



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

Two Parishes One Faith
Committed to Stewardship
Good Stewards Sharing the
God-given Gifts of
Time Talent Treasure

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Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy Team,
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Couples for Christ, St Mary's Catering Group,
Safeguarding, RCIC, RCIA, Readers, Ministers

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

1ST MAY 2022

PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A SIMPLE REVIEW OF PARISH LIFE AS A PREPARATION FOR HAVING A PARISH GATHERING CALLED A PARISH ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCTION

Our Diocese held a Diocesan Assembly some 40 years ago. The Assembly decided to introduce a set of structures in our parishes to help support and encourage the living and sharing of our Catholic Faith. It was decided to ensure parish-communities had Parish Pastoral Councils- a group of parishioners who would work with the Pastor (Parish Priest).

Every few years, the Pastoral Council would help the parish community to make preparations for a gathering of the parish called a Parish Assembly. At the Assembly, parishioners would decide to officially approve a set of proposals which would be acted upon in specific ways over the following few years. As said, the proposals put forward are to help us and encourage us in living our Faith. Very importantly, these also serve to help us share the good news of our Faith in Christ with others in the broader community.

Overall, we could say that preparing for and holding a Parish Assembly is a good expression of our living out and sharing our Faith in Christ. The Assembly gathering helps remind us that as a community we will continue to provide mutual support as we seek to refresh our focus and in fact aim to deepen our shared "*life in Christ*" (Col 3:1).

OUR SAVIOUR'S OWN EXAMPLE

When Jesus commenced the Heavenly Father's mission Jesus prepared by a long time of personal prayer, then one day he entered the Synagogue and read out what many describe as being his own mission statement. These are the words of the prophet Isaiah which Jesus said are now being fulfilled by his own mission;

***"... The Spirit of the Lord is on me and has anointed me
To proclaim good news to the poor... to proclaim
Freedom to the prisoners and recovery of sight
For the blind, to set the oppressed free; to proclaim
The Lord's year of favour..." (Luke 4: 18-19)***

The above 'mission statement' of our Saviour was the focus of his daily ministry of merciful love for any kind of poverty He encountered- spiritual, material or other forms of poverty and deprivation. It also expressed his utter faithful love for the Heavenly Father- faithful through the cross to the resurrection.

“... **LIFE WITH CHRIST**...” (Col 3:1) and **COMMUNION and MISSION**

As human beings we are also among those poor who are always in need of the healing and strength of the presence of Christ’s Spirit of love.

When St Paul instructed the early Christian community about their shared “**life with Christ**” he said that they are now part of the body of Christ, with Christ the head of the body (1 Cor. 12). Paul said that as the body of Christ, the community have different parts. We all have gifts of the Spirit to serve the life and mission of the community.

St Paul was always insistent that the Faith community, like our Saviour, serve the needs of the poor. In many ways, we already seek to be instruments of the love of Christ. We also are aware that our bonds as a Faith community need caring for and strengthening (**‘communion’**), and our sense of mission also needs to be attuned to God’s purposes (**mission**). Did you know that last year Pope Francis launched the whole Church worldwide to have a special Assembly called a Synod? Its focus is also upon three key themes: **COMMUNION; PARTICIPATION; AND MISSION.**

OUR PARISH COUNCILS’ INVITATIONS

Our Parish Council decided to invite parishioners from both our parishes to participate in the preparations for a Parish gathering or Assembly. This Assembly could be held in June. Soon, you will be invited to write in a sentence your response to the following questions:

- 1.What is it that I value most about my Faith and parish community?
- 2.What key challenge do I believe our parish needs to focus upon and to engage with in our plans and activities over the next 12 months?

This simple questionnaire is available at the foyer of the church. You are invited to take a form home; give it prayerful consideration and complete it as best you are able. It can be returned, folded up in the “Collection basket” at Masses/SCAE’s on the 14/15 and 21/22 May.

You will receive a summary of this information prepared by Parish Council members and also information about our next step.

In the meantime we pray “...**May God fulfil every one of your plans...**” (Ps 19).

- **Father Kevin Corrigan PP**

PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE AND WINGHAM PARISHES

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

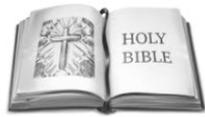
ANNIVERSARIES: Viviane Lovegrove, Rupert McLennan, William Corben, Peter Williams, Mavis Bennett and deceased members of Corben family.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Norma Haldon

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

EASTER
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I will praise You, Lord, for You have res - cued me.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS
1ST MAY 2022
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41 We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2 (R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING: Rv 5:11-14 The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jn 21:1-19 Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Prayer for the appointment of our new Bishop

Shepherding God you reveal your way of unfailing love in the image of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost, shows compassion knows and is known by the sheep and lays down his life for them.

We your people of Maitland-Newcastle are without a bishop to shepherd us.

