



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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23RD JANUARY 2022

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

23RD JANUARY 2022

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FIRST READING: Neh 8:2-6. 8-10
They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63 (R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 12:12-30
Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21
The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

30TH JANUARY 2022

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Jer 1:4-5. 17-19
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15 (R.) I will sing of your salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13
There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL: Lk 4:21-30
Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

“GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD” AND THE PARISH CATECHISTS' VOCATION.

(Father Kevin Corrigan)

This Sunday's Gospel is the beginning of Luke's Gospel. Today, Luke refers to how this Gospel provides a well-founded "...instruction..." ('catechesis,' is the original Greek wording) about the Good News of Christ.

In his 2021 teaching on the newly instituted Ministry of Lay Catechist, Pope Francis refers to the above Luke text. He then refers to St Paul to the Galatians, who speaks of the graced moment when for the first time someone comes to know the love of Christ shared by another- the catechist (Gal 6:6).

A few months after becoming Pope in 2013, Pope Francis gave an Address to an International Conference of Catechists in Rome. In that Address he spoke about the above graced occasion of the 'awakening' of Faith in these words...

“... The catechist is conscious of having received... the gift of Faith, and he or she then gives that gift in turn to others... This is something beautiful... Whatever we receive, we give..! It is pure gift: a gift received and a gift given. And the catechist is right there, at the centre of this exchange of gifts...”

The encounter described above when someone is first awakened to the reality of the love of Christ is called by Pope Francis a '*kerygma*' moment. He says this initial experience is a foundational moment of Faith. It can be the commencement of a life-long growth in the person's life of Faith in Christ. Catechists are members of the parish community who are entrusted with this ministry of helping the other's ongoing Faith-growth. Very importantly, the Catechist's ministry works in close ongoing relationship with the ministry of the ordained- the Pastor, or as we say in Australia the Parish Priest.

At the end of every Mass we all say "Thanks be to God" in response to the "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." We go from Mass strengthened to continue our living/sharing our Faith. In a very real way then, ***we all share in the catechist-vocation described above in some way!***

Pope Francis has shared how it was the experience of his grandmother's example and influence which was foundational to his own life of Faith. His grandmother was his catechist! It would be good spiritual exercise at Mass today, and during this week, to call to mind the person or persons- or that occasion- where your awareness of the goodness and love of God was stirred and awakened. Perhaps also pray for the grace of that awareness for now, too.

Next week, we will continue to look at how our Church encourages us to further understand this renewed appreciation of the vocation of the catechist, what Pope Francis calls "This Ancient Ministry" (*Antiquum Ministerium*).

PARISH CALENDAR 2022

TUESDAY 25TH JANUARY

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

WEDNESDAY 26TH JANUARY AUSTRALIA DAY

9.30AM TAREE AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY

9.30AM TAREE MASS

FRIDAY 28TH JANUARY

9.00AM TAREE MASS
10AM ROSARY AT WINGHAM

SATURDAY 29TH JANUARY

6.00pm Taree Mass
6.00pm Harrington SCAE

SUNDAY 30TH JANUARY

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

COVID 19 MASS ATTENDANCE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Please kindly scan the QR code before entering and show the confirmation details to our volunteers at the door. People who are unable to sign in using the QR codes may do it manually.

2. Please do not attend the Mass if you are unwell, displaying COVID - 19 symptoms or have been in contact with a COVID - 19 affected person.

3. The congregation is **not permitted** to sing.

4. Maintain physical distancing. Please wait for the volunteer / usher to take you to your seat .

5. Please wear face mask. Anyone under the age of 12 years are exempted.

AUSTRALIA DAY: A Holy Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Taree on Australia Day, Wednesday 26th January 2022 at 9.30am. If you could donate Australian flowers for the church, please bring them to the sacristy on Tuesday morning, 25th January. **Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Australia day and will reopen on Thursday 27th January at 9.00am.**

LENTEN PROGRAMS information from Parishes of Brisbane and Wollongong are available at the Parish Office.

THE OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING is the organisational expression of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and well being of children and vulnerable adults. To visit the Office of Safeguarding website, please use the link provided: <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/>.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! The Parish would like to congratulate WenYuan LimSchneider for getting an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank of 99.25, an outstanding result! WenYuan is a member of our Parish Youth Group choir / musicians. Well done WenYuan. We are so proud of you!

DEVELOPMENT OF VEGETABLE/ COMMUNITY STYLE GARDEN BACK OF TAREE PRESBYTERY

There may be some experienced gardeners who can help form a small team. The proposed Team's task would be to offer ideas towards the gradual development of the Presbytery back yard space into a fruit trees and vegetable garden space. This planning phase for the proposed project would also benefit from the expertise of those who may have had experience in horticulture design... or, for example, in permacultural principles. With such an area of land, there would be a staged development. Volunteer workers, and financing issues. OHS and the usual Volunteers and other required Checks would eventually need to be adhered to... and not least in present circumstances adhering to present Covid Safety requirements. A simple food-production/enhance the natural environment project which also draws inspiration from the Laudato Si 7 year Action Plan will urge us to successfully work our way through the various requirements mentioned. We certainly can manage an initial informal meeting if enough interest is conveyed. Simply speak to me, or ring the parish office in next week or so, and leave your contact details. -Fr Kevin

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Sandra Baker, Sue Berry, Cathy Callinan, Anthony Corben, Bev Crouch, Consie de Dassel, Ken Fitton, Betty Howard, Halle Kehiene, Rodney McLennan, Allan Mitchell, Patricia Moffat, Neil Moroney, Josephine Murphy, Martin Murphy, Linda Norris, Rose Sammut, Beryl Sweeney, Liz Taylor, Robert Vaccaro, Paul White, Dorothy Wilkes, Norma Wooley.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time including

Barbara Martin, Hilda Jane White, Denis Connolly, Terry Connolly, Trevor Aylward

We pray for the recently deceased

Bruce Yarad, John Leslie Pinson

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

