

WELCOME
 TO THE
PARISH
 OF
TAREE



Gaudete Sunday

Sunday Services
Taree

ST JOHN'S
294 Victoria St. Taree



9am - SUNDAY



4pm - SUNDAY

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
18 Hall St. Old Bar



11am - SUNDAY

- ◆ People who are ill are encouraged to remain at home.
- ◆ Social distancing and the use of hand sanitiser is encouraged.
- ◆ Wearing a mask is a matter of personal choice.



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ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF BATHURST FLOOD APPEAL

If you would you like to assist there is an information letter and links to where you can donate in the foyer of St John's Church.

✝ PP's 11th December

The countdown to Christmas continues for the Church, although for the commercial world, it's two thirds over... And most of us live in both worlds, so how DO we reconcile the two? It's not too difficult when we put our thoughts to it and keep in mind where our main focus should be.

We can be overwhelmed by the various celebrations and all the preparations and thinking about presents and so many of the other things that fill this time of year, however if we take time to consider the true message of the coming Christmas Day and beyond, all else need not be put aside.

Instead each of us, in our own way, can share the giving-spirit of the "season" and bring good cheer to others. Even as John the Baptist did, we can continue to prepare the way of the Lord both within ourselves and within the "wilderness" that continues to exist in our society today.

Let our Light so shine before others, that they may see our good works and give the Glory to Our father who is in Heaven, AND to Jesus, our Lord!

God Bless!

Your friend, *Fr Chris*

Prayers:

WORLD: People & communities affected by violence & conflict, racism & discrimination, oppression, poverty, natural disasters. We pray for those impacted by COVID19. Please pray for the people of Ukraine, Myanmar, Lebanon, the Philippines & Papua New Guinea.

CHURCH: Bishop Peter, Assistant Bishops Sonia & Charlie; Linda Wilson, Jacqui Yabsley, Regina Valentine; The Cathedral - Katherine Bowyer, David Cole, Corrective Services Chaplaincies - Chris Jackson, Parish of Cessnock - Nicole Baldwin, Ken Craft; Ecumenical Conversations.

Diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar).

Province of the Anglican Church of Congo; Episcopal Church of the USA .

COMMUNITY: For the homeless, and agencies supporting the vulnerable. For those affected by the impacts of COVID 19, floods & other challenges.

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS: Doreen, Joyce McMullen, Lyn, Wendy McKeogh, Ted Hill, Fr Chris, Poppy, Don Mortimer, Hugh McCrindle, Norrie Spicer, Tennille, James, Sue Blunt, Judy Richardson, Anne, John, Jamison, Beryl, Ian, Joan, April, Alex Platt, Margaret McDonald & Laurie Robertson.

PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED: Betty Riley.

PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Gwen Riley, Anthony Davies, Lindsay Riley, Joyce Rudge

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PRIEST:

All-knowing, and eternal God we thank and praise you that even as we prayed for a pastor to be called to this parish, your immutable providence chose Natalie Quince to come amongst us. Bless and keep her spouse, Jay, and her sons.

Give to her wisdom and discernment as shepheress of your flock and grant to us, her fellow-servants, charity and joy in serving Christ Jesus and to you, our Great God and Saviour be ascribed all might, honour, wisdom, majesty, dominion, power and glory in the Church through all ages through Christ our Lord. Amen

From: Fr Ivan Ransom

CHRISTMAS BOWL - Third Sunday in Advent: Envelopes at the back of Church

Third Sunday of Advent



Sharing God's love this Christmas



Zimbabwe is suffering from critically low food reserves, as climate change brings harsher and more frequent drought. Families already living in poverty and hunger are now being plunged further into crisis.

Through your gift this Christmas Bowl, you can support Act for Peace's local partner, Christian Care, to provide training in the latest climate-resilient farming techniques so families can be more food secure. **Please give today.**

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 11th December – Advent 3

Isaiah 35. 1-10; Psalm : Song of Mary

James 5. 7-10; Matthew 11. 2-11

SUNDAY 18th December – Advent 4

Isaiah 7. 10-16; Psalm 80. 1-7, 17-19

Romans 1. 1-7; Matthew 1. 18-25

WELCOMERS

Sunday 11 th December		Sunday 18 th December	
9am	Colin Rose David Denning	9am	Di Woollard + Ian Woollard
4pm	Beryl Fenwick	4pm	Beryl Fenwick

READERS

Sunday 11 th December		Sunday 18 th December	
9am	Margaret Griffis	9am	Ian Woollard
4pm	Fr Ivan Ransom	4pm	Ken Park

MORNING TEA

Sunday 11 th December		Sunday 18 th December	
Janice Montague + Bruce Walker		Di Woollard + Ian Woollard	

HYMNS - Sunday 11th December

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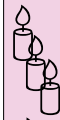
BRASS CLEANING for December

Lorraine and Bruce Monck

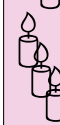


THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Jesus says of John the Baptist that he is the one who has been sent to prepare the way for Jesus himself. The Greek Church calls John the Baptist the Πρόδρομος – Prodrornos – the Forerunner. This week, pray that like John the Baptist you can prepare the way for Jesus himself in whatever circumstance you find yourself.



Pray this week for the chance to prepare the way for Jesus to enter the world.



Give thanks for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, remembering especially the work of the Zambia Anglican Council.

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Taree CAROLS by Candlelight on the River Stage



**Sunday 11th December
6pm - 8pm**

Bring a chair of rug and sit back and enjoy a great time of family and community fun.

The Anglican Parish of Taree works to build Faith & Hope in our community despite the struggles around us. Your help to continue this work is essential so please give what you can.

Gifts can be offered for the Parish or for Mission in 2 ways:

- ◆ Directly into the appropriate baskets before or after each service OR
- ◆ By Electronic Funds Transfer

Many People are finding that this is an easy, fuss free way to maintain their support.

Donations this way can be easily arranged by speaking to your bank directly or set it up through internet banking.

Bank: Westpac
Branch: Taree NSW
Account Name: St John's General Account
BSB: 032-587
Account Number: 120 816
Reference: Parish or Mission recipient eg: ABM

*Some give freely yet grow all the richer;
others withhold what is due,
and only suffer want.
A generous person will be enriched,
and one who gives water will get water.*
Proverbs 11:24-25

The Anglican Church of Newcastle takes allegations of misconduct and abuse seriously.

We welcome and encourage everyone with concerns to come forward.

TO REPORT A CRIME TO NSW POLICE RING 131 444 or RING 000 IN AN EMERGENCY

TO CONTACT CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE RING 132 111 or

TO CONTACT THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIRECTOR PLEASE CALL 1800 774 945

WRITE: Director of Professional Standards PO Box 494, Newcastle NSW 2300

EMAIL: dps@newcastleanglican.org.au

IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE SUPPORT PLEASE CALL LIFELINE ON 13 11 14

