



# 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

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Harrington  
St Patrick's Church, Cundletown  
St Therese Church, Lansdowne

Two Parishes One Faith  
Committed to Stewardship  
Good Stewards Sharing the  
God-given Gifts of  
Time Talent Treasure

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Communion Ministers, Secular Franciscans

## PERPETUAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

10TH SEPTEMBER 2023

### ON LISTENING, BONDS OF UNDERSTANDING, AND HEALING

Many of us noted that last week Pope Francis visited the small nation of Mongolia for four days. Many would have asked why visit a nation to meet and celebrate Mass with a Catholic population of just over 1,000 people!

One answer is that he certainly gave the message that God's love embraces all peoples.

Another answer relates to geography. Mongolia is sandwiched between the two enormous nations of Communist China and Russia. Undoubtedly his visit was watched closely, and Pope Francis' meeting with representatives of various world religions and other beliefs was well publicized. The participants sat together in a circle. At this gathering, Pope Francis listened carefully, and respectfully asked clarifying questions. With that kind of listening dynamic, we would appreciate that as mutual understanding grew, so did the capacity to identify and to respect legitimate diversity.

Of course, authorities in both China and Russia would have noted this event. The group gathered with the Pope in a circle of sharing was in fact a kind of 'catechesis-event' placed upon the world stage. Its unspoken message was in fact an urgent one; the use of respectful dialogue- not warfare- is the genuinely human pathway to resolve difficulties and to make room for and adjust to differences.

### The 'Voice' and Listening

No doubt it has occurred to many that the current lead up to the national referendum on the 'Voice' is in fact a plea to 'be heard' and 'listened to'. In any human context, it is a powerfully affirming thing to experience being listened to. Conversely, to not be listened to is very damaging. The Church urges the use of discernment for us to have the best opportunity to identify what is good and right in this or that matter. The current referendum certainly poses us with the challenge to discern as best we are able what we believe to be right and good- what is the common good- for all Australia in this matter.

### The Diocesan 'Perpetual Remembrance' Sunday

This year, this coincides with of National Child Protection Week. On Perpetual Remembrance Sunday, our Diocese is particularly mindful of those who have survived sexual abuse in some of our Catholic parishes and schools, and of their families and friends. In the past, the voices of those subject to abuse were often not listened to, or silenced, and injury and suffering is often lifelong. Our Perpetual Remembrance Sunday is one way our Diocesan community expresses respect for and solidarity with survivors and their families amongst us. The word 'remembering' is a very Eucharistic word. Remembering has the meaning of 'being made whole' and for this we lovingly pray for you during our Masses this weekend, united with the prayers all around our Diocesan community. *-Fr Kevin*

### IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE

God with us,  
you have made us in your image,  
and filled us with the breath of your divine life.  
Through the life of Jesus  
you show us the way to live in the light of your love.  
Create a clean heart in us O God.

Where people are disempowered  
may we shine the light of your justice.

Where there is privilege and prestige  
may we shine the light of your humility.

Where there is dishonesty and denial  
may we shine the light of your truth.

Where transparency is lacking, and agendas are hidden,  
may we shine the light of your integrity.

Where there is fear  
may we shine the light of your courage.

Where there is judgement  
may we shine the light of your compassion.

Where there is disrespect  
may we shine the light of your love.

Where people feel silenced  
may we shine the light of your word.

Where people feel excluded  
may we shine the light of your acceptance.

Where there is sin  
may we shine the light of your forgiveness.

Create a clean heart in us O God.

*This prayer is one of the permanent elements of the Perpetual Day of Remembrance.*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10TH SEPT 2023

PERPETUAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**FIRST READING:** A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel (37:1-14)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 41:2-3; 42:3-4. R. see Ps 41:3 (R.) My soul is thirsting for the living God.

**SECOND READING:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (14:7 – 9)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine in the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it to the word of Life.

Alleluia, alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (1:46-56)

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17TH SEPT 2023

**FIRST READING:** Sirach 27:30 – 28:7 Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8 (R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 14:7-9 Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 18:21-35 I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.



My soul is thirsting for the living God.



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## PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE AND WINGHAM PARISHES

**SICK:** Sarah Armitage, Gary Borham Shannon Bulley, Tracey Bulley, Cathy Callinan, Bev Cordner, Bev Crouch, Monica Farrell, Alyssa Fleming, Ken Fitton, Ben Foster, Michelle Garland, Eleanor Gibbs, Joan Holmes, Kelly Hood, Betty Howard, Ian Kerry, Mary Kilmurray, Steven Leung, Mary Lucas, Divine Masters, Carmel Matheson, Jessica Maharaj, Kenny McCann, Barry McDonald, Lorraine McKenzie, Nick Mirabello, Linda Norris, Herby Ploder, Valentino Quintero, Eleanor Ross, Rose Sammut, Sue Schiemer, Hayden Shearer, Maurie Stack, Paul White, Anne Watson, Tammy Wilson, Michael Wolfenden, Anne Young

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joe Zarb, Shirley Dean, Leo Byatt

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Lorna Kathleen Ellis, Barry Augustine Silvia

## ODE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Come, let us walk in the Light of the Lord.

Let us not fear the past  
when our hearts were heavy. (Is. 2:5)  
Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us bring light from the darkness.

Let us make evil good  
and find sweet in the bitter. (Is. 5:20)  
Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us weep together  
when the light grew dark with the clouds,  
from the darkness and distress. (Is. 5:30)  
Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us walk with our brothers and sisters,  
those who have walked in darkness. (Is. 9:2)  
Let them see the great Light of God  
and let us Shine the Light of Christ.



