. Her profession was on 19th March 1866- the Feast of St Joseph.

Mary's life was given to living out this vocation and establishing the Sisters of St Joseph's **Rule of Life** on firm foundations. Securing a stable **Rule of Life** would mean affirming their Religious identity and how they would best express that identity. The **Rule of Life** required a foundation, that is an over-riding Constitution- and one approved by Rome. Mary sought approval for a Constitution which made sure the internal administration of the Order was provided by an elected Josephite Leader and Council (and not subject to the authority of a local Bishop). MacKillop went to Rome to successfully gain approval for this from the Pope! During her two years of travel, MacKillop studied different educational methods, and visited Ireland to encourage young Irish women to join the new Order.

Most of us know that Mary MacKillop met opposition within some of the Church leadership, and that this caused great personal pain. MacKillop's unwavering charity, kindness and forgiveness toward those who defamed her is part of the greatness of her spiritual stature. As the years unfolded, the Josephite Sisters would forge their specific identity; in their commitment to serve the poor they would not include teaching of instrumental music; were most reluctant to provide education for children of the wealthy; and would not accept the offer of Government funds!

Perhaps the following Mary MacKillop greeting is the blessing our parishes of Taree and Wingham now ask of her in our present Parish Assembly preparations:

"May God Bless You and Keep You Strong"

We note above how Mary worked hard to establish structures which would give stability and direction to the life and works of service of her Order of Sisters. We can think of the 6 'P's above.

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In many ways, our Sept 11th Parish Assembly and its present Workshop preparations are part of our efforts to “pull together” as parish communities. With God’s blessing, we do seek to build upon the good work already done in the parishes. Our recent Parish Survey indicated our felt need to strengthen the bonds of parish Faith community, and to provide opportunities for engagement with the younger generations. Our Assembly is to serve to help us do that. Participation in our present Workshops will help our Sept 11 Assembly set the direction of our parishes for the next 12 months. If you are able, please attend any or all the next three Workshops and make your contribution.

“At the end of the day, people are only going to be attracted by friendship”

*On behalf of the Parish Council,
Father Kevin Corrigan*

DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR OUR **11th SEPT 2022 PARISH ASSEMBLY**

FORMATION AND EDUCATION (& OUTREACH?)

Three meal occasions- breakfasts, luncheons (or dinners?) in 2022 - 2023 with guest speakers. For example:

- Invite local school Principal to talk of challenges and opportunities for Education and Christian formation of youth in our schools; child development in the first five years; parenting insights into the vocation of grandparenting.
- Invite visit of presenter to provide opportunity for furthering understanding of the Scriptures. E.g., on the Year A (2023) Gospel of Matthew (Father Paul Mulconry has in the past provided a series of such informal presentations to small groups. Could he visit the area in 2022-2023 for 4 such presentations... if interest shown?)
- A small group be formed to read and discuss over 4 occasions the book “Why Bother Praying” by Father Richard Leonard, the Australian Jesuit, or perhaps another small book on spirituality and prayer?
- [To identify parishioners who could be prepared to further the work of catechists by giving ongoing support to parents whose children have received Sacraments of Initiation \(Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist\)](#)

MISSION & OUTREACH

- Assess interest in small group of parishioners to form to have monthly BBQ gathering in picnic areas along Manning River, sharing time, BBQ, chat, song/music? - an occasion of welcome and sharing with others.
- Assess interest in forming a group of interested parishioners willing to give regular time e.g. weekly, fortnightly to identify and contribute to a local Landcare project?
- Assess a mobile trailer-kitchen? Catholic Care has acquired two trailers especially designed to provide BBQ meals and food in outdoor settings. One trailer is based in Newcastle the other is in Foster, and which is used to provide a fortnightly breakfast in Taree. **Proposal:** to form a small group to assess whether the needs are there for our two parishes to raise funds to acquire one such trailer?

LEADERSHIP AND STRUCTURE

- [Effective, ongoing communication within the Parish and from the Parish Council.](#)
- [Provide support and \(pastoral\) care for those who give generously of their time to help in parish events and activities.](#)
- [Encourage structures which express welcome and encourage participation of young families.](#)
- Look to form a Parish Team whose members are available to coordinate efforts to implement our Parish Assembly decisions over the next 12 months. Forming such a Team is a long recommended strategy for post Parish Assembly follow up (noted at recent Parish Council meeting).

PRE-ASSEMBLY WORKSHOPS **RESOURCE CENTRE TAREE**

SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST

9.00am-10.00am
Formation and Education
10.00am-10.15am Morning Tea
10.15am-11.15am Mission & Outreach

MONDAY 15TH AUGUST

6.15pm-7.15pm
Leadership and Structure
Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary
Church (Choir Area)

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7TH AUGUST 2022

FIRST READING: Wis 18:6-9 Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12
(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND READING: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 We will look for the city designed and built by God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia
Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia

GOSPEL: Lk 12:32-48 See that you are prepared.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14TH AUGUST 2022

FIRST READING: Jer 38:4-6. 8-10 You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14
(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

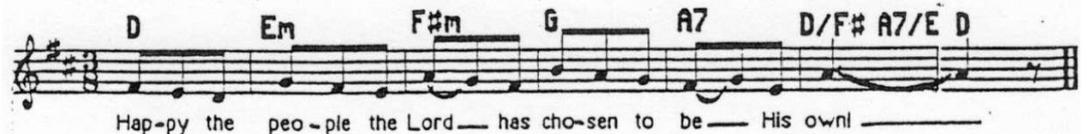
SECOND READING:
Heb 12:1-4

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

GOSPEL: Lk 12:49-53
I have come not to give peace, but discord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM



PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE AND WINGHAM PARISHES

SICK: Sandra Baker, Sue Berry, Cathy Callinan, Bev Crouch, Ken Fitton, Betty Howard, David Hutchison, Ian Kerry, Margaret Kooy, Lorraine McKenzie, John Minihan, Kathy Murray, Neil Moroney, Linda Norris, Rose Sammut, Liz Taylor, Paul White, Anne Watson, Noel Wolfenden.

