



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH TAREE

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC PARISH WINGHAM

Mass centres of Cundletown, Harrington, Lansdowne & Old Bar

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

15TH MARCH 2020

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

15TH MARCH 2020
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: Ex 17:3-7 Give us water to drink.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: .Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8 (R.) If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: Rom 5:1-2. 5-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 4:42. 15
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Jn 4:5-42 The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

22ND MARCH 2020
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13 In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 22 R. v.1 (R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: Eph 5:8-14 Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

GOSPEL: Jn 9:1-41 The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

Reflection

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into ‘too much’?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

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PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

SICK: Rosh Barbagallo, Maureen Barrett, Sue Berry, James (Jimmy) Corben, Josh Corbett, Bev Crouch, Amy Douglas, Maree Dunne, Joan Edstein, Brendan Foster, Peter Hacksaw, Jan Hawkins, Teddy Herrera, Doug Hile, Trevor Holden, Betty Howard, Camo Hyde, Terry Mason, Liza Mirabello, Riely McCain, Ross McDonald, Don McIntyre, Brenda McIntyre, Robert McGregor, Neil Moroney, Tim Mulhearin, Martin Murphy, Linda Norris, Nicholas Parker, John O'Keefe, John Rush, Janora Senders, Josie Sierro, Marie Stanford, Jim Smith, Tom Salmon, Rory Turnbull, Monica Walsh, Paul White, Tilby Marie Williams.

ANNIVERSARIES: Geoffroy Case, Bernard Casey, Sister Rita Casey, Emily Cowan, Lillian Eddelbuttel, Benjamin Ison, Kevin Standen, Mary Standen, Hilda Pensini, Kathleen Sullivan

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joan Tisdell

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



IF TO - DAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS!

PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 16TH MARCH

1.45 pm Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 17TH MARCH

ST PATRICK'S DAY

9.30 am H'ton Liturgy of Word + Com
10.00 am Wmen's Prayer Grp-Old Lib
10.30-11.30 am OB Church Open for
Prayer & Rosary

9.30-11 am T&W Library Open
12.00 pm Men's Bible Study Grp

5.00 pm Taree Mass

6.00 St Patrick's Dinner SM Hall

WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH

8.50 am T MMP Prayer for Priests

9.30 am Taree Mass

**10.00 am Rosary and Stations of the
Cross at Wingham**

5.30pm PPC Meeting

THURSDAY 19TH MARCH

ST JOSEPH'S DAY

9.30 am Taree Mass

2.30 pm Christian Meditation Group

5.15pm Taree Finance Council

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

9.00 am Taree Mass

9.30 am Taree Exposition

**9:30 am Stations of the Cross at
Harrington**

**11.00 am Rosary and Stations of
the Cross at Wingham**

3.00 pm OB Exposition & MMP

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH

10.30 Couples for Christ

11 am-12 pm Taree Reconciliation and
Eucharistic Adoration

5.30 pm Taree Rosary

6.00 pm Taree SCAE

6.00 pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH

7.00 am Old Bar Rosary

7.30 am Old Bar SCAE

6.50 am Wingham Rosary

7.30 am Wingham Mass

9.00 am Taree Rosary

9.30 am Taree Mass

6.00 pm Cundletown SCAE

6.00pm Lansdowne SCAE

**RCIC Session 3 after Mass Wing-
ham**

PARISH PAPER: We apologise, but now need to bring deadline forward. A.S.A.P. please let us have items you want included. Our personal commitments make this necessary. Thank you for your help. Please email items to kneppy@tpg.com.au (emailed photographs appreciated). Thank you, Parish communications team.

WOMEN'S DAY will be held at Parish Hall, Lake Street, Forster on Saturday 28 March 2020, 9.30/10am - 3.00pm. Cost is \$10.00. This event is an opportunity to meet new friends, hear diverse voices, share your story and be informed about the Plenary Council. Brooke Stephens will share something of her story. RSVP by 20 March 2020 to tracey.edstein@bigpond.com or 0421 876 221. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

TAREE SCAE ROSTERS: Preparation for Saturday and Sunday SCAE Rosters at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree will commence soon. If you are a Minister and would like to help us, please contact the parish office Ph 6552 1084 or send an email to administration@tareeparish.org.

SURVEY: The Maitland Newcastle Diocese is presently in the process of re-establishing a Diocesan Library and exploring faith formation opportunities. The library aims to provide a relevant, accessible and current information service to support the faith and religious dimensions of the dioceses. Your response to the questions will be used to help inform decisions.

DOMN library and Faith Formation survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q2SCXN6>

ST MARY'S PIETY STORE: Come and have a look at our store located in the front foyer of Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree after Saturday and Sunday masses. Your support is appreciated.

EASTER TRIDUUM: Rosters for the upcoming Easter Triduum Celebrations are available in the Church Foyer. Please add your name if available to assist.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR: The choir in Newcastle is looking for new singers. If you would like to join contact Sharon on 4979 1134. See flyers for more details.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Don't forget our St Patrick's Day celebration this Tuesday commencing with Mass at 5pm followed by dinner at 6pm in the St Mary's Hall. Wear something green!

YOUTH MASS: The next Youth Mass will be held at St Patrick's Cundletown on Sunday 5th April, 2020 at 6.00pm. All welcome.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COURSE 2020:

The Christian Formation course is a face to face learning experience, over a 12 month duration. Courses are held at Mayfield and Morpeth. Topics covered include Journey of Faith, The Church from Age to Age and much more. First unit commences 27 April 2020. Flyer in office, enrol now.

Contact Jenny Harris on 02 4979 1334 or email jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au

'UNPLANNED' ON DVD: Copies of the DVD are on sale from the Taree church for \$25 @. The inspirational true story of Abby Johnson, one of the youngest Planned Parenthood directors in the nation. An important, yet controversial movie.

COVID 19 UPDATE BISHOP BILL

Full message available on the Catholic Diocese Maitland - Newcastle website.

1. Individuals should consider their own health
 2. Holy water stoops to be emptied
 3. When exchanging "the Sign of Peace" avoid shaking hands
 4. Holy Communion from the Chalice is to be celebrated by the Celebrant only
 5. Holy Communion is not to be given on the tongue
 6. Alcohol based gels made available
- This is an excerpt only, refer to website for more information.