



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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Committed to Stewardship
Good Stewards Sharing the
God-given Gifts of
Time Talent Treasure

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Finance Council, Youth Group, Prayer Group,
Couples for Christ, St Mary's Catering Group,
Safeguarding, RCIC, RCIA, Readers, Ministers

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

8TH MAY 2022

VOCATIONS SUNDAY AND AWAKENING OUR CATECHISTS VOCATION

As we know, Jesus our Saviour taught us that he is “the Good Shepherd” (John 10).

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear Jesus' words...

“...The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life...” (John 10).

It is remarkable. Jesus says “... I give them eternal life...” The seed of this ‘eternal life’ is planted and commences in our ‘now’! The ‘now’ is the time for the beginning of the growth in sanctity or of our shared ‘life with Christ’ (Col 3:1). Part of the ‘forgetting’ tendency of our world is to easily lose sight of such Faith fundamentals. St Paul used that metaphor of growth when he referred for example to the reality of the ‘fruits of the Spirit’ (Gal 5:22) growing in the life of those who share this ‘life with Christ.’

For the last few months we have read weekly bulletin reflections on our shared Baptism, and shared catechist vocation to be mutually supportive in our living our Faith, and to also share with others opportunities to also ‘listen’ to the voice of our Saviour.

In these times, we see signs in contemporary society which indicate many have lost sight of, or perhaps have not been provided with an opportunity to personally discover the love of Christ, and the call, the vocation to discipleship.

The simple parish questionnaire now being made available by the parish Councils is an opportunity for all to help shape our parish direction over the next 12 months or so. With God's blessing the ‘fruit’ of the questionnaire will be to help identify one or two priority areas for our attention in some way or other. Do we recall that bringing the ‘Good News’ to the poor was Jesus' own mission statement in Luke's Gospel? Poverty can be defined in many ways.

I believe that Pope Francis' emphasis upon our re-discovery of our 'catechist-vocation' is a response to the great spiritual-poverty of our times; the loss of the sense of God, and not being able to 'listen' and to hear call to the life of Faith in the love of Christ. Our call to exercise the "re-awakening" vocation of the catechist is a call for many of Gods People in the parish to action in the exercise various ministries. In close collaboration with the ministry of the Ordained our Pastor/P.P, we seek to provide opportunities for this 're-awakening' and to share the fruits of such- the fruits of the growth of Faith and of hope and of joy.

Please then, contribute to the present simple questionnaire and send your reply back this week or next weekend. On behalf of the Parish Councils. Thank you.

- **Father Kevin Corrigan PP**

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 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, John Minihan, Patricia Moffat, Neil Moroney, Josephine Murphy, Martin Murphy, Linda Norris, Rose Sammut, Liz Taylor, Robert Vaccaro, Paul White, Noel Wolfenden.

ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen Unger, Kathleen McGovern, Sister Anita Conroy

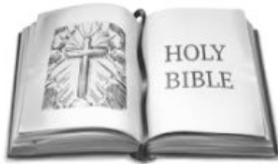
RECENTLY DECEASED: Ron Simpson

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

EASTER 4

FINAL ANTI-PHON.

We are His people the sheep of His flock flock



THIS 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 ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

15TH MAY 2022

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: Acts 14:21-27
They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1 (R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING: Rv 21:1-5 He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

GOSPEL: Jn 13:31-35 I give you a new commandment: love one another.



Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us.

A Prayer for Mothers

*We thank you Lord for the great gift of motherhood.
It is within our mother's womb, that we began life.
It is in her embrace that we have known safety and comfort.
It is through her encouragement that we grow and mature.
Lord, bless our mothers.
Draw close to them and hear their
prayers for their children.
Give them the grace of surrendered love - a love that images the love
of our
heavenly mother, Mary.
May all mothers find daily
the strength to love generously,
the patience to endure graciously,
and the grace to live their vocation of motherhood joyously.
We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.*

Mother's Day Prayer Card
www.cathfamily.org



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 9TH MAY

4.30PM TAREE MASS - SYRO MALABAR
INDIAN COMMUNITY

TUESDAY 10TH MAY

7.00am Old Bar Rosary
4.30PM TAREE RECONCILIATION
5.30PM TAREE MASS
6.00PM TAREE LITURGY MEETING
6.00PM WINGHAM ROSARY

WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY

9.30am Taree Mass

THURSDAY 12TH MAY

5.30pm Cundletown Mass
6.00pm Cundletown Reconciliation
6.00pm RCIC information night

FRIDAY 13TH MAY

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

9.00AM OLD BAR MASS
10.00AM WINGHAM ROSARY

SATURDAY 14TH MAY

4.30pm Rosary at Harrington Church
5.00pm Harrington SCAE
4.10pm Wingham Rosary
4.45pm Wingham Mass
6.15pm Taree Mass

SUNDAY 15TH MAY

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

TAX RECEIPTS-2021/2022 FINANCIAL YEAR:

Please advise the Parish Office as soon as possible, if you require a tax receipt for Planned Giving contributions made in 2021/2022 Financial Year. Please send an email to secretary@tareeparish.org or call the Parish Office Ph 6552-1084.



MAY
THE MONTH
OF OUR
BLESSED
MOTHER

PROJECT COMPASSION UPDATES Taree and Wingham Parishes would like to thank all those who generously supported the Project Compassion 2022. Our Parishes have now successfully raised **over \$5,000**. 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.

FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FRIDAY 13TH MAY



To celebrate the Feast Day of our Lady of Fatima, a Holy Mass will be celebrated at Old Bar Catholic Church on Friday 13th May at 9.00am. Please note that there will be **no 9.00am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree on the date mentioned.**

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**.

JOIN US FOR
Mother's Day
Morning Tea

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

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INDIAN COMMUNITY A Holy Mass in Syro - Malabar Rite will be celebrated by Father Sabu at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree on Monday 9th May at 4.30pm.