

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF TAREE



Sunday Services Taree & Old Bar.

ST JOHN'S

294 Victoria St. Taree



8am - SUNDAY



4pm - SUNDAY

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

18 Hall St. Old Bar



11am - SUNDAY

PLEASE NOTE:

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

PARISH CONTACTS:

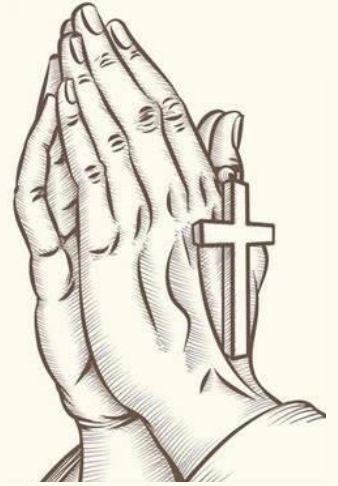
THE MINISTRY TEAM	Fr Chris Freestone	Fr Ivan Ransom	Fr Bill Green
CHURCH WARDENS	Beryl Fenwick - 6551 2036	Colin Rose- 6552 2775	David Denning - 6552 6825
PC SECRETARY	Beryl Fenwick - 6551 2036	TREASURER	Kylie Sanderson - 0475 869 729
PARISH OFFICE	Phone: 6551 3849 Parish office: 9am - 12 noon Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. (All General enquiries) Email: officestjohnstaree@gmail.com		
HALL MANAGERS	Ken Park - 0412 138 985	Bruce Walker - 0405 697 690	

FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	DAY	TIME	WHERE	ACTIVITY
1 st May	Sunday			ANZAC Sunday
12 th May	Thursday	10am	Latham Centre	Mothers Union
17 th May	Tuesday	10am	Latham Centre	Fundraising Meeting
3 rd July	Sunday			Coming of the Light
10 th July	Sunday			NAIDOC Sunday

PRAYER FOR CHOOSING AN INCUMBENT:

Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word
and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry
and enable us to fulfil our calling.
Give to those who will choose,
wisdom, discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen



PP's 24th April

Today's Gospel reading would have to be probably ***the*** one that really hits home to me.

Dear old Saint Thomas, apostle to all the doubters down through the ages to this present time.

Thomas's doubt was real and sincere. He had been with Jesus throughout much of his earthly ministry. He had been part of Jesus's life, had heard Jesus teach, had watched Jesus perform miracles, but still could not believe that Jesus had come back from being three days dead in a tomb with a huge stone filling the entrance. "Unless I see with my own eyes and touch... I will not believe." And then there is Jesus, understanding the doubt AND offering the proof, to which Thomas responded "My Lord and my God!"

What people possibly don't know is that on the strength of that response, Thomas is reputed to have faced huge difficulties and dangers, travelling an enormous distance from Israel in the Middle East to India – some 5,200 kilometres. This he did by foot and by sea. Once there he is reputed to have planted a Church, a church that exists to this day, the longest continuing church in the world.

Someone once wrote "there is more faith in honest doubt than in all the creeds...". Doubt can lead to greater faith, with Thomas being the proof!

Fr Chris

Prayers:

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

CHURCH: Bishop Peter, Assistant Bishops Sonia & Charlie; Liz Knight, Dee Ross; Manning Valley Anglican College - Darren Parkes, Greg Anderson; the Parish of Nelson Bay - Kesh Govan, Catherine Govan, Anne Lye, Lissy Vitali-Ross, Alison Keane; the Parish of Stockton - Michael Marklew, Stephen Shrubbs & The Ministry Teams.

The Church of Pakistan (United); National Council of Churches in Australia .

Diocese of Wangaratta (Bp Clarence Bester).

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: Les Denning, Ruth Cheers, Margaret Blyth, Jamison, John, Beryl, Heather Strangwidge, Colin Rose, Joan, Bridgit, April, Ian, Sue Blunt, Anne, Duncan Futter, Margaret McDonald, Alex Platt, Samantha Entwistle & Laurie Robertson.

PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Carol Clarke, Gary Haynes, Colin Booth, Stanley Holbert, Willa Wilson & Jean Villiers.



THE BLUE CROSS SHOP ...

Caring for our Community & our Environment

Part of the Anglican Parish of Taree - 43 Manning St, Taree



DONATIONS

All donations are greatly appreciated and at the moment we are particularly in need of blankets, flannelette sheets and warm clothes. We are also keen to receive more furniture however we are not able to do pickups.

Donations can be dropped into the shop front or back door during shop hours or small items can be placed in the bin in the Church Foyer.

CURRENT OPENING HOURS ARE - Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm & Saturday - 10am - 2pm

VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for new Volunteers (Ladies or Gentlemen) to join our team and currently have vacancies in the shop or sorting out the back.

If you think you might enjoy working with us, please call the shop 6557 7179, the Parish Office on 6551 3849, or speak with Margaret Griffis.

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS							
SUNDAY 24th April – Second Sunday of Easter							
Acts 5. 27-32, Psalm 118. 14-29;							
Revelation 1. 4-8, John 20. 19-31							
SUNDAY 1st May – Anzac Day							
Micah 4. 1-4, Psalm 46;							
Hebrews 10. 32 –11.1, John 15. 9-17							
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TIS 370, 387, 216, 210							



Second Sunday of Easter

St John relates to us the story of 'Doubting Thomas' where Thomas would not believe the story of the Resurrection told to him by the other disciples. We need not dwell on his doubt any longer: his cry of 'My Lord and my God!' tells us that he could see Jesus as he is. His scepticism led to profound understanding. If I were to examine myself, would I find areas of my life where I have stopped at scepticism and not managed to come to a deeper understanding?

- ◆ Lord of the faithful and of the doubters, send your Spirit to deepen my understanding, so that like St Thomas I might find clarity of belief.
- ◆ Give thanks for the Church of South India, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context.

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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

EMAIL: dps@newcastleanglican.org.au

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