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# PARISH SAFEGUARDING IMPLEMENTATION

## Standard Six

The historical management of complaints of abuse have received fierce criticism. Not only our Church but Government and other religious entities did not act in a legal or ethical manner when dealing with complaints and knowledge of abuse. This standard clearly demonstrates that, as an organisation, the Australian Catholic church has changed, and it acknowledges the historical issues and has willingly embraced and extended the recommendations of relevant Royal Commissions. This standard is written so that it can move with changes in legislation, regulation, and doctrine. This standard does not exist on paper alone, each entity must show compliance with every criterion

The sixth standard; **EFFECTIVE COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT**

**Competency: Processes for raising concerns and complaints are responsive, understood, accessible and used by children, adults, families, carers, communities, and personnel**

**Comment:** The critical factor in this competency is that the utility and processes can be effectively used by all age groups and that the complaints process is transparent. Indicators 6.3.7 and 6.3.8 apply to clergy and religious.

**Criteria 6.1** The entity's Complaints Handling Policy outlines the roles and responsibilities, approaches to dealing with different types of complaints, reporting obligations and record keeping requirements.

**Criteria 6.2** The Complaint Handling Policy is understood by children, adults, families, carers, and personnel, and focuses on the rights of children and adults at risk.

**Criteria 6.3** Complaints are taken seriously and responded to promptly and thoroughly.

**Criteria 6.4** The Complaints Handling Policy includes the process of reporting complaints and concerns to relevant authorities, requiring cooperation with any statutory or contractual processes.

**Criteria 6.5** The Church Authority ensures mechanisms are in place to support complainants of child and adult sexual abuse.

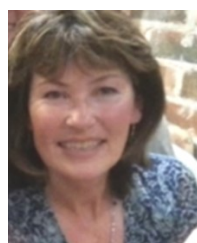
**Criteria 6.6** The Church Authority ensures respondents facing allegations are supported and monitored.

**Criteria 6.7** The Church Authority ensures mechanisms are in place to monitor and support respondents facing allegations.

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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](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or visit their website for more information <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/>.

## PARISH NOTICES

### PARISH CALENDAR 2023

#### MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

#### TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

10.00am Old Bar Rosary  
4.30pm Taree Reconciliation  
5.30pm Taree Mass  
6.00pm Wingham Rosary

#### WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

9.30am Taree Mass

#### THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

5.00pm Cundletown Reconciliation  
5.30pm Cundletown Mass

#### FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am Adoration at Taree  
9.30am Taree Mass  
10.00AM Wingham Rosary  
3.00pm Adoration at Old Bar

#### SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

4.00pm Rosary Wingham  
4.45pm Wingham Mass  
4.30pm Harrington Rosary  
5.00pm Harrington SCAE  
6.15pm Taree Mass

#### SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.30am Old Bar Mass  
9.30am Taree Mass  
\*First Holy Communion  
11.00am Taree Baptism  
-Eliza Grace Whitlam

### COME JOIN US

Every year, on the evening of 3rd October, the **Franciscan family** throughout the world pauses to celebrate the solemnity of our Holy Father Francis' **Transitus**, passing over from this life to the next. The Franciscans in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish invite you to the celebration after the 5.30pm Parish Mass on 3rd October. As Fr Kevin says, the **transitus** is a meditation on Christian death and a beautiful way to remember all our loved ones who have departed this world.



#### Overarching message: 'Every child in every community needs a fair go'

This year National Child Protection Week will continue to champion the message '*Every child in every community needs a fair go*'.

This message captures the essence of National Child Protection Week which aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and into the future.

Many of our supporters may choose to continue to focus on this overarching message.

However, many of our partners tell us that they value having a fresh annual theme to focus their local conversations each year.

#### 2023 theme: 'Where we start matters'.

In 2023, the message that 'Every child in every community needs a fair go' will be complemented with the theme '*Where we start matters*'.

*Where we start* our lives in terms of where we live, the resources available to us, and the opportunities presented to us make a significant difference to our life outcomes.

*Where we start* as a service sector in offering children and their families support and assistance makes a significant difference to life outcomes.

*Where we start* as decision makers in addressing large complex policy problems such as child abuse and neglect, also has a significant personal, social and economic outcomes.

We invite you to use this theme to explore and talk about the many ways that 'where we start matters' for children, young people and their families.

Of course *where we start isn't where we finish*.

The aim of Child Protection Week is to bring together partners to focus on addressing the significant harms being experienced by children in Australia. By working collectively to change the trajectory of these children and families, we can reduce the number of children who may come in contact with the child protection system. The time to act is now.

You can use this theme in ways that are most relevant to those you work with.

For instance this could include focusing on:

- Supporting parents to access services so that all families have the opportunity to give every child a great **start**
- Supporting organisations to be safe and child-focused so they can give every child a great **start**
- Supporting communities and making sure that every neighbourhood has what it needs to give every child a great **start**

#### ST MARY'S PIETY STORE

We have selection of First Holy Communion Gifts and Cards. New Stock of Rosary Beads and Rosary Bracelets. Framed Holy Pictures are also available from \$10. Your support is appreciated.

### COLLECTION INFORMATION

#### WEEK END 2ND/ 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023

##### WINGHAM

PLANNED GIVING	\$120.00
1ST COLLECT	2ND COLLECT
\$133.90	\$205.20

##### TAREE PARISH

1ST COLLECT	2ND COLLECT	
HARRINGTON	\$34.80	\$41.00
OLD BAR	\$146.10	\$268.05
LANSLOWNE	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
TAREE	\$557.60	\$448.45

#### SWIFT/DUREAU FAMILY GROUP –

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September we gather at Croki at 12 noon for a picnic – (It happens to be a day after May's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday!) Bring your lunch and chair and we hope to share a lovely day.

**Margaret & May**