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Quinn, Vince Cusack, Thomas Earley, Cornelius Hogan, Ellen Hogan, Richard Norris, John Wright

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joan Edstein, Shirley Dean

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

In the 1980's, several women of our Parish started meeting weekly to read and discuss the Scriptures, looking for a greater understanding of our Faith.

Almost 45 years later, our Women's Prayer Group still meets every Tuesday. We start with our own Prayers of the Faithful, read the Scriptures for the next Sunday's Mass, share our thoughts on the readings and make use of a worksheet based on the Gospel. We then share a Prayer Time and finish with the Lord's Prayer. Of course our group also has a social side—we share our family news, talk about current events and have a monthly luncheon.

Over the years many women have come and gone. Some stay a short time; others are still with us. We've had people join us because of loneliness, health problems, family problems or just looking to meet others to share their Christian Faith. Always we have found friendship and support. We've laughed together, cried together and built loving relationships.

We've seen our children grow up, go out into the world, become parents themselves. We've cared for ageing and unwell husbands, children and grandchildren. At this time, two of our ladies have sons having treatment for serious cancer. Now most of us are widowed and very senior citizens and our group is even more important in our lives.

We don't have much in the way of rules and regulations but one thing is very important, part of our Prayer of the Faithful is "what is shared in the group, stays in the group. We give each other the gift of confidentiality". We continue to pray together for Our Lord's loving guidance and a clearer understanding of what it means to be Christian.

If you would like to know more about the Prayer Group contact May 6552 5596.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH CALENDAR 2022

MONDAY 8TH AUGUST

ST MARY OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN

8.00AM TAREE MASS

6.00PM RCIA- RESOURCE CENTRE

TUESDAY 9TH AUGUST

10.00am Old Bar Rosary

4.30PM TAREE RECONCILIATION

5.30PM TAREE MASS

6.00PM WINGHAM ROSARY

WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST

ST LAWRENCE

10.00AM JOAN EDSTEIN FUNERAL MASS
TAREE

THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST

ST CLARE

5.30pm CUNDLETOWN MASS
+ RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST

9.00AM TAREE MASS

10.00AM WINGHAM ROSARY

SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST

4.00pm Wingham Reconciliation
+Rosary

4.45pm Wingham Mass

5.00pm Harrington SCAE

6.15pm Taree Mass

**9.00am-11.15am Parish
Pre-Assembly Workshop
at Resource Centre**

SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00am Old Bar Rosary

7.30am Old Bar SCAE

7.30am Lansdowne Mass

9.30am Taree Mass

11.00am Taree Baptism-Grace Roffey

ST MARY'S PIETY STORE

is open in the front foyer of Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree after Mass on weekends. We have large selection of medals-Divine Mercy, Miraculous Medal St Benedict, etc. Confirmation Cards are also available.

Your support is appreciated.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

9.00am-3.30pm

Tuesday to Friday inclusive.

FEAST DAY OF ST MARY MACKILLOP

To celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop, a Holy Mass will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree on Monday 8th August at 8.00am.

SAVE THE DATE!

2022 CURSILLO WEEKEND:

Come journey with us as we share our faith stories – a weekend of meditations, prayers, songs and talks by laypeople, religious and priests – at the Catalina Conference Centre, 171 Dorrington Road, Rathmines, from Thursday evening, 25th August to Sunday afternoon, 28th August inclusive.

For details, please ring
Mike Norris (0431 631 503)
Linda Norris (0408 077 089)
Carolyn Kearnanhan (0418 607 044)

Co-ordinators:
Greg Byrne (0427 918 568)
Meryl McCosker (0498 250 000)

PARISH UPDATE

*The Parish has upgraded security measures as suggested by the Diocese. Please be advised that we have changed the locks of St Mary's Hall and the Resource Centre and **only persons scheduled to use these buildings will be permitted entry.** Anyone who wants to enter the Hall / Resource Centre without a booking or scheduled session (for the regular users) will have to contact the Parish Office **during office hours, with a valid reason** to access the code for the key safe. Please note that the code will continually change. *Office staff keep the **Parish Office screen door locked** these days for security reason. We advise that we now have active CCTV cameras installed at the Presbytery / Parish Office building so we can see people at the door before we let them in.

Please understand that this is necessary to keep us all safe.

SWIFT-DUREAU FAMILY GROUP

Meeting for lunch at Taree RSL Club on Sunday 21st August, 12.00 midday. Please phone May-6552 5596 or Margaret Taylor -6552 5438 by 17th August if attending .

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Taree and Wingham Parishes

Mass Times

Monday, 15th August

9.30am- Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wingham

5.30pm -Our Lady of the Rosary
Church Taree

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you know anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or desiring to learn more about the Catholic faith?

Please invite them to our Information Night hosted by Fr Kevin and the RCIA team on:

Monday 8th of August

6.00 pm

Taree Resource Centre.

You may contact the Parish Office
Ph 6552-1084 if interested.

TAX RECEIPTS - 2021 / 2022 FINANCIAL YEAR:

Please note that the cut-off date for the Tax Receipts (17th June 2022) passed and the accounts are now finalised, therefore no more receipts can be raised. For those who have requested before the cut-off date, **please be advised that tax receipts are now available at the foyer of the church.**

If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the office of safeguarding: **Ph 4979-1390** or Email: childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or visit their website for more information <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/>.