



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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Couples for Christ, St Mary's Catering Group,
Safeguarding, RCIC, RCIA, Readers, Ministers

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - YEAR C

24TH APRIL 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 (I 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 will be made available next weekend. 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

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: Chris Frost, Chad McDonell, Monica O’Loughlin, Edward Launder

RECENTLY DECEASED: Judith Wisemantle nee Eidstein

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good His love is ev - er - last - ing.

PARISH NOTICES

JOIN US FOR

Mother's Day

Morning Tea

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



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.

VOLUNTEER SRE TEACHER

needed for Old Bar Public School to teach Year 1 and Year 2 group from 11:40am -12.10pm on Wednesdays. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES:

Please remember to return your Project Compassion Collection boxes. Thank you for helping communities lift out of poverty and for giving them hope.

ROSTERS: Preparation for reading, communion & set-up rosters for Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree will commence soon. If you are on the roster and would like to be removed or you are a new Minister & would like to be added, please contact the parish office.

HOLY WATER BOTTLES are available in each Mass Centre. Please reuse / refill your bottles of Holy Water in the future.

HOUSE BLESSINGS AFTER EASTER: Should any Parishioners wish to have your house blessed after Easter please contact the Parish Office to arrange a suitable appointment.

PARISH CALENDAR 2022

MONDAY 25TH APRIL

ANZAC DAY

8.00am Taree Mass

TUESDAY 26TH APRIL ST MARK THE EVANGELIST

7.00am Old Bar Rosary

5.30PM NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL

NO MASS

THURSDAY 28TH APRIL

ST PETER CHANEL

NO MASS

FRIDAY 29TH APRIL ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA

NO MASS

SATURDAY 30TH APRIL

4.30pm Rosary at Harrington Church

5.00pm Harrington SCAE

6.00pm Taree Mass

SUNDAY 1ST MAY

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00am Old Bar Rosary

7.30am Old Bar Mass

6.50am Wingham Rosary

7.30am Wingham SCAE

9.30am Taree Youth Mass



MEN'S CHOIR

meeting will be held at the Resource Center on Sunday 1st May after

Mass for the men 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.

Lest we forget



ANZAC DAY MASS

A Holy Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree on Monday 25th April at 8.00am in remembrance of soldiers who died at war.

MARIST SISTERS: 2 large boxes of used stamps are sent to the Marist Sisters in America. Stamps are sold and money raised sent to support Marist Sisters in Africa. Thanks to all who donated stamps.

ANNA'S WIDOWS GROUP

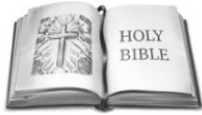
will meet for lunch at 12.00noon on Sunday 1st May at Club Taree. Contact May Dureau 6552 5596 if attending.

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 and St Patrick's Church Cundletown from Tuesday 26th April to Friday 29th April. Weekend Masses will be celebrated by a visiting priest.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

24TH APRIL 2022

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Acts 5:12-16 The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1 (R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING: Rv 1:9-13, 17-19 I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jn 20:19-31 After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

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



CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

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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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH TAREE

24TH APRIL 2022

2.00PM—4.00PM

EXPOSITION,

BENEDICTION AND RECONCILIATION

Refreshments at the Resource Centre after the celebration.



HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land took place on Good Friday April 15. This collection promotes the missionary work of the church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to ongoing global pandemic, it was again a difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. This year, our Parish raised \$1,192.55 for Holy Land. Thanks to all parishioners who contributed.

WITH THANKS

To all who have generously and lovingly contributed to the parish preparations for our celebrations of the Easter Triduum. Much time and effort has been generously given. On behalf of all our parishioners,

THANK YOU.

Father Kevin Corrigan

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.