



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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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

26TH JANUARY 2020

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

26TH JANUARY 2020

AUSTRALIA DAY

FIRST READING: Is 32:15-18 The effect of justice will be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 84:9-14. R. v.9 The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 12:4-11 One and the same Spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 5:9
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 5:1-12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Reflection

Matthew's gospel is a gospel of teaching. It celebrates Jesus as the great teacher, who surpasses even Moses. The evangelist sets down five major speeches of Jesus in the course of the gospel, and the first of these is the famous Sermon on the Mount. Jesus, like Moses, goes up the mountain. He sits down and begins to speak.

The beatitudes, which open the Sermon, are a type of saying already found in the Old Testament and adopted by Jesus. The beatitudes of Jesus present a radical challenge to commonly accepted ideas. Jesus proclaims that the poor are 'blessed' or 'happy', not the rich. It is the gentle, the meek, who will inherit the earth, not those who are violent.

Eight beatitudes describe eight qualities or situations, such as those who mourn, those who show mercy, those who are persecuted. Each of these qualities or situations is described by Jesus as a special channel of God's favour. Jesus presents what we might call the 'scandal' of the gospel, a profound challenge which invites us to reconsider and to change the way we think and the way we behave.

The passage ends with a final beatitude, this time spoken directly to the disciples of Jesus: 'Happy are you'. How can we possibly consider persecution and abuse to be blessings? If we can unite our own sufferings with those of Christ, we can begin to know God's presence in an entirely new way. With his very first words of teaching, Jesus calls us to radical change.

@Fr Adrian Graffy

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/reflection/happy-poor-spirit/>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2ND FEBRUARY 2020

THE PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD

FIRST READING: Mal 3:1-4 The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10 Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

SECOND READING: Heb 2:14-18 He had to be made like us in all things.

GOSPEL: Lk 2:22-40 My eyes have seen your saving power.

PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

SICK: Rosh Barbagallo, Maureen Barrett, Sue Berry, Jim Canty, James (Jimmy) Corben, Josh Corbett, Bev Crouch, Maree Dunne, Joan Edstein, Brendan Foster, Peter Hacksaw, Teddy Herrera, Doug Hile Trevor Holden, Camo Hyde, Terry Mason, Liza Mirabello, Riely McCain, Ross McDonald, Don McIntyre, Brenda McIntyre, Robert McGregor, Martin Murphy, Nicholas Parker, John O'Keefe, John Rush, Janora Senders, Marie Stanford, Jim Smith, Tom Salmon, Rory Turnbull, Monica Walsh, Paul White, Tilby Marie Williams

ANNIVERSARIES: Dean Jolly, Danielle Smith, Matthew Schuthof,

RECENTLY DECEASED: Neil Irvin, David Kingwell, Lesley Hutton



PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 27TH JANUARY

1.45 pm Prayer for Priests

TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY

ST THOMAS AQUINAS

9.30 am H'ton Liturgy of Word + Com

10.00am Women's Prayer Grp-Old Lib

10.30-11.30 am OB Church Open for
Prayer & Rosary

9.30-11 am T&W Library Open

12.00 pm Men's Bible Study Grp

5.30pm Taree Mass

WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY

8.50 am T MMP Prayer for Priests

9.30 am Taree Mass

THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY

9.30 am Taree Mass

2.30 pm Christian Meditation Group

FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY

ST JOHN BOSCO

9.00 am Taree Mass

9.30 am Taree Exposition

11.00am Wingham Rosary

3.00 pm OB Exposition & MMP

SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

10.30am Couples for Christ

11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation

5.30pm Taree Rosary

6.00pm Taree Mass

6.00pm Harrington SCAE

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

7.00 am Old Bar Rosary

7.30 am Old Bar Mass

6.50 am Wingham Rosary

7.30 am Wingham SCAE

9.00 am Taree Rosary

9.30 am Taree Youth Mass

6.00 pm Cundletown SCAE



ALTAR SERVERS PARTY:

In thanksgiving to all our altar servers for their hard work and dedication throughout the past year, the Taree Parish will be holding a party in conjunction with Couples for Christ morning tea on the 16th of February, after the 9:30am Mass. All parishioners are welcome to come along and join the celebration.

CUNDLETOWN CHURCH : If you would like to help out to clean and tidy up Cundletown Church once a month please contact Susie Ploder Ph 0414309834. Assistance would be appreciated. Thanks to Fran Dawson, Marie O'Mahoney and Michael O'Mahoney for all the time and effort cleaning the church for years.

PARISHIONERS who require to update their address and contact details, please contact the Parish Office, PH 6552 1084 or email administration@tareeparish.org.

THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY would like to thank Father George and Parishioners for celebrating the mass on Sunday 19th January for the feast day of Holy Infant Jesus of Prague. Special thanks to Couples for Christ for hosting lunch and to all the Parishioners who joined us.

CHARBEL RAISH'S TESTIMONY

How Islam Led Him Back to Christ

Be moved and inspired by how God worked in Charbel Raish's life. Please join us on Thursday, 13th February, 6:30pm at St Mary's Hall. 2 Course dinner cost \$25 for adults, donation for kids and \$20.00 for pensioners. RSVP to parish office by Monday, 10th February Ph 65521084 or email administration@tareeparish.org. If anyone needs transport or can offer transport please call Sharon on 0407006666, leave name and location if no reply.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST meetings will resume on Saturday 1st February 2020 at 10:30am.

ST MARY'S PIETY STORE: Come and have a look at St Mary's Piety Store located in the front foyer of Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree after Saturday and Sunday masses. Your support is appreciated.

ANNA'S WIDOWS GROUP will meet for lunch at Kowin Restaurant on Sunday 2nd February at 12.00 noon. All Welcome.

YOUTH MASS: The next Youth Mass will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree on Sunday, 2nd February, 2020 at 9:30am followed by morning tea at the Resource Centre. All welcome.

THANK YOU: We would like to thank the parishioners and Couples for Christ for hosting a morning tea for Fr George's thanksgiving celebration on Sunday, 15th December at the Resource Centre.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF TAREE AND WINGHAM SACRAMENTS OF

INITIATION 2020: Parents or Carers of children turning 8 in 2020 or older who would like their children to make their Sacraments in 2020 are advised that the programme will commence on 27th February 2020 with an INTRODUCTION TO SACRAMENTS session for parents. This will be held on Thursday the 27th of February at 7pm in the Resource Centre next to the Catholic Church in Taree. Instruction for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion will proceed throughout the year and children can make all or some of the Sacraments during this time. Inquiries to Monica McMullen 65536271 OR 0402306819.

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