



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

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Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy Team,
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Communion Ministers, Secular Franciscans

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

10TH DECEMBER 2023

ADVENT MEANS COMING

We are very aware of our celebrations of the coming of our Saviour on Christmas day, the celebration of the birth of Jesus 'God-with-us'.

"Come Lord Jesus" was the prayer of the very earliest Church as they anticipated the promised return of our Saviour in glory to bring the kingdom to its full and complete realisation.

St Bernard has taught of an intermediary coming of our Saviour between the first coming and the last coming. In reference to this he quotes the Gospel of John' **"If a man loves me he will keep my words, and my Father will love him and we will come to him"**.

St Bernard talks of this intermediary coming as bringing us 'rest and consolation'. He says keeping the Word in this way will "pierce our inmost soul and penetrate our feelings and actions let your soul feast richly".

St Bernard's teachings are so encouraging. We are to meet and commune with the God of love in the now, in our everyday! It is of course what St Paul speaks of when he teaches about our life in Christ!

Here is our hope, and the source of hope for the world. Isaiah in the Old Testament foresaw the hope of the coming kingdom where nations would 'beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks'.

Like the earliest Christian communities we pray every day in Advent, "Come Lord Jesus."

For our poor suffering world, we pray lovingly, "Come Lord Jesus." *Fr Kevin*

LIST OF NEW PARISH APPOINTMENTS IN THE DIOCESE ANNOUNCED BY BISHOP MICHAEL KENNEDY 6/12/23

The following Appointments have been just circulated

Re-Appointments

Fr Gerard Mackie PP at Jesus the Good Shepherd Parish, East Lake Macquarie (Belmont, Windale) until Jan 2030

Fr Anthony Potts PP MacKillop Parish (Charlestown and Gateshead) until 30th April 2030

Fr James Lunn PP Cessnock, Kurri Kurri

Appointments

Fr John Vo Parish Administrator Holy Name Parish Forster

Saint Benedict's Newcastle City Pastoral Region

Fr Annil Kuchipudi Assistant Priest Inner Newcastle

Fr Anthony Coloma Assistant Priest (Mayfield, Tighes Hill and Stockton)

Macquarie Pastoral Region (Warner's Bay, Boolaroo and Booragul)

Fr Raphael Madukwe Assistant Priest

Fr Daryl Mackie Assistant Priest

(Fr Greg Barker PP vg; will also be Administrator of Toronto Parish as Mr Christopher Voigt the Lay Leader of Toronto will move to the Chancery in a new role as Executive Manager)

Chisholm Pastoral Region

Fr Priyantha Fernando will be Assistant Priest in this region. (Fr George Anthicad continues to be Parish Priest).

Deacon Solomon Okivido is appointed to Dungog Parish to 'continue his discernment/formation toward priesthood, under the direction of Fr Andrew Doohan PP And Mr Anton Perera ' will continue his discernment/formation for ordination at Taree under the direction of Fr Kevin Corrigan'.

Most of the above Appointments are to take place on or prior to 31st January 2024

Here in the Northern parts of the Diocese many will not know personally many of the Priests mentioned above. We will however have the opportunity to welcome the return of Mr Anton Perera who was with us in January this year; also Fr John Vo who will become the Administrator Priest at Forster/Tuncurry parish with Fr Peter Street's move to Newcastle and then mid- year he will move to Canada for studies in Canon Law.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10TH DECEMBER 2023

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Prepare the way for the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 84:9-14

(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-14

We wait for the new heavens and the new earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTHIPON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 17TH DECEMBER 2023

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11.

I exult for joy in the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lk 1:46-50, 53-54

(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.

SECOND READING: 1 THESS 5:16-24

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul, and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring the Good News to the poor.

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

COMMUNION ANTHIPON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear, Behold our God will come, and he will save us.



