

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF TAREE



*Mothers' Sunday*

## 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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## ***NOW I SEE !***

It must have been met with some consternation to hear that Jesus of Nazareth was curing blindness. The Sanhedrin, controlled by the Pharisee party and the Sadducee party in opposition were agreed on one thing; Jesus of Nazareth was a real threat to the stability of the nation. The Roman army would intervene and there would be massive bloodshed. Experience had taught the military to nip any civil disturbance in the bud before it got out of hand.

The Pharisees knew their Bible. Of all the miracles recorded, nobody had ever healed blindness, let alone healed someone born blind!

The voice which called forth light at the first hour of creation, commanded light into the sightless eyes. All the man born blind had to do was wash the mud out. But it was not that simple. To the religious perceptually set, God hadn't done that before. So it can't be God. (As if you could know everything about the eternal and infinite God !) It was God, alright ... in person !

And when our Saviour slips mud in our eye, it's to save us from being dazzled by the glitter of the world. And being sent to wash, I now perceive as never before.

Amazing Grace...  
That saved a wretch like me !  
I once was blind  
But now I see.

*Fr Ouan*



## **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; Glen Cousins, Jane Dumsa, Terese Innes, Megan Moffat, Zoe Williams, Rebecca Hudson; Samaritans Foundation - David Hesketh; Parish of Telarah & Rutherford - Sarah Dulley.

Diocese of Rockhampton (Bp Peter Grice).

The Anglican Church of Melanesia; The Baptist Church.

**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:** 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:** Annette Dorney, Olga Moy, Neryl Steel, Kevin Douglas, Joan Martin & Coral Beisler.

## **PRAYER FOR TURKEY & SYRIA**

Please pray for God's comfort and peace on all those suffering injury, trauma and grief.

Pray for those 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.



## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

### **SENTENCE**

'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord; 'those who follow me will have the light of life.' John 8.12

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious God,  
in order that we children of earth  
might discern good from evil  
you sent your Son to be the light of the world:  
as the light of Christ shines upon us,  
may we learn what pleases you,  
and live in truth and goodness;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **First Reading**

**1 Samuel 16.1-13**

A reading from the book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.' But Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.' The Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord ."' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.' Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, 'Do you come in peace?' Samuel replied, 'Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord . Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.' Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord 's anointed stands here before the Lord .' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, 'The Lord has not chosen this one either.' Jesse then made Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, 'Nor has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his

sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' So he asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' 'There is still the youngest,' Jesse answered. 'He is tending the sheep.' Samuel said, 'Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.' So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; this is the one.' So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

**Hear the word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***Psalm 23***

1 The Lord is my shepherd:

**therefore can I lack nothing.**

2 He will make me lie down in green pastures:

**and lead me beside still waters.**

3 He will refresh my soul:

**and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.**

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil:

**for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:

**you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.**

6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of  
my life:

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

### ***Second Reading***

### ***Ephesians 5.8-14***

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible – and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said: 'Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

## **Gospel**

**John 9.1-41**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
Chapter 9 commencing at verse 1.

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

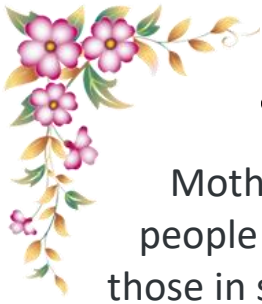
As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,' said Jesus, 'but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' After saying this, he spat on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 'Go,' he told him, 'wash in the Pool of Siloam' (this word means 'Sent'). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. His neighbours and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, 'Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?' Some claimed that he was. Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' But he himself insisted, 'I am the man.' 'How then were your eyes opened?' they asked. He replied, 'The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.' 'Where is this man?' they asked him. 'I don't know,' he said. They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. 'He put mud on my eyes,' the man replied, 'and I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others asked, 'How can a sinner perform such signs?' So they were divided. Then they turned again to the blind man, 'What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' The man replied, 'He is a prophet.' They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. 'Is this your son?' they asked. 'Is this the one you say was born blind?



How is it that now he can see?’ ‘We know he is our son,’ the parents answered, ‘and we know he was born blind. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don’t know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.’ His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, ‘He is of age; ask him.’ A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. ‘Give glory to God by telling the truth,’ they said. ‘We know this man is a sinner.’ He replied, ‘Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!’ Then they asked him, ‘What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?’ He answered, ‘I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?’ Then they hurled insults at him and said, ‘You are this fellow’s disciple! We are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don’t even know where he comes from.’ The man answered, ‘Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.’ To this they replied, ‘You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!’ And they threw him out. Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ ‘Who is he, sir?’ the man asked. ‘Tell me so that I may believe in him.’ Jesus said, ‘You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.’ Then the man said, ‘Lord, I believe,’ and he worshipped him. Jesus said, ‘For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.’ Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, ‘What? Are we blind too?’ Jesus said, ‘If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.’

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



# Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday has evolved over the years; from the time when people would return to their “Mother Church” during Lent to when those in service and apprenticeships went home to their mothers with gifts such as hand-picked flowers.

By the early 20th century celebrating Mothering Sunday had waned in many places, but the institution of Mother's Day in the United States brought about renewed interest. This was a cause championed by Mothers' Union, amongst others.

By 1938 it was claimed that Mothering Sunday was celebrated in every parish in Britain and in every country of the Empire.

Now a staple in the church calendar and celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent. Mothering Sunday is a time for us all to recognize the importance of those who have cared for and mothered us throughout our lives.

## MOTHERS UNION PRAYER

Loving Lord

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers Union

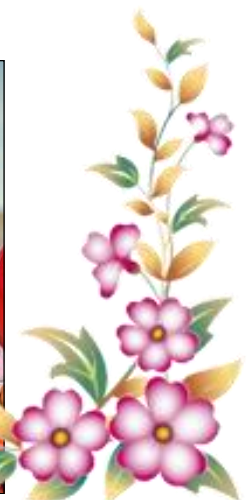
as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit,

may we be united in prayer and worship,

and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name. Amen







## 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](mailto:officestjohnstaree@gmail.com)

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

# Annual General Meeting

Today  
19th March 2023

Parish Hall  
@ 2pm





# Christ in the Passover

An Exploration of Passover,  
the Last Supper,  
& Your Communion Experience

Learn about and experience  
a Passover Supper

St John's Anglican Church

Monday, 3rd April at 7.00pm

294 Victoria Street, Taree

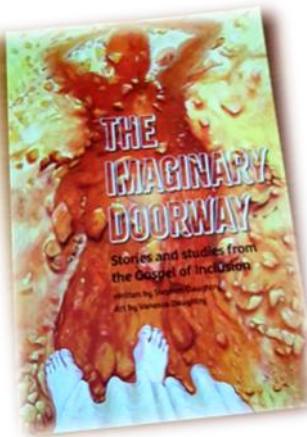
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# LENT STUDIES

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



Book available for \$12.00 each,  
but if that is a problem speak to Reverend Natalie

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

Tuesdays 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March

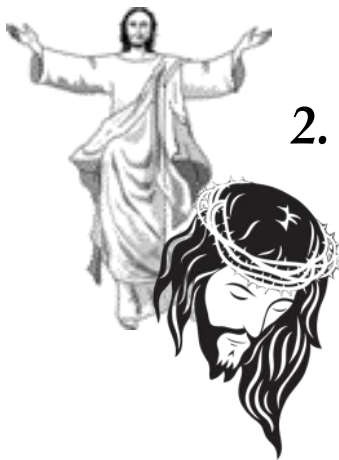
or/and

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

- ◆ Latham Centre or Zoom  
@ 7pm

Thursdays, 23<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March.

*Join us this Lent and explore your faith.*



# ABM

Anglican Board of Mission - Australia  
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## LENT AND 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



## HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

### SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> March – Lent 4-Mothering Sunday

1 Samuel 16. 1-13; Psalm 23;  
Ephesians 5. 8-14; John 9. 1-41

### SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> March – Lent 5

Ezekiel 47. 1-14; Psalm 130;  
Romans 8. 6-11; John 11. 1-45

## WELCOMERS

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March		Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	
9am	Di Woollard Ian Woollard	9am	Bruce Walker David Denning
4pm	Beryl Fenwick	4pm	Beryl Fenwick

## READERS

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March		Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	
9am	Margaret Griffis	9am	Margaret Griffis
4pm	Fr Ivan Ransom	4pm	Ken Park

## MORNING TEA

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March		Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	
Di + Ian Woollard		Margaret + Les Griffis	

## HYMNS - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

TIS 447, 217, 635, 687

## BRASS CLEANING for March

Margaret Kelly

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## LENT 4

A few weeks ago, I got off the tram to walk down to the shops, in his usual spot was a homeless man, whose name I'm ashamed to say I don't know. While I gave what change I had I was reminded of Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need ..." (GNB) is, at times difficult to reconcile when confronted with the problem of homelessness endemic in many large cities. For me, Psalm 23 reminds me that God's love is for all, pulling me out of the self-absorption and apathy that's all too easy for us to fall into this time of year and to try to find ways to love my neighbour practically. For me this reading reminds me that while I'm loved by God, 'he' loves all of his creation, and calls on us to act with love for all our neighbours helping them and acting with love and charity for those most in need.

- ◆ Give thanks for the love of God, the protection and guidance provided by 'him', even if not always obvious and pray that we as a society and church can do more to help those in need

*Text: Jeremy Fraser, 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](mailto:dps@newcastleanglican.org.au)**

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

