



**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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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR C**

**13TH JANUARY 2019**

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

**13TH JANUARY 2019**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**FIRST READING:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 25-25, 27-30

Oh, bless the Lord my soul!

**SECOND READING:** TITUS 2:11-14, 3:4-7

He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** LUKE 3:15-16, 21-22

The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus at his Baptism.

**Reflection**

What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity.

His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sounding, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.'

Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you."

Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity?

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God.

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**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**20TH JANUARY 2019**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FIRST READING:** Is 62:1-5

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 95:1-3, 7-10.

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Cor 12:4-11

One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

**GOSPEL:** Jn 2:1-11

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

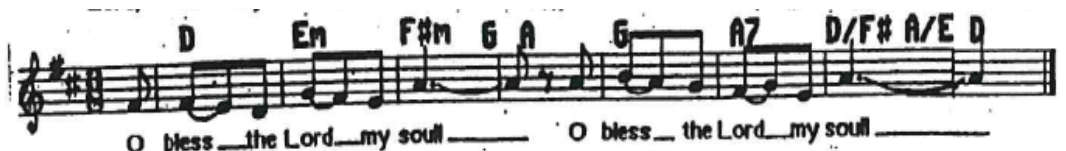
**PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES**

**SICK:** Rosh Barbagallo, Maureen Barrett, Sue Berry, Margaret Boyton, Jim Canty, Jennifer Corben, Mikala Corben, Bev Crouch, Gina Douglas, Maree Dunne, Joan Edstein, Brendan Foster, Ken Fitton, Tony Flonette, Louise Havenaar, Mary Headley, Pattie Hogan, Mark Pritchard, Teddy Herrera, Halle Kiehne, Robert McGregor, Brenda McIntire, Terry Mason, Carmel Matheson, Elissa McVey, Jamie Meechan, Jason Miller, Laura Mirabello, Lisa Mirabello, Judy Nies, Steven Ralph, Kevin Payne, Janora Senders, Jackie Soper, Emma Stacey, Marie Stanford, Bruce Trappel, Bill Walker, Monica Walsh, Paul White, Harry Wiseman, Michael Wolfenden, Baby Jack Smith.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Trevor Aylward, Betty Moore, Hilda Jane White, Kelly Wyatt-Sherlock, Bruce Mackie and Mary Fitzgerald

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Gloria Ellis, Patricia Smith

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**



# PARISH CALENDAR

## MONDAY 14TH JANUARY

10am Christian Meditation Grp  
1.45 pm Prayer for Priests

## TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY

9.30am H'ton Lit of Word+Communion  
10.00am Womens Prayer Group Old Lib

10.30 -11.30am OB Church Open for Prayer & Rosary

9.30-11am T&W Library Open  
12pm Men's Bible Study Grp

### **5.30 pm Taree Mass**

Taree Liturgy meeting after mass

## WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY

8.50 am T MMP Prayer for Priests

### **9.30 am Taree Mass**

5.30pm T&W PPC meeting

## THURSDAY 17TH JANUARY

### ST ANTHONY

### **9.30 am Taree Mass**

5.15 pm Taree Finance Council meeting

## FRIDAY 18TH JANUARY

### **9.00 am Taree Mass**

9.30 am Taree Exposition

### **11.00am Wingham Mass**

**11.30am W liturgy meeting**

3.00 pm Old Bar Exposition & MMP

## SATURDAY 19TH JANUARY

11.00 -12.00 pm Taree Reconciliation

5.30 pm Taree Rosary

### **6.00 pm Taree Mass**

### **6.00 pm Harrington Mass**

## SUNDAY 20TH JANUARY

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00 am Old Bar Rosary

### **7.30 am Old Bar Mass**

7.50 am Wingham Rosary

8.00 am Wingham Reconciliation

### **8.30 am Wingham Mass**

9.00 am Taree Rosary

### **9.30 am Taree Mass**

### **6.00 pm Cundletown Mass**

**NOTE:** There will be no Youth Mass until March 2019.

**THE LEPROSY MISSION:** You are invited to a "Defeating Leprosy Afternoon Tea" hosted by The Leprosy Mission on Saturday, 19th January at 2pm at the Presbyterian Centre, Albert Street, Taree. Enquiries: Marge Bonsor, 65522610.

**SEAL OF CONFESSION:** Please do not forget to sign the PETITION to our Parliamentarians objecting to their interfering in our Catholic Beliefs. Please return the filled sheets to the Parish Office .

**ROOM / HALL USAGE:** All groups who presently use any of the Parish rooms/hall for meetings and gatherings , please advise the Parish Office on 6552-1084 of your requirements and contact details for 2019. Booking Confirmation is essential.

**ROSTERS** for volunteers and ministers for 2019 have been prepared and available for collection from the sacristy.

## **Farewell Fr. James Odoh, Welcome Fr. Victor Babu**

Father James Odoh is being transferred to Newcastle and he will be replaced by Father Victor Babu from Newcastle. A combined farewell and welcome celebration will be held on Sunday, 3rd of February 2019 after the 9:30am mass.

There will be no mass in Cundletown on that date.

**ATTENTION:** Please take care when entering & exiting the church driveway to avoid any accidents / near misses. The speed limit is **10 km/hr.**

**LENTEN PROGRAMS** information from Parishes of Brisbane and Wollongong are available in the Parish Office.

**AUSTRALIA DAY-** There will be a mass in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Taree on Australia Day, 26th January 2019 at 8am.

## **2019 BISHOP'S AWARD:**

The Bishop's Award seeks to publicly recognise the efforts of students and young people of faith within our Diocese who have contributed to the community through their parish, church group or agency. The Bishop's Award is open to students, Years 7-12 and Young people who have completed Year 12 and are under the age of 25. Applications close on **8th February 2019**. Forms available from the Taree Parish office. For further information please contact Cath G a r r e t t - J o n e s o n : bishopsaward@mn.catholic.edu.au

**NEW PARISHIONER:** if you are a new parishioner of Taree and Wingham , we welcome you to our community. Please take the time to fill in a card at the back of the Church and place in the box provided or contact the parish office 65521084.

## **RCIC UPDATES**

The 2019 Sacraments of Initiation will commence on Thursday 28th of February with an information night for parents at 7pm. The program is for children turning 8 next year wanting to make their Sacraments of Baptism (for those not already Baptised), Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

## **FAREWELL GIFT FOR FR JAMES**

Anyone who would like to give donation towards farewell gift for Father James in appreciation of his good service to Taree and Wingham Catholic Parishes, please bring it to the Parish Office.



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