



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

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6TH FEBRUARY 2022

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

6TH FEBRUARY 2022

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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 ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

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

THE YOUNG BOY-UNBELIEVER WHOSE FAITH WAS AWAKENED BY THE CATECHIST

I was an Assistant -priest in a Newcastle parish in the early 1980's. Over the years, my own Faith has grown through the example and lives of parishioners. Here is one such story.

Early in that year, I was visiting the local State Primary School. Parishioners volunteered to visit the classrooms each week as 'parish-catechists.' They would give a weekly instruction, of story, reflection and discussion and prayer to the Catholic children.

That day, I visited the Year four class (10 year olds). Marie the catechist was the young mum catechist. The weekly instructions were going well, though Marie mentioned to me that a little boy made clear he did not believe in God. Marie said to him he was still welcome to be in the class. With Marie's kind and patient manner, the little boy gradually became less indifferent. At the end of the year, during a visit, Marie quietly mentioned to me that the little boy had recently spoken to her and said that he did now believe in God!

The above is one of those important occasions I have never forgotten. Important because firstly something had happened to that little boy which would likely shape the future direction of his life as being a journey of Faith. Secondly, Marie's goodness, and her simple sharing her belief in God's love touched this boy and gently invited a Faith response from him. A beautiful moment of the Spirit at work!

WHO DO WE SAY IS A CATECHIST?

We can see that any person of Faith, any member of the parish who choose to live and share their Faith in some way or other is a catechist! As in previous reflections we see that the Church honours parents by saying that they are the primary, first catechists of their children. The Church gives the title 'catechist' to members of the parish who help children and especially adults to grow in Faith and to prepare for Baptism and the Sacraments.

A Directory for Catechists (D.C) was released for the Church world-wide in 2020. This is a little of what it says about who the Catechist is...

"... Catechists are primarily persons who have experienced the love of God..." (DC# 138)... and is... **"a witness of Faith and a keeper of the memory of God, keeping this memory and re-awakening it in others..."** (DC #113).

The above sounds complicated... until we think of the example of the story above. The catechist is one whose lived Faith can provide '**re-awakening**' moments or occasions- where the Spirit of Christ can move in people's hearts. In these times, we do well to respond to Pope Francis' encouragement to further our appreciation of the (missionary) vocation of the catechist, and the ways this is, and can be expressed in parish life.

Father Kevin Corrigan

PARISH CALENDAR 2022

TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

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

WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

9.30AM TAREE MASS

THURSDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

9.30AM TAREE MASS

FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

9.00AM TAREE MASS
10AM ROSARY AT WINGHAM

SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

6.00pm Taree Mass
6.00pm Harrington SCAE

SUNDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

6TH 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
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.

RETURN OF OLD PALMS Anyone who has old palms from Easter last year, could they please be returned to the Parish Office by Friday 25th February at the latest.

LENTEN PROGRAMS Jim Canty is happy to run a Lenten Program for Taree Parish. People who are interested to join may contact the Parish Office Ph 6552-1084.

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. Price reduced on Christmas Stock. Daily Missal is now \$60. Columban Art Calendar and Holy Pictures in various prices are also available. Your support is appreciated.

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PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Oh Ever Immaculate Virgin,
Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick,
Refuge of Sinners, Comfortess of the
Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles,
my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy.
When you appeared in the grotto of
Lourdes, you made it a privileged
sanctuary where you dispense your favors,
and where many sufferers have obtained
the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual
and corporal. I come, therefore, with
unbounded confidence to implore
your maternal intercession.
My loving Mother, obtain my request.
I will try to imitate your virtues so that
I may one day share your company
and bless you in eternity.
Amen.

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, David Hutchison, Halle Kehiene, Rodney McLennan, Allan Mitchell, Patricia Moffat, Neil Moroney, Josephine Murphy, Martin Murphy, Linda Norris, Rita Pereira, Rose Sammut, Liz Taylor, Robert Vaccaro, Paul White, Dorothy Wilkes, Noel Wolfenden, Norma Wooley.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time including

Rodney Audet, Irene Shipway, Norma Ruby Hile, Leslie John Corben,
Jay Waring Smith, Lilia Tyrie, Maurice Skelly

We pray for the recently deceased

Pat Grant, Beryl Sweeney

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

