



**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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24TH MARCH 2019

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

**24TH MARCH 2019**

**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**FIRST READING** Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

The Lord is kind and merciful.

**SECOND READING:**

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Glory to you, Word of God,  
Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord: the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God,  
Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL:** Lk 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**31ST MARCH 2019**

**4TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**FIRST READING** Jos 5:9-12

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**SECOND READING:**

2 Cor 5:17-21 God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

**GOSPEL:** Lk 15:1-3. 11-32 Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

**Reflection**

One major theme emerges from today's readings: incomprehensibility of God. We see it in the mysterious divine name, which distinguishes the God of Israel from all others and yet leaves us in the dark as to its meaning. We see it as God communicates with us through inanimate objects and the people in our lives. Finally, we see that God both pardons iniquities and decides to root out unfruitful branches, and we are confused by such inconsistency.

In the midst of this ambiguity we have one sure source of stability – Christ. It is Christ who reveals the nature and meaning of the divine name; it is Christ who intercedes for us before God. Christ, the one who set his face toward Jerusalem, there to suffer and die, is the great messenger through whom God is revealed. He is the one who reveals majesty through the simplicity of a bush; he is the one who judges with the patience of a gardener. However, the limits of the experience and mercy of God in our lives are defined by our own openness. Despite the blessings that we receive in the wildernesses of our lives, it could happen that God is not pleased with us. We must not take God's goodness for granted.

These readings close on a note of caution. Take care! We might be able to rest secure in the knowledge of the love and mercy of God, but these readings tell us that we should not dare to rest passively or complacently.

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**PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES**

**SICK:** Rosh Barbagallo, Maureen Barrett, Jim Canty, Josh Corbett, Bev Crouch, Maree Dunne, Joan Edstein, Teddy Herrera, Terry Mason, Carmel Matheson, Martin Murphy, Judy Nies, Janora Senders, Marie Stanford, Bruce Trappel, Monica Walsh, Paul White, Tilby Marie Williams, Harry Wiseman, Michael Wolfenden.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Noel Greenaway

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Walker, Joseph John Michael Denovan-Marr.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Some names have been removed from the sick list due to space limitation. Should the person still be ill, please ring the Parish office and the name will be re-added.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**



## **PARISH CALENDAR**

### **MONDAY 25TH MARCH**

#### **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

1.45 pm Prayer for Priests

### **TUESDAY 26TH MARCH**

9.30am H'ton Lit of Word+Communion

10.00am Women's Prayer Grp-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-Old Pres

**5.30 pm Taree Mass**

### **WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH**

8.50 am T MMP Prayer for Priests

**9.30 am Taree Mass**

**11:45am St Clare's mass**

### **THURSDAY 28TH MARCH**

**9.30 am Taree Mass**

**9.30am St Joseph's Taree Mass**

2.30pm Christian Meditation Grp

### **FRIDAY 29TH MARCH**

**9.00 am Taree Mass**

9.30 am Taree Exposition

**11.00 am Wingham Mass**

3.00 pm Old Bar Exposition & MMP

5.00pm- Children's practice for Good Friday (Stations of the Cross) -Res C

### **SATURDAY 30TH MARCH**

11.00-12.00 pm Taree Reconciliation

5.30 pm Taree Rosary

**6.00 pm Taree Mass**

RCIC Reconciliation after mass

**6.00 pm Harrington Mass**

### **SUNDAY 31ST MARCH**

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**

RCIC Reconciliation after mass

9.00 am Taree Rosary

**9.30 am Taree Mass**

RCIC Reconciliation after mass

**6.00 pm Cundletown Mass**

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS TIMINGS**

#### **DURING LENT- EVERY FRIDAY**

- 1) At Harrington: 9.30am
- 2) At Wingham: 10.15am
- 3) At Taree (OLR) Church: 6.30pm
- 4) At Old Bar: 7.00pm

### **CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR EASTER**

The choir members of Our Lady of the Rosary Church will be having rehearsals on Monday, 25th March, 2019 and Monday, 8th April, 2019 from 7pm to 9pm. New singers would be very welcome.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Our theme for 2019 is based around hope and giving and it's role is to be that transforming love in the lives of those of ours who are among the most marginalised and vulnerable people in our world. Please donate to Project Compassion and help lift communities out of poverty and give them hope. Donation Boxes are available in the church foyer.

**"CURSILLO" SAVE THE DATE!** This year's Diocesan Cursillo in Christianity will be held on the June long week-end from Friday night 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm to Monday afternoon 10<sup>th</sup> June at 5:30. You are invited to attend this weekend at the Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre, Lake Macquarie. Enquiries call Linda and Mike Norris on 65574060

### **DONATIONS OF PALMS - PALM SUNDAY:**

Donations of Palms required for Couples for Christ to make crosses for Palm Sunday-please bring to the Presbytery by Friday 5th April. We will also need large Palms to decorate the church to be brought to the Presbytery before 11th April.

### **FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE:**

You are invited to attend a short course preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals on Saturday March 30, 2019 commencing 9.30am in Holy Name Church, Forster. R.S.V.P. by Wednesday 27 March 2019 to Danielle Kingdom on 65546401 or email [Forster-tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:Forster-tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au)  
**Facilitator** Dr Jason McFarland from the Australian Catholic University. Cost \$60 Light Lunch provided.

### **ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, WINGHAM**

On behalf of our Parish Priest and all the parishioners of Taree and Wingham Catholic Parishes, we would like to congratulate Melissa Hunt, the new Principal of St Joseph's School Wingham.

## **EASTER MASS TIMINGS : 2019**

### **HOLY THURSDAY – 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

Reconciliation 10.00am at Taree  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm at Taree  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm at Wingham

### **GOOD FRIDAY – 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

Stations of the Cross at Taree – 10.00am  
Stations of the Cross at Old Bar-10.00am  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm at Taree  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm at Wingham

### **HOLY SATURDAY – 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

Easter Vigil Mass 7.00pm at Taree  
Easter Vigil Mass 7.00pm at Wingham

### **EASTER SUNDAY – 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2019**

7.30am at Old Bar  
7.30am at Harrington  
9.30am at Taree  
6.00pm at Cundletown

**INSTRUCTIONS DURING LENT:** The season of Lent is the most appropriate time for celebrating the Sacrament Of Penance. This sacrament is better celebrated before rather than during the Easter Triduum.

-Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

**VOLUNTEER:** If you would like to help out as a member of ESTIA nursing home visitation team, please contact the Parish Office.

**RCIC RECONCILIATION**– All Parishioners are invited to attend for Reconciliation and join with the families to support the children on Thursday 4th April at 6.00pm.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS(GOOD FRIDAY)**

Any children wanting to be involved in re-enacting the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, please contact Monica McMullen by phone 6553-6271 or 0402-306-819. A practice will be held on Friday 29th March 5.00pm at the Resource Centre.

**NOTE:** Couples for Christ Morning Tea is on Sunday, 24th March 2019 after 9:30am Taree mass.