



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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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YR C

30TH JANUARY 2022

THIS 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 ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

6TH FEBRUARY 2022

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Is 6:1-8 Here am I! Send me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 137:1-5.
7-8. R. v.1 (R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 15:1-11
I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

GOSPEL: Lk 5:1-11 They left everything and followed him.

Dylan Alcott "...the Encourager..." and Catechists Too!

Dylan is the 2022 Australian of the Year. The decision to award Dylan this honour seems a master-stroke of good judgement. Dylan, the first Australian of the Year recipient with a significant disability.

Over the years, Dylan overcame the deep despondency he felt over his paraplegia and being wheel-chair dependent. He has now become a world champion in tennis and has established a Foundation which provide scholarships for people with disabilities. On receiving the Australian of the Year Award, Dylan said...

"... I am the luckiest guy in the country. I love the person I am. I am so thankful for the life I get to live..."

We can see why Dylan's Australian of the Year appointment is inspirational. His rising above adversity conveys hope and *encouragement* to all Australians. This pandemic time has brought hardship, and slow-burn anxiety to so many. Without a doubt, 'Dylan-the-Encourager' has no doubt received support and encouragement of the years. We look forward to hearing more!

In our present reflections on understanding the 'catechist' vocation, Church teaching makes clear that the varied vocations of lay-catechist's give *encouragement* to others to grow in their Faith. Parents are called the 'first-catechists' of their children. Also, parishioners have long exercised the vocation of catechist by sharing their Faith with children in weekly school visits. Adults also accompany others as they seek God, and prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation.

Last week, Pope Francis formally commissioned a group of lay men and women to the Ministry of Catechist. They will serve in their parishes and Dioceses in various ways. This stable Ministry of Catechist was instituted by Pope Francis in 2021. In doing so, he explained that the ministry of the lay catechist goes back to the time of the Apostles. This is why Pope Francis calls this an 'ancient ministry.' His exercise of leadership here is to provide a further means of *encouragement* to parish communities. Pope Francis says...

"... This is why I instituted the Ministry of Catechist... that the Christian community may feel the need to awaken to this vocation and experience the service of men and women who, living the celebration of the Eucharist, may feel more vividly the passion to transmit the Faith as evangelizers... Catechesis can be effective in the work of evangelization if it keeps its gaze upon the Eucharistic celebration..." (Pope Francis; Address to C. for New Evang; Rome 17/09/21).

Next week, we will explore further our understanding of what the Church teaches us in our understanding of 'who is the catechist, and what are some of the ways we can understand the 'catechist' vocation?

Father Kevin Corrigan

PARISH CALENDAR 2022

TUESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

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

WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

10.30AM FUNERAL MASS FOR PAT GRANT

THURSDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

9.30AM TAREE MASS

FRIDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

9.00AM TAREE MASS
10AM ROSARY AT WINGHAM

SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

6.00pm Taree Mass
6.00pm Harrington SCAE

SUNDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00am Old Bar Rosary
7.30am Old Bar SCAE
6.50am Wingham Rosary
7.30am Wingham Mass
9.30am Taree Mass
11.00am Taree Baptism

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.

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/>.

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!

CRAFT AND CATERING GROUP will meet on Tuesday 1st Feb at St Mary's Hall 6.00pm to plan for 2022. New members most welcome.

ANNA'S WIDOWS GROUP will meet for lunch on Sunday, 6th February 12.00noon at the Manning Hotel. Please contact May Dureau 65525596.

ST MARY'S PIETY STALL Thank you to all who donated stamps to send to Marist Sisters in America.

LENTEN BOOKS are now available at the Parish Office.

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, Liz Taylor, Robert Vaccaro, Paul White, Dorothy Wilkes, Noel Wolfenden, Norma Wooley.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time including

Denis Connolly, Trevor Harrison

We pray for the recently deceased

Pat Grant, Beryl Sweeney

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

