



## 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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20TH MARCH 2022

#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

20TH MARCH 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

**FIRST READING:** Ex 3:1-8. 13-15  
This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8 (R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12  
All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Repent, says the Lord;  
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL:** Lk 13:1-9 Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

27TH MARCH 2022

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

**FIRST READING:** Jos 5:9-12 The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9 (R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**SECOND READING:** 2 Cor 5:17-21  
God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

**GOSPEL:** Lk 15:1-3. 11-32 Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

### ST PATRICK AND HOW HE ENCOURAGES US TO CONSIDER OUR SHARED CATECHIST-VOCATION

Late in 4<sup>th</sup> century Britain, most probably in Wales, a young man was kidnapped by pirates and taken to work as a slave amongst the pagan Irish. His name was Patrick. Despite mistreatment over the years, Patrick felt pity for his captors, who themselves were captive to their impoverished pagan lifestyle. Patrick escaped back to Britain, and eventually voluntarily returned as a missionary priest.



Patrick's return to Ireland was motivated by what we call mercy. Mercy includes forgiveness, compassion and pardon. The Prodigal Son story is a parable about mercy. The joyful heart of the celebration of Christmas that in Christ, 'God is with us' is essentially a message of God's mercy. And Patrick came to Ireland to share that reality of the mercy of Christ. It was not Patrick's imaginative use of the three-leafed clover as he taught about the trinity which won over his then pagan listeners. Rather, it was the presence of the kindness and love of Christ in Patrick himself which touched hearts and awakened in them the gift of Faith in this merciful God.

We note in the Directory of Catechesis (D.C) that... "... the essence of the Christian Faith is mercy which (in Jesus Christ) reveals the very mystery of the Trinity... the practise of mercy is already itself an authentic catechesis..." (D.C# 51). Yes, Patrick's very re-appearance in Ireland conveyed that mercy!

Patrick as missionary exercised the ministry of catechist in order to share and witness to that merciful love of Christ.

In 2021, Pope Francis released a teaching, Antiquum Ministerium (A.M) on the ministry of the (lay) Catechist. He said this;

**"...In many parts of the world competent and dedicated catechists are community leaders who carry out a mission invaluable for the transmission of the Faith..."** Pope Francis also emphasizes that this Lay ministry is one in which... **"it is essential that they are faithful co-workers with priests and deacons..."** (A.M#8). In other words, the lay-catechist's ministry is exercised in close cooperation **with** the ordained, especially the PP/Pastor who is recognised as the parishes' **"...first catechist..."** (D.C # 116).

Back to St Patrick and the above loving 'transmission of the Faith.' Our more recent Catholic Church focus upon the vocation and ministries of the lay catechist is urging a re-discovery of this way of understanding and living our Faith- as a parish community, and also personally. A more conscious living of our catechist vocation serves to awaken or re-awaken awareness to the love of Christ. In doing so, we are being sharers of the presence and therefore the peace of Christ- so needed in these difficult and threatening times.

Soon, two 2 hour 'Mini-Retreats' will be made available to give interested parishioners at Taree and Wingham an opportunity to explore our understanding of the catechist vocation.

- Fr Kevin Corrigan

## PARISH CALENDAR 2022

### TUESDAY 22ND MARCH

10.00AM OLD BAR ROSARY  
 4.30PM TAREE RECONCILIATION  
 5.30PM TAREE MASS  
 6.00PM GATHERING AT TAREE CHURCH FOR  
 READERS/SPECIAL MINISTERS  
 6.15PM ROSARY AT WINGHAM

### WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH

9.30AM TAREE MASS

### THURSDAY 24TH MARCH

10.00AM GATHERING AT TAREE CHURCH FOR  
 READERS/SPECIAL MINISTERS  
 5.30PM CUNDLETOWN MASS  
 6.00PM CUNDLETOWN RECONCILIATION

### FRIDAY 25TH MARCH

#### THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

9.00AM TAREE MASS  
 10AM ROSARY AT WINGHAM

### SATURDAY 26TH MARCH

6.00pm Taree Mass  
 6.00pm Harrington SCAE

### SUNDAY 27TH MARCH

#### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

## EASTER MASS TIMES 2022

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### Palm Sunday -9th &10th April 2022

Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm at Taree  
 Mass Sunday 7.30am at Wingham  
 Mass Sunday 9.30am at Taree

### Holy Thursday – 14th April 2022

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm  
 at Taree Church

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass until  
 9.00pm

### Good Friday – 15th April 2022

Combined Stations of the Cross at Taree  
 with the Anglicans – 10.00am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm  
 at Taree

### Holy Saturday – 16th April 2022

Easter Vigil Mass 7.00pm at Taree

### Easter Sunday – 17th April 2022

Mass Sunday 7.30am at Wingham  
 Mass Sunday 9.30am at Taree

**ROSTERS** for the upcoming Easter Triduum Celebrations are available at Taree Catholic Church Foyer. Please add your name if available to assist.

**VOLUNTEERS** needed to represent Taree and Wingham Parishes at the **Chrism Mass** to be held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on 12th April 2022 at 7.00pm. Please contact the Parish Office Ph 65521084 if interested.

### CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA AND UKRAINE TO THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY- THIS FRIDAY FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION:

You are encouraged to make this a special day of prayer and penance to unite with all the prayer offered this day for Russia and Ukraine. Taree Mass is at 9.00am followed by 30 minutes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Taree Church is open for prayer all day. There will be an Exposition for Prayer/Adoration at Taree from 4.00pm to 6.00pm. The Sacrament of Penance will be available from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. You may also remember the Rosary during this day. *Father Kevin.*

**PREPARING FOR A NEW BISHOP** Prayer cards are available at the foyer of the church. Further prayer resources including Universal Prayer Petitions and a Reflection are available in an online resource at <https://mncatholic.sharepoint.com/sites/Homesite/SitePages/Preparing-for-a-new-bishop.aspx>

## INVITATION TO TAREE PARISHIONERS; READERS (PROCLAIMERS), SPECIAL

**MINISTERS:** There will be an hour gathering at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree for all who assist in the parish as Readers (proclaimers of the word) and Special Ministers of Communion on Tuesday 22nd March 6.00pm and a *repeat session on Thursday 24th March at 10.00am.* This time will provide an opportunity to further our appreciation of these liturgical ministries which contribute significantly to the community celebration of Sunday Mass. There will be a moment for reflection, discussion and prayer as well as looking at some of the basic practicalities. If you are unable to attend either of the above times, please contact the parish office and let us know.



### 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  
 6.30pm Our Lady of Fatima Church  
 Old Bar

### EVERY THURSDAY DURING LENT

4.30pm St Patrick's, Cundletown

## 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, Colleen Smith, Bob Smith, Liz Taylor, Robert Vaccaro, Paul White, Noel Wolfenden,

**ANNIVERSARIES:** BRIDGET LYONS

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