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, Steven Leung, Mary Lucas, Divine Masters, Carmel Matheson, Jessica Maharaj, Kenny McCann, Barry McDonald, Lorraine McKenzie, Nick Mirabello, Linda Norris, Herby Ploder, Valentino Quintero, Noelle Riemens, Eleanor Ross, Father Pat Ruane, Rose Sammut, Sue Schiemer, Hayden Shearer, Maurie Stack, Paul White, Anne Watson, Wendy Wheeler, Tammy Wilson, Pat Wolfenden, Giovanna Bruniera and Anne Young.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ignatius Hidajat

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Wyatt.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM

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CHILDREN'S BULLETIN

Fun Facts about Advent

What colour is worn at advent?

Violet/Purple to represent a time of penance, sacrifice and preparation.

Who started Advent?

Bishop Perpetuus. According to St Gregory of Tours the celebration of Advent began in the 5th century when Bishop Perpetuus directed that starting with the St Martin's Day on 11 November until Christmas, one fasts three times per week; this is why Advent was sometimes also named "Lent of St Martin."



Saint Perpetuus
Bishop of Tours

Why is Advent important?

The Advent season reminds us about the importance of Christ in our lives, prepares us to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas, and refers to his second coming at a future time.

Color Key

- 1 = Purple
- 2 = Pink
- 3 = Yellow
- 4 = Red
- 5 = Green

ADVENT



Advent Prayer

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. Draw me close to You and help me to see my sins so that I can change the things that You want me to change. Mother Mary, pray for me this Advent so that I may do all that God wants me to do.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH CALENDAR 2023

MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

10.00am Old Bar Rosary
10:00am St Joseph's Taree
End of year Mass
4:30pm Taree Reconciliation
5:30 NO MASS TAREE
6.00pm Wingham MMP Cenacle

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

ST LUCY

9:30am Taree Anointing Mass

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

ST JOHN OF THE CROSS

10.00am Wingham Prayer Group
4:30pm Cundletown Reconciliation
5:30pm Cundletown Mass

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

9:00am Adoration Taree
9:30am Taree Mass
10.00am Wingham Rosary
3.00pm Adoration Old Bar

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER

4.00pm Wingham Reconciliation
4:10 Wingham Rosary
4.45pm Wingham Mass
4:30pm Harrington Rosary
5:00pm Harrington SCAE
6:15 Taree Mass

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.30am Old Bar Mass
9:30am Taree Mass

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2023

Saturday 23rd December 2023

4.45pm Wingham Church
6.15pm Taree Church

Sunday 24th December 2023

7.30am Old Bar Church
9.30am Taree Church

Sunday 24th December 2023

Christmas Vigil Mass

4.45pm Wingham Church
6.15pm Taree Church

Monday 25th December 2023

Christmas Day Mass

7.30am Harrington Church
9.00am Old Bar Church
9.30am Taree Church

SHRINES OF OUR LADY PILGRIMAGE 2024

4th– 21st of March
Fatima/Lourdes/Paris/Lisieux/
Rome/Monte Casino/Rotondo/
Medjugorje
Fully Inclusive \$9,290
(30 Pilgrims)
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PIETY STALL—TAREE

Please support Mary's Piety Stall for your Christmas Cards at \$2 and \$1 each and a range of Christmas gifts. Cash only.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Will host a complimentary morning tea after Mass on Sunday 17 December. All welcome, there will be entertainment and goodies for all.

ST JOHN OF THE CROSS FEAST DAY 14TH OF DECEMBER

St John of the Cross, O.C.D. was a major figure of the Counter-Reformation, a Spanish mystic, a Carmelite friar and a priest, and a Doctor of the Church. St. John of the Cross was a reformer of the Carmelite Order and is considered, along with **Saint Teresa of Ávila**, as a founder of the Discalced Carmelites. He is also known for his writings. Both his poetry and his studies on the growth of the soul are considered the summit of mystical Spanish literature and one of the peaks of all Spanish literature.



ANOINTING MASS

Wednesday 13th December
9.30am at Our Lady of the Rosary
Church, Taree

SOCIAL SUNDAY CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Sunday 10th of December. 12 noon for 12:30 start. As appreciation for your support of the catering group in 2023. Lunch will be a \$5.00 donation. All welcome. Market Day profit total \$1,335. Thanks to all. Cheryl.

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CHRISTMAS ROSTERS

Rosters for Christmas Masses are in the foyer of the Taree Church. If you are able to assist please write your names on the sheets provided.