



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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9TH JANUARY 2022

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

FIRST READING: Is 42:1-4. 6-7 Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11 (R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-38 God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 3:15-16. 21-22 When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

16TH JANUARY 2022

2ND 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. R. v.3 (R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

SECOND READING: 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.

BAPTISMS, CATECHISTS AND "ECHOING OUR FAITH"

By Father Kevin Corrigan

The young couple and family and friends were recently celebrating the Baptism of their two young children. When asked what was the first word spoken by their two year old daughter, their answer was immediate :” Dad”. Usually of course the first word spoken by a little one is the word “Mum”. In a way, the little ones learn by listening, the repeating or echoing-back the word (or phrase) spoken most of all by mum or dad. We take as an everyday event the remarkable role parents play of being the first teachers of their children in the fundamentals of language. It is a fundamental time in the little children’s lives.

In the New Testament, the Greek word for receiving instruction or teaching is *Κατηχούμενος*; ('catechoumenos'). We will recognise the word “Catechist” here...the one who teaches the Faith. We also find that our English word “to echo” in catechoumenos. When someone shares with another the truth of the love of Christ, sometimes this touches the heart of the listener, and they “echo-back” their newly received personal awareness of the reality of the love of Christ .This is the work of the Spirit in someone’s heart.

What is being described above is how a person as it were comes to a personal awakening moment of God’s loving-kindness. It is a fundamental moment upon which is also heard the invitation to a life-long faith relationship with God. The Catechist plays a key role in providing ongoing support and encouragement for the other in their Faith. In this sense, every Catholic parent shares in the key vocation of being their children’s first Catechist! It is a wonderful privilege for parents to share in the vocation of being their children’s first catechist. This privilege and responsibility is celebrated on the day of their children’s Baptism.

There are many other ways that we, the Baptised also share in the catechist vocation. In a very real way, a parish community is a community of Catechists!

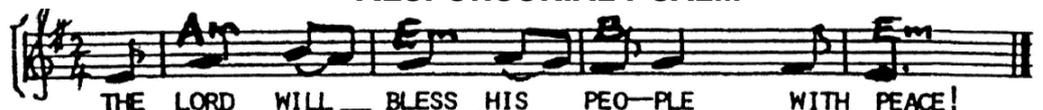
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POPES JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION:

FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

Pope Francis dedicates his first prayer message of 2022 to combatting religious discrimination and persecution, reminding us that religious freedom is not limited to freedom of worship, but is tied to fraternity. During this first month of 2022, Pope Francis invites us to pray “that those who suffer discrimination and suffer religious persecution, may find in the societies in which they live the rights and dignity that comes from being brothers and sisters.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



PARISH CALENDAR 2022

MONDAY 10TH JANUARY

TUESDAY 11TH JANUARY

5.30PM TAREE MASS

6.15PM ROSARY AT WINGHAM

WEDNESDAY 12TH JANUARY

9.30AM TAREE MASS

THURSDAY 13TH JANUARY

9.30AM TAREE MASS

FRIDAY 14TH JANUARY

9.00AM TAREE MASS

SATURDAY 15TH JANUARY

6.00pm Taree Mass

6.00pm Harrington SCAE

SUNDAY 16TH JANUARY

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.30am Old Bar Mass

6.50am Wingham Rosary

7.30am Wingham SCAE

9.30am Taree Mass

COVID 19 MASS ATTENDANCE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

EFFECTIVE 24TH DECEMBER 2021

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.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL COLLECTION :

Many thanks to parishioners for your contribution to the Christmas Special Collection. This Advent season our parishes of Taree and Wingham collected \$1481.80. Money raised will be donated to Caritas Australia's global Christmas Appeal. This generous donation will assist vulnerable communities that grapple with poverty, without proper access to essentials we take for granted, like clean water, education, sanitation and healthcare.

AMORIS LAETITIA: "WHEN JESUS DWELLS IN THE FAMILY"

The "Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Family Year" is an initiative of Pope Francis, which aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals that can be implemented within parishes, dioceses, ecclesial movements and family associations. Over the course of ten monthly episodes, hear the Holy Father talk about each of the chapters of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, along with the testimonies of different families who will share some aspects of their daily lives. To access this resource, please use this link <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziativa-e-risorse/10-video-amoris-laetitia.html>.

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

THE OFFERING OF MASS FOR SPECIAL

INTENTIONS: Whenever we participate in Mass, we will frequently have personal intentions to include in our prayer.

It is an ancient practice for people to approach the priest and to ask if he would keep a special intention before God as he leads the celebration of Mass. Very frequently, the request is to pray for some family members or friend who has passed away or whose anniversary of death is at that time. An envelope is given with the name of the deceased person and date of anniversary. Usually a donation is included in the envelope. Please note this donation is not a requirement for the Mass to be offered. It is a custom and probably helped over previous times when priests had no guaranteed financial help. So please understand that financial donations are not a requirement for the priests' Mass Intention. Any mass request donations you may provide in our parish will be used to assist the care of often desperately poor people in Cambodia and Catholic Missionaries in this work. – *Father Kevin*

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. Liturgical Books, Bible and Columban Calendar 2022 is also available at St Mary's Piety Store.



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, Norma Wooley.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time including

Neil Crossingham

We pray for the recently deceased

Marie Stanford, Catherine McNamara

