



WELCOME
 TO THE
PARISH
 OF
TAREE




Sunday Services
Taree

ST JOHN'S
294 Victoria St. Taree

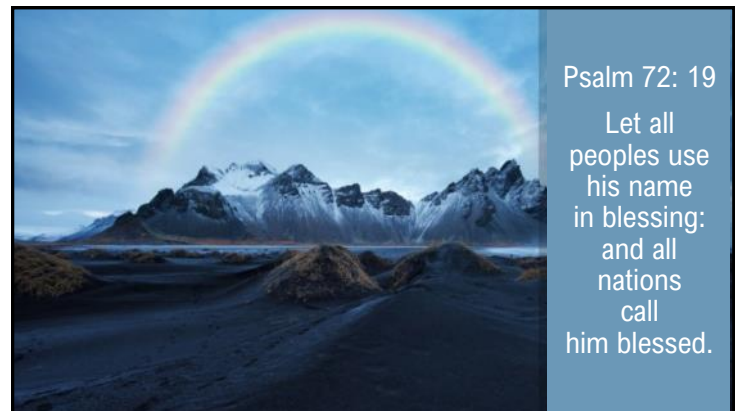

9am - SUNDAY


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.



Psalm 72: 19

Let all
 peoples use
 his name
 in blessing:
 and all
 nations
 call
 him blessed.

PARISH CONTACTS:

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FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	DAY	TIME	WHERE	ACTIVITY
8th December	Thursday	11am	Latham Centre	Mothers Union Christmas Luncheon
18th December	Sunday	7pm	St John's	Lessons and Carols



Blue Cross Community Care

Are in URGENT need of:

- *Cereal (small box), *Long Life Full Cream Milk, * Pasta and pasta sauce,
 - * Small boxes of Tea Bags, * Biscuits – large crackers, (not small dip biscuits),
 - *Scotch Fingers and similar,
- Please **NO** tin food due to a generous donation.*

Thank you



PP's 4th December

The Christian Faith particularly proclaims the end of the World. Four weeks at the end of the Church's annual "Calendar" are devoted to it and the return of the Lord Jesus Christ at the end of time. We sing it in hymns and recite it in creeds. But , like our own personal "use by date", we discretely cover it up and change the subject.

There was a time in History when Jesus' birthday was no more important than the Circumcision or the Annunciation. Indeed, to this day, Eastern and Orthodox churches have their New Year celebration starting on January 6th: "Epiphany". Just great for taking advantage of post-Christmas sales. Advent with its sombre message gets smothered beneath drifts of styrofoam snow before Michaelmas is over.

We do well to remember that we are but strangers and pilgrims ...(tourists), and that our real treasure is in the safe hands of our Lord and Saviour. That is not to say that this present existence is to be regarded as of no value. Just as we are called on to present our environment, so also...

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1)

Fr Duan

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; Rod Bower; CEY Ministries - Kate Baker; Parish of Muswellbrook - Angela Peverell; Parish of Scone - Jesse Baker, Parish of Singleton - Michelle Hazel-Jawhary, Marianne Reynolds; Ministry Teams .

Bush Church Aid Society

The Province of the Anglican Church of Rwanda.

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 Keogh, 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:

PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Valerie Atkins, Denis Barstow, Marcia McBroom, Terrie Platts.

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 - Second Sunday in Advent: Envelopes at the back of Church

Second Sunday of Advent

Peace through food rations

It's been 11 years since the civil war broke out in Syria with thousands of families still living in neighbouring countries like Jordan. But as the cost-of-living increases, many refugee families are struggling to earn enough money to put food on the table.

Act for Peace's local partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR), supports Syrian refugees by providing vital food rations along with psychosocial care. **Please give today.**



HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 4th December – Advent 2

Isaiah 11. 1-10; Psalm 72. 1-7, 18-21;

Romans 15. 4-13; Matthew 3. 1-12

SUNDAY 11th December – Advent 3

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

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

WELCOMERS

Sunday 4 th December		Sunday 11 th December	
9am	Bruce Walker	9am	Colin Rose David Denning
4pm	Beryl Fenwick	4pm	Beryl Fenwick

READERS

Sunday 4 th December		Sunday 11 th December	
9am	Robert Hicks	9am	Margaret Griffis
4pm	Fr Ivan Ransom	4pm	Fr Ivan Ransom

MORNING TEA

Sunday 4 th December		Sunday 11 th December	
Kylie Sanderson + David Denning		Janice Montague + Bruce Walker	

HYMNS - Sunday 4th December

TIS 265, 270, 212, 276



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

John the Baptist quotes the prophecy of Isaiah: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'. How can we prepare the way of the Lord this Advent? As Isaiah tells us, by proclaiming (in deed and in word) good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, freedom for the oppressed and the year of the Lord's favour.



Pray this week for the chance to proclaim to others the fullness of life that Jesus offers the world.



Give thanks for the work and witness of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Anglican Church of Japan.

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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

