

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF TAREE



Sundays Services - Taree & Old Bar

- ◆ 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.

ST JOHN'S
294 Victoria St. Taree

9am - SUNDAY
4pm - SUNDAY

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
18 Hall St. Old Bar

11am - SUNDAY

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Priest's Ponderings

This week we are looking at the parable of the Prodigal Son. In this parable Jesus is telling us how God feels when his lost children are found. He loves us so much and he despairs when we are lost to him. God searches for us and when he finds us he rejoices with abandonment and joy!

It is comforting to let this parable speak to us in an assuring, loving tone. To let it make us feel wonderfully protected and cared for. And this is true. God means for us to know that he searches for us and when he finds us he delights and rejoices in us. God wants us to know that he is fiercely protective of us and he loves us passionately, in a way that accepts our foibles and our weaknesses.

But this is the season of Lent. We are in the lead up to Easter and the story of the passion of the cross of Christ. We are in a season where we consider and focus on the sacrifice of discipleship, of what it means for us to be on mission for God, to do his will and live according to his ways as Jesus did in his ministry and mission to the cross. So, in this season the challenge for us in this passage is to understand that we are the body of Christ. We are Christ's hands and feet in the world, and we are meant to take up the mission of Jesus to search for and welcome home the lost. That does not mean that we just have to say hello to new people who might happen to walk into the door of our church. It means that we are meant to walk among the lost people in the world and tell them about, and show them, God's love. We are called not to avoid the world, but to love and minister to the world. Just as Jesus spent his time at the table with sinners not locked up in the comfort of the temple, so that is what Christ wants of us – he has passed us the mantle, the job of being the ones who welcome people home. What a privilege to be part of this work! What a challenge to speak Christ's love and truth into a world that seems determined not to hear!

In Christ's love

Rev Natalie

P.S. If anyone has any courageous and creative ideas about how to spread the gospel in our community I would love to hear from you.



**BLUE CROSS
COMMUNITY CARE**

**Your Gifts can make such
a difference in others lives.**

If you would like to donate non perishable items here are a few suggestions.

- ◇ Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- ◇ 2 minute noodles
- ◇ Small packets of Tea Bags
- ◇ Small containers of Coffee
- ◇ **Long life milk (full Cream)/Juice**
- ◇ Small Toothpaste & individual Toothbrushes
- ◇ Cereal small size box (NO oats)
- ◇ Dry Biscuits (Sao's etc)
- ◇ Spreads (Jam, Vegemite etc.)
- ◇ Rice or Corn Cakes

**Canned & long-life foods with ring pull lids
are the best, small to medium size.**

- ◇ Baked Beans & Spaghetti
- ◇ Meats
- ◇ Soups
- ◇ Fruit
- ◇ Tuna/Salmon

Please **NO** large containers and
ALL food must be "**in date**". Thank You

If you would like to assist financially to
this ministry you can place a donation
in an envelope and mark BCCC and
place in the offertory basket.

Thank you



Prayers

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

CHURCH: Bishop Peter, Assistant Bishops Sonia & Charlie; Director of Mission; Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College - Paul Humble (Principal), Jacqueline Weston (Chaplain); Parish of East Lake Macquarie – (Belmont, Belmont North, Windale, Swansea) Peter Tinney, Alison Wooden, The Ministry Team.

Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey)

The Church of England The Church of Wales

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

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

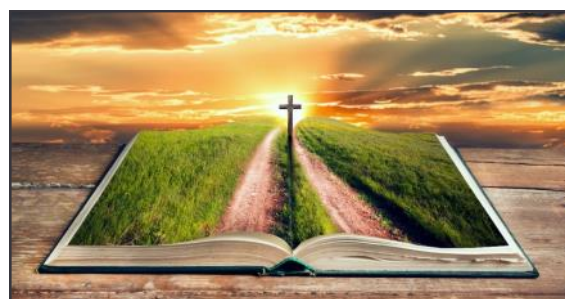
PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:

PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Delaney, Marilyn Kendall, Mary Weismantel & Dianne Paine.

PRAYER FOR TURKEY & SYRIA

Please pray for God's comfort and peace on suffering Christians who are injured, traumatised or grieving and reeling from the devastation.

Pray for Christians reaching out in compassion to their communities, that God will sustain them and give them wisdom to manage their response to the crisis. Pray for God's mercy to prevent further devastation and death and for those involved in the rescue missions.



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SENTENCE

'The water that I will give,' says the Lord, 'will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' John 4. 14

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the fountain of life,
to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water that springs from the Rock,
our Saviour Jesus Christ:
stir up within you people the gift of your Spirit,
that we may profess our faith with freshness
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Exodus 17. 1-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95 — A.P.B.A. page 322

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation!
- 2 Let us come before his face with thanksgiving;
cry out to him joyfully in psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, and he made it,
his hands moulded dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down;
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God:
and we are the people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 8 Today you would hear to his voice-
'do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah:
as on that day at Massah in the wilderness;
- 9 'when your forebears tested me,
put me to proof, though they had seen my works.
- 10 'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said,
"It is a people who err in their hearts, for they do not know my ways":
- 11 'Of whom I swore in my rath:
"They shall not enter my rest."

Second Reading

Romans 5. 1-11

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love!
I will leave this place and go to my father and say:
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you .
Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Chapter 15 commencing at verse 11.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

The Gospel of the Lord**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING

Saturday 25th March 2023
10am - 3pm

Safe ministry training is **COMPULSORY** for **ALL** volunteers.

There are new rules set out by the Diocese for the safety and care of all people.

If you are unsure if you need to undertake this training or you wish to undertake training on your computer at home.

Please contact Kim - 6551 3849
Tuesday-Thursday 9-12
or email:

officestjohnstaree@gmail.com

Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided
RSVP Thursday 23rd March 2023



LENT + GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

supports the work of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem via the outreach of the Ahli Hospital in Gaza and a new youth empowerment project.

Your gift will help support vulnerable women, youth and children in Jerusalem.



Envelopes at the back of the church

Annual General Meeting

19th March 2023

Parish Hall @ 2pm

Are You on the Parish Electoral Roll?

If not there is a form at the back of the church or contact the Parish office.

We encourage you to consider a formal role within your Parish.

Nominations for Positions of Wardens & Parish Council are now open.

Forms at the rear of the church.

LENT STUDIES

1. *"The Imaginary Doorway"*
by Stephen and Vanessa Daughtry

◆ Latham Centre, St John's Taree
@ 11am

Tuesdays 14th, 21st & 28th March
or/and

2. *Video Study - "Jesus' Death and Resurrection"*

◆ Latham Centre or Zoom
@ 7pm

Thursdays, 16th, 23th & 30th March.

Join us this Lent and explore your faith.



Hayden Wiseman
free tour Launch Concert
Sunday March 12 @ 4pm
Uniting Church,
Albert Street Taree
Bookings essential at

www.hadenwiseman.com or 0402 573 582

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 12th March – Lent 3

Exodus 17. 1-7; Psalm 95;

Romans 5. 1-11; Luke 15. 11-32

SUNDAY 19th March – Lent 4-Mothering Sunday

1 Samuel 16. 1-13; Psalm 23;

Ephesians 5. 8-14; John 9. 1-41

WELCOMERS

Sunday 12 th March		Sunday 19 th March	
9am	Doreen Sinclair Col Rose	9am	Di Woollard Ian Woollard
4pm	Beryl Fenwick	4pm	Beryl Fenwick

READERS

Sunday 12 th March		Sunday 19 th March	
9am	Janella Leotta	9am	Robert Hicks
4pm	Sue Prentice	4pm	Fr Ivan Ransom

MORNING TEA

Sunday 12 th March		Sunday 19 th March	
Di + Ian Woollard		Kylie Sanderson David Denning	

HYMNS - Sunday 12th March

TIS 457, 229, 10, 52

BRASS CLEANING for March

Margaret Kelly

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LENT 3

Like the Israelites in today's first reading, we can sometimes lack trust and faith in God when we wander despairingly in the difficult times and, "wildernesses," of our lives. Like them we can also fail to learn from or remember previous times in our lives when God's unending providence, mercy and love did sustain us in challenging times. I pray that we treasure and learn from the times God freely gave us the life giving, "water," of his love and mercy and have unerring faith and trust that he always shall.

- Pray that we can trust God and believe, even in times of wandering despair.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

*Text: Dr Julie Lewis, Holy Hermits Online, St John's Cathedral, Brisbane
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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

