

WELCOME
 TO THE
PARISH
 OF
TAREE



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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2022 CHRISTMAS SERVICES

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH



Tonight

9 LESSONS AND CAROLS

@ 7PM

SATURDAY 24th DECEMBER

FAMILY EUCHARIST

@ 6PM.



SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

@ 9AM



NO Service at Old Bar



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.



BLUE CROSS
COMMUNITY CARE

Please continue your generous donations of:
◆ Cereal, (small box), ◆ Long Life Full Cream Milk,
◆ Pasta and pasta sauce, ◆ Small boxes of Tea Bags,
◆ Spreads—peanut butter, vegemite, jam, ◆ Biscuits
— large crackers, (not small dip biscuits), Scotch Fingers
and similar.

Many people are having difficult times, especially at Christmas. Thank You



PP's 18th December



What does Christmas mean to you?

As Christians, we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. Born in a lowly stable with animals around, shepherds came to see this thing that has happened. We sing carols, shop for that special gift, attend Christmas concerts, have family and friends over for lunch and more. As I thought about Christmas, I wondered how can we share the warmth and love of the season with others around. Some of my thoughts: make a batch of Christmas treats and share them with your neighbours, colouring books and pencils for sick children in Hospital, babysit for new parents, donate socks or undies to a local shelter, thank the person at the checkout and the one who brings all the shopping trolleys back for use, do something different. Simple things, but the love you give will be another way of serving our Lord Jesus at the time of his birth this Christmas. Matthew tells us:

'you shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us'.

Fr Bill

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; Arthur Copeman, Rod Bower, Dianne Langham; Anglican Care - Andrew Harrison, Jenny Foley; Parish of Morpeth - Val McDonald, Narelle Riley; Parish of Mt Vincent, Kurri Kurri Weston - Theresa Angert-Quilter; Parish of Raymond Terrace - Stephen Niland & The Ministry Teams.

Diocese of Riverina (Bp Donald Kirk).

The Anglican Church of Kenya; Lutheran Church of Australia .

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: Duncan Flutter.

PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Leila Davis, Manuel Zaunders, Una McDonald, Sidney Davey, Mona Wyatt, Kevin Coombe & William West.

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 shepherdess 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 - Fourth Sunday in Advent: Envelopes at the back of Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Waiting to return home



Many Sri Lankan refugees living in exile in India are finally ready to make the journey home to the country they love. But the current economic crisis and food shortages mean it's not safe for them to return.

Through the Christmas Bowl you are helping our local partner, the Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation (OfERR), continue to provide lifesaving medical care for refugees while they wait for Sri Lanka to be safe again. **Please give today.**

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 18th December – Advent 4

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

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

SUNDAY 25th December – Christmas Day

Isaiah 9. 2-7; Psalm 96

Titus 2. 11-14; Luke 2. 1-20

WELCOMERS

Sunday 18 th December		Sunday 25 th December	
9am	Di Woollard + Ian Woollard	9am	David Denning
4pm	Beryl Fenwick		

READERS

Sunday 18 th December		Sunday 25 th December	
9am	Ian Woollard	9am	Hugh McCrindle
4pm	Ken Park		

MORNING TEA

Sunday 18 th December		Sunday 25 th December	
Di Woollard + Ian Woollard		NO morning tea	

HYMNS - Sunday 18th December

TIS 302, 299, 316, 161

BRASS CLEANING for December

Lorraine and Bruce Monck



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

They shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us'. What a profound concept – that God should take on human form and become one of us – what the poet John Betjeman called 'the most tremendous tale of all' in his poem, 'Christmas'. We wait in anticipation for the Incarnation when God comes to us wearing the clothes of humanity, and allows us to become like God by participating in God's life. Alleluya! Salvation is at hand!



Pray this week that you may become more and more like God himself by following the example of Jesus.



Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the staff and students at Newton Theological College in Popondetta.

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

