



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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6TH MARCH 2022

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

6TH MARCH 2022

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

FIRST READING: Dt 26:4-10 The confession of faith of the elect.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15 (R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

SECOND READING: Rom 10:8-13 The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Lk 4:1-13 Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

13TH MARCH 2022

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

FIRST READING: Gen 15:5-12. 17-18 God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1
(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING: Phil 3:17 – 4:1 Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

GOSPEL: Lk 9:28-36 As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

THE PARISH-PRIEST (i.e PASTOR) AND THE 'GROUP OF CATECHISTS'- VOCATIONS WHICH SERVE THE FAITH OF THE PARISH COMMUNITY TODAY, AND WHO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES

We have reflected in past weeks upon how any parishioner who lives and share their Faith in Christ is in some way being a 'catechist.' We have also noted that in 2021 Pope Francis released a teaching which approves the establishment of the (permanent) lay Ministry of Catechist to serve the life and mission of the Church.

The above decision of Pope Francis gives recognition and encourages the further spread of the Lay Ministry of Catechists in the Church. Already in parts of Africa, South America and Asia including New Guinea, Diocesan Bishops commission lay-catechists to work with the appointed Parish Priest, so and contribute to the pastoral and spiritual well-being of parishes which often don't have a resident Parish Priest.

One practical example is to be found in the little country of Laos. The cardinal archbishop of Laos has commissioned a number of married couples to live for a period of years in remote parishes as parish-Catechists. This is one practical local expression of who a "group of catechists" could be.

The Directory of Catechesis, for example, describes the '**group of catechists**' (D.C # 116) in a parish as being "**a locus of communion**" (D.C#116) that is, their presence is a means of deepening the bonds of the parish's 'life with Christ' (Cols 3) and mission! The presence of a 'group of catechists' in a parish is then, one which clearly encourages and enriches the ministry of the ordained (the PP) and with whom they are to work "**co-responsibly**" (D.C # 89).

Our Diocesan structures have always encouraged the establishment a Parish Pastoral Council, and also encouragement to establish a 'Parish Pastoral Team' of one form or another. The recognition of and a decision to perhaps commission a 'group of Catechists' team is one new possibility for us adopt to help further the life and mission of our parish communities - whether they have a resident PP/Pastor or not. The presence of a specific 'group of catechists' community help deepen the bonds of parish life. Their presence affirms and supports the ministry of the ordained with whom they minister. Also, their presence ensures effective ongoing ministry is assured in some future time if the Parish Priest/Pastor cannot reside in the parish full-time.

So, giving consideration to the formation of a specific 'group of catechists' is also a strategy for taking responsibility to anticipate now our future possible needs. How might we go about further exploring this pastoral vision encouraged by the Directory and by Pope Francis? Who might we consider would be one of perhaps 6-8 parishioners who could be invited to consider the 'group of catechists' parish vocation further? These are things you are now invited to give prayerful consideration to. "...Make me know the way I should walk... let your good Spirit guide me..." (Ps 142).

Father Kevin Corrigan

PARISH CALENDAR 2022

TUESDAY 8TH MARCH

10.00AM OLD BAR ROSARY
4.30PM TAREE RECONCILIATION
5.30PM TAREE MASS
6.15PM ROSARY AT WINGHAM

WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH

9.30AM TAREE MASS

THURSDAY 10TH MARCH

10.00AM HARRINGTON MASS
5.30PM CUNDLETOWN MASS
6.00PM CUNDLETOWN RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 11TH MARCH

9.00AM TAREE MASS
10AM ROSARY AT WINGHAM

SATURDAY 12TH MARCH

6.00pm Taree Mass
6.00pm Harrington SCAE

SUNDAY 13TH MARCH

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

7.00am Old Bar Rosary
7.30am Old Bar Mass
6.50am Wingham Rosary
7.30am Wingham SCAE
9.30am Taree Mass

HARRINGTON CATHOLIC CHURCH:

A Holy Mass will be celebrated at Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Harrington on Thursday 10th March at 10.00am.

INTENDED CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses

Each Thursday the Taree Parish Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Catholic Church Cundletown at 5.30pm. After Mass, the Sacrament of Penance will be available from 6.00pm to 6.30pm.

VOLUNTEER SRE TEACHER needed for Old Bar Public School to teach Year 1 and Year 2 group from 11:40am -12.10pm on Wednesdays. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.

THE FLOODS IN QUEENSLAND AND NORTHERN RIVERS, NSW

The Diocese of Lismore covers a geographical area in which has been widespread flood damage. Parishioners in Taree and Wingham know personally of the great sufferings caused by natural calamities.

Bishop Greg Homeming of Lismore has expressed solidarity with and given practical assistance in previous floods, and continuous to do so. Do visit the Diocese of Lismore website and see the 2 talks given by Bishop Greg. The Bishop has authorised a Diocesan Appeal to provide funds to some of the needy you may be able to contribute. If so the bank details are below:

BSB: 037-889

Account No: 1061 5829

Account Name: DOL Flood Appeal

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

10.00am Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Wingham
(Rosary + Stations of the Cross)
9.00am Star of the Sea Church Harrington
3.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Church Taree
7.00pm Our Lady of Fatima Church
Old Bar

PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE AND WINGHAM PARISHES

SICK: Sandra Baker, Sue Berry, Cathy Callinan, James Corben, Bev Crouch, Consie de Dassel, Ken Fitton, Remedios Gayoma, Betty Howard, David Hutchison, Halle Kehiene, Patricia Moffat, Neil Moroney, Josephine Murphy, Martin Murphy, Linda Norris, Rose Sammut, Liz Taylor, Robert Vaccaro, Paul White, Noel Wolfenden,

ANNIVERSARIES: Wilma Kelly, Francisca Pebenito

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael O'Hara

ST PATRICK'S DAY

DINNER



St Mary's Hall
Thursday 17th March
6.30pm for 7.00pm start
Cost \$15.00 per person
Dress theme: Wear Green
R.S.V.P and payment to Parish office
by 15th March.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help our most vulnerable neighbours to build a just future for their families and their communities. Little boxes are available at the foyer of Mass Centres.

Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal



The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. In a matter of days, over half a million people have been forced from their homes and at least 400 civilians have lost their lives. Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis. **Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.**



RESPONSORIAL PSALM



BE WITH ME LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE.