

# 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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## NOT THE END OF THE MATTER

Some scholars have the opinion that the last verse of St. John's Gospel, Chapter 20, is the actual conclusion of the Fourth Gospel. Chapter 21 could be an after-thought. There are theologians who suggest it could be the missing conclusion of Mark's Gospel. (Theologians are not necessarily lacking a sense of humor). Whatever the motive for publishing John's Gospel, the clear intention for composing it is to bring the reader to a living faith in Jesus.

In the past week, along with the usual commercial catalogues, "junk mail" in Taree included a copy of John's Gospel. It is a new modern translation by credentialed scholars. The implied hope is that people will read the booklet, understand its message and have a life-changing encounter with the real Jesus.

"Where did Jesus get his clothes from?" The little girl in my Sunday School class asked after we had read the Gospel of John, Chapter Twenty. It was a logical enough question. Impressive for an eight-year-old. The grave-clothes, of course, were all neatly arranged inside the tomb watched over by "young men dressed in fluorescent white". I was caught off-guard. The thought had not occurred to me that Our Lord might have been naked. He was crucified naked, as was the custom throughout the Roman Empire. The soldiers on guard took possession of his clothes. They threw dice for his poncho. But standard burial practice included a loin cloth and this was not present in the tomb. Clad only in this, unsurprisingly, Mary Magdalene thought he was the gardener getting in some chores in the early morning light. Not the expected dress for a Rabbi.

The class got a fit of the giggles and I got interested in theology and the Bible.

Our encounter with the ever-living Christ can be just as unexpected .

*Fr Duan*

## **St Johns Youth Camp**

St Johns Youth Camp will be held on 2 to 4 June at Glenrock Scout Camp.

The guest speakers are Ellen & James Algeo and they will focus on  
*"How Jesus' death transforms our life".*

Activities will include:

- Raft making
- Kite making
- Bush walking
- Games
- Amazing worship
- Gapture the flag

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# 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; John Barriga, Alison Dalmazzone; Scone Grammar School - Paul Smart, the Parish of Beresfield Thornton - George Mainprize, Gail Orchard; the Parish of Branxton, Greta Lochinvar - Amanda Brockwell; Examining Chaplains & discernment of vocations; Diocesan Ordinands Intensive Formation – John Carroll, Elizabeth Falckh, Stephen Hood, Mike Wilkinson, Beck Bishop, Maureen Frances, Anthea Haughain, Cheryl Smar.

The Anglican Episcopal Church in Japan; Orthodox Churches.

Diocese of North West Australia.

**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.

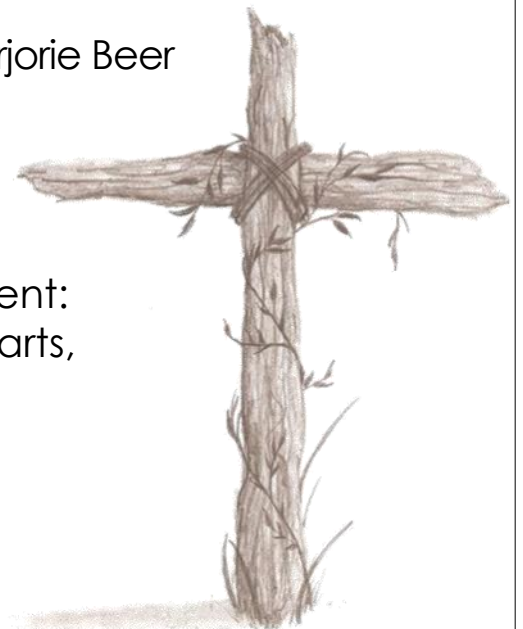
**THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS:** Diane, Coralie Rowsell, Robert, Vera, Joyce McMullen, Lyn, Ted Hill, Wendy McKeogh, Poppy, Don Mortimer, Hugh McCrindle, Norrie Spicer, Tennille, James, Sue Blunt, Judy Richardson, Anne, John, Jamison, Ian, Joan, April, Alex Platt, Margaret McDonald & Laurie Robertson.

**PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:**

**PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Lesley Hatton & Marjorie Beer

**PRAYER OF THE SEASON**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made,  
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts,  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins,  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### SENTENCE:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1.3

### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt:  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### *First Reading*

***Acts 2.14a; 2.22–32***

A reading from the book of Acts

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 22 'Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. 25 David said about him: "'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, 27 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'" 29 'Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm - 16

- 1 Preserve me, O God:  
**for in you have I taken refuge.**
- 2 I have said to the Lord, You are my lord:  
**and all my good depends on you.**
- 3 As for those who are held holy on the earth:  
**the other gods in whom people delight,**
- 4 Though the idols are many that they run after:  
**their offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take their name upon my lips.**
- 5 The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup:  
**you hold my lot in your hands.**
- 6 The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places:  
**and a fair land is my possession.**
- 7 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel:  
**at night also he has instructed my heart.**
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me:  
**he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.**
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices:  
**my flesh also shall rest secure.**
- 10 For you will not give me over to the power of death:  
**nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.**
- 11 You will show me the path of life:  
**in your presence is the fulness of joy,  
and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.**

## Second Reading

## 1 Peter 1. 1-12

A reading from First Book of Peter

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, exiles, scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, 2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and

peace be yours in abundance. 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, 11 trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. 12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

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### ***Gospel Acclamation***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

***Alleluia!***

***Gospel***

***John20. 19-31***



The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
Chapter 20 commencing at verse 19.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.' 24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.' 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.' 28 Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' 30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**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 Emergency Relief and place in the offertory basket.

Thank you

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS	
SUNDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> April – 2nd of Easter	
Acts 2. 14a, 22-32 ; Psalm 16;	
1 Peter 1. 1-12; John 20. 19-31	
SUNDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> April – Anzac Sunday	
Micah 4. 1-4 ; Psalm 46;	
Hebrews 10. 32. 11.1; John 15. 9-17	
WELCOMERS	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	
9am	Di Woollard Ian Woollard
4pm	Beryl Fenwick
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	
9am	Doreen Sinclair Col Rose
4pm	Beryl Fenwick
READERS	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	
9am	Sandra Langford
4pm	Sue Prentice
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	
9am	Margaret Griffis
4pm	Ken Park
MORNING TEA	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	
Margaret + Les Griffis	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	
Kylie Sanderson + Davie Denning	
HYMNS - Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	
TIS 361, 539, 530,210	
BRASS CLEANING for April	
Bruce and Lorraine Monck	

# ABM 2ND OF EASTER

Anglican Board of Mission - Australia  
Working for Love, Hope & Justice

Gospel reading, it's interesting to note that Thomas wasn't present when Jesus first visited the disciples. He has often been referred to as doubting Thomas, but we see in this reading that the other disciples believed only after Jesus showed them His hands and His side. I wonder why Thomas has been signalled out as the doubter? Questioning is an important part of the faith journey. Brian McLaren shared how doubt has often been a tool of love, drawing him ever closer to the heart of God.

- ◆ We pray that our doubts will draw us ever closer to God.
- ◆ Give thanks for the work and witness of Wontulp-Bi Buya College in Cairns and Nungalinga College in Darwin.

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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.

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*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.**

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