



**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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2ND MAY 2021

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

**2ND MAY 2021**

**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 9:26-31 He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Jn 3:18-24 His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Jn 15:4-5 Alleluia, alleluia!  
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Jn 15:1-8 All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**9TH MAY 2021**

**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48 The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Jn 4:7-10

God is love.

**GOSPEL:** Jn 15:9-17 No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

**REFLECTION**

Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer.

The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world.

Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance.

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**PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES**

**SICK:** Grace Aylward, Sandra Baker Sue Berry, Ashley Bruton, Cathy Callinan, Bev Crouch, Vince Cusack, Terry Donnelly, Maree Dunne, Joan Edstein, John Flint, Brendan Foster, Ken Fitton, Michael Holstein, Sarrah Holstein, Betty Howard, Halle Kehiene, Val Litzens, Brenda McIntyre, Rodney McLennan, Allan Mitchell, Neil Moroney, Josephine Murphy, Martin Murphy, Raymond Reid, Rose Sammut, Janora Senders, Josie Siero, Marie Stanford, Paul Schneider, Liz Taylor, Bromwyn Tarrent, Lyn Turner, Paul White, Dorothy Wilkes.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Julian Gonzales, Edward Launder, Kathleen Unger, Candy Taylor, Kathleen McGovern, Bede Scullard.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Judith Donovan

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

I will praise You Lord in the as - sem - bly of Your peo - ple.

# PARISH CALENDAR MAY 2021

**MONDAY 3RD MAY**  
**ST PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES**

**TUESDAY 4TH MAY**  
5.30PM TAREE MASS

**WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY**  
9.30AM TAREE MASS

**THURSDAY 6TH MAY**  
9.30AM TAREE MASS

**FRIDAY 7TH MAY**  
9.00AM TAREE MASS

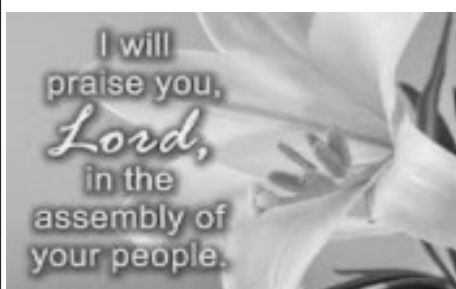
**SATURDAY 8TH MAY**  
6.00pm Taree Mass  
6.00pm Harrington SCAE

**SUNDAY 9TH MAY**  
**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
7.30 am Old Bar Mass  
7.30 am Wingham SCAE  
9.30am Taree Mass

## COVID 19 MASS ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS:

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. Our volunteers are willing to assist.

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.



**THE HOLY ROSARY** will be recited at the Grotto of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Taree each weekday during the month of May at 5.00pm.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH, OLD BAR:** To celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima, a Holy Mass will be held at Old Bar Catholic Church on Thursday 13th May at 9.30am. Please note that there will be **no 9.30am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Taree** on the date mentioned.

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST, TAREE UNIT:** Please come and join the Couples for Christ as they celebrate their anniversary on Sunday, 16th May 2021. A holy Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Taree at 9.30am on the date followed by morning tea at the Resource Centre. All Welcome.

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK:** National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. From Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd May 2021, Australia will celebrate the significant contribution of almost six million volunteers across our nation. This year's National Volunteer Week theme is Recognise, Reconnect and Reimagine.

**PLANNED GIVING :** If you would like to make a financial contribution to our parish on a regular basis through our Planned Giving Program, please contact the Parish Office. A direct debit authority is an option for your convenience or envelopes can be provided on request. Thank you so much to all the members who continuously support the parish.

## PRAYER AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Heavenly Father, loving and merciful God, we worship and adore You. In faith, we come before You asking for mercy and forgiveness for our sins against You and Your creation.



In this time of anxiety and distress, we lift up to You the COVID-19 situation throughout the world especially in India. Father, we beg You to halt the spread of this disease and to grant healing and comfort to those afflicted. Please cover everyone with the Precious Blood of Your Son, Jesus and protect all of us, especially those in the medical field, from any infection and harm. Bless all people to work together as one family of God and to be compassionate to one another. Immaculate Conception, Mary our Mother, we seek your intercession for us, our loved ones, our communities and everyone in this world. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, our Messiah and King, we trust in You. Amen.

**ST MARY'S PIETY STORE :** New supplies from Aid to the Church in Need and gift sets for girls and boys making their sacraments are available at St Mary's Piety Stall. We also have St Joseph's Prayer Books and new stock of Rosary Beads (\$20) and Rosary bracelets (\$10). The New Community Bible is only \$15. Stall 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. Your support is appreciated.

**NEW PARISHIONER:** If you are a new parishioner of Taree and Wingham, we would like to welcome you to our community. Please contact the parish office Ph 6552-1084 or send an email to [administration@tareeparish.org](mailto:administration@tareeparish.org).