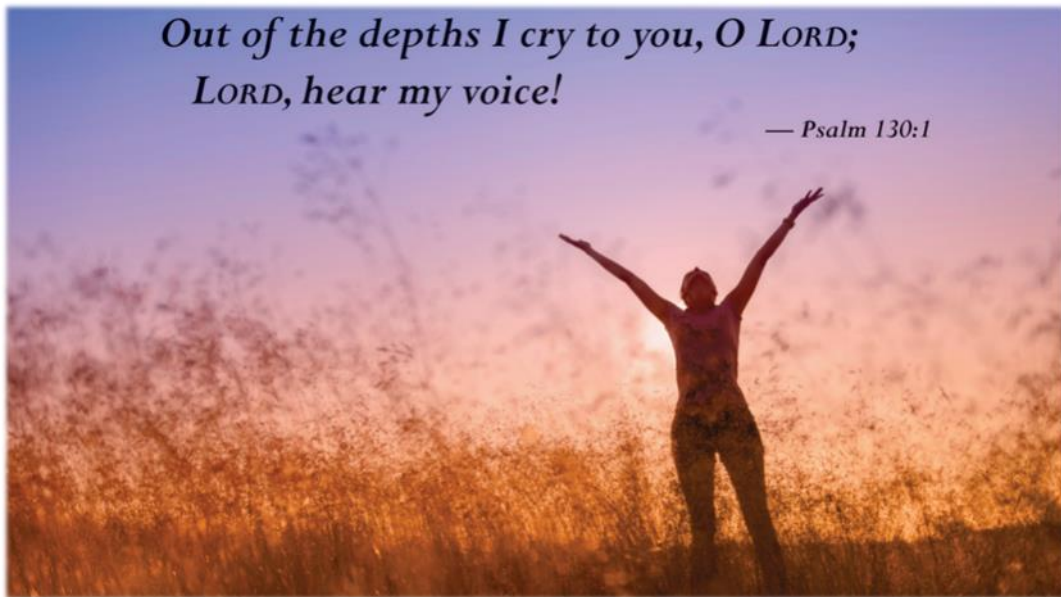


WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF TAREE



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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MUSINGS ON LENT

Our gospel passage this week recounts the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from death. It is another one of the signs in John's gospel which help us to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus arrived in Lazarus' hometown of Bethany four days after Lazarus had died and been buried. Both Of Lazarus' sisters, Mary and Martha, tell Jesus that they believe that if He had been there earlier He could have healed Lazarus. Jesus tells them that He is more than a healer of the sick – He says He is 'the resurrection and the life' and 'whoever lives by believing in me will never die'. Martha professes her belief that Jesus is the Messiah. Later Jesus commands Martha to roll away the tomb stone. Martha obeys. Jesus call Lazarus from the dead.

This is an astounding sign of power, assurance and faith. The passage points us to who Jesus is. God, in the form of the Son, who came into the world to bring life to all who believe in His name. The work of Jesus triumphs over death for all those who believe in Him. It also speaks of faith – Martha's profession of belief in Jesus as Messiah and her willingness to put this profession into action by rolling away the stone. As we journey through Lent we are called upon to reflect upon our faith. To consider what it means to confess Jesus and to examine how we live out that confession. Our reflection challenges us to action. George Macdonald wrote that:

*A person's real belief is that which they live by.
What they believe is the thing they do, not the thing they think.*

This passage shows us Jesus as the resurrection and the life. It also challenges us to be the people who believe in Jesus enough to be willing to roll the stone away when he ask us, to live our lives as an example to others so they too may know Jesus' love and believe.

In Christ's love
Rev Natalie



**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; Linda Wilson, Jacqui Yabsley, Regina Valentine, Scone Grammar School - Paul Smart; The Parish of Denman The Reverend Beatrice Pate, The Parish of Merriwa - Ministry Team; The Parish of Murrurundi Barbara Morgan.

Anglican Board of Mission Australia (ABMA).

The Episcopal Church of the Philippines; Local Ecumenical groups and Ministers' Associations .

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: Vi Whaley, Ted Strangwidge & Raymond Ramsay

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SENTENCE

‘I am the resurrection and the life,’ says the Lord; ‘whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.’ John 11.25–26

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Life-giving God,
your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death:
breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 37.1-14

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me to and fro among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, ‘Son of man, can these bones live?’ I said, ‘Sovereign Lord, you alone know.’ Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to these bones and say to them, “Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.”’ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.”’ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army. Then he said to me: ‘Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.” Therefore prophesy and say to them: “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will

bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord .'''

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

1. Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice;
2. O let your ears consider well:
the voice of my supplication.
3. If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:
who then, O Lord, could stand?
4. But there is forgiveness with you:
so that you shall be