We ask that your Holy Spirit who moves through this great south land, inspire the choice of our new Bishop, empower his 'yes' and open our hearts in hospitality and love.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us
 Mary MacKillop of the Cross pray for us.



PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

Oh Lord God, We pray for Peace and Love in all the nations, among all the people that all wars and hatred will end.

We pray for those who suffer from war, injustice, and intolerance, for the children, young people the poor and neglected ones.

We pray for peace in our life, lands, nations, families and in our hearts. Lord give us World Peace. We ask our mercy in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
8TH MAY 2022
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: Acts 13:14, 43-52 We are now turning to the gentiles.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3 (R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

SECOND READING: Rv 7:9, 14-17 The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

GOSPEL: Jn 10:27-30 I give my sheep eternal life.



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. 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/>**.

ST MARY'S PIETY STORE

is open in the front foyer of Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree on Saturdays after 6.00pm Mass and on Sundays after 9.30am Mass. We have illustrated children's Mass books available for \$4, Baptism candles, gifts and cards. Divine Mercy 3 piece package \$5 each and Miraculous Medals. Framed pictures of Saints at various prices are also available. Your support is appreciated.



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF TAREE AND WINGHAM SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

All parents and carers of children who would like to make their **Sacraments of Initiation in 2022** are invited to attend an **INFORMATION NIGHT on THURSDAY 12th MAY at 6pm** in Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree. There will be preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion during the year for children turning 8 years of age or above in 2022 and they can make all or some of these Sacraments. Those parents of children enrolled in the Sacramental program in 2021 are also invited and any fees already paid will stand for this year. Thank you from the RCIC Committee.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH CALENDAR 2022

MONDAY 2ND MAY

NO MASS

TUESDAY 3RD MAY

STS PHILIP & JAMES APOSTLES

7.00am Old Bar Rosary

5.30PM NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY

NO MASS

THURSDAY 5TH MAY

5.30pm Cundletown Mass

6.00pm Cundletown Reconciliation

FRIDAY 6TH MAY

9.00AM TAREE MASS

SATURDAY 7TH MAY

4.30pm Rosary at Harrington Church

5.00pm Harrington SCAE

4.45pm Wingham Mass

6.15pm Taree Mass

SUNDAY 8TH MAY

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00am Old Bar Rosary

7.30am Old Bar SCAE

7.30am Lansdowne Mass

9.30am Taree Mass

(Mothers' Day morning tea at St Mary's Hall after Mass)

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

PARISHES OF TAREE AND WINGHAM

Weekend Masses

Please note the following changes to Weekend Mass Schedule in

Taree and Wingham Parishes commencing from the weekend - 7th / 8th May 2022.

Every Saturday at 4:45pm : Wingham Mass

Every Saturday at 6.15pm : Taree Mass

Every Sunday at 9.30am: Taree Mass

1st and 3rd Sunday at 7:30am: Old Bar Mass

2nd Sunday at 7:30am: Lansdowne Mass

4th & 5th Sunday at 7:30am : Harrington Mass



PROJECT COMPASSION

Taree and Wingham Parishes would like to thank all those who generously supported the Project Compassion 2022. Our Parishes have raised over \$3,000 this year. Thank you for helping communities lift out of poverty and for giving them hope.

NATIONAL 16-22 MAY 2022
VOLUNTEER
Better Together **WEEK**



Right across our Maitland-Newcastle Diocese volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone.

To say thanks to our incredible people, we are hosting two free events:

WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY
6PM VOLUNTEER DINNER
AT CLUB TAREE

THURSDAY 19TH MAY
6PM AT EVENT CINEMAS
KOTARA

RSVP to volunteers@mn.catholic.org.au by 9th May 2022.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to our priest's ongoing commitment this week, there will be no weekday Masses at Our Lady of the Rosary



Church Taree on Tuesday

3rd May and Wednesday 4th May.

A Holy Mass will be celebrated at Cundletown Church on Thursday 5th May at 5.30pm. New Mass Times will commence on Saturday 7th May for both parishes of Taree and Wingham.

MEN'S CHOIR



Men's Choir meeting will be held at **St Mary's Hall** on Sunday 1st May after 9.30am Mass for the male singers to meet each other and discuss plans for practice. Those who are interested are still welcome to join. Please contact the Parish Office Ph 6552-1084.

DIocese of Maitland -NEWCASTLE MASS TIMES APP



The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is delighted to announce the launch of our new mobile app for smartphones and tablets. Mass times, news and events, and parish giving, are now right at your fingertips. You can download the app for free from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). Just search for 'Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle' and click install on your mobile or tablet!



JOIN US FOR
Mother's Day
Morning Tea

@ St Mary's Hall
Sunday 8th May
after 9.30am Taree Mass.
All Welcome.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS: To comply with the Catholic Safeguarding Standards, we are encouraging our parish volunteers to **please check the expiry date** of your Working With Children Check and update them as soon as possible if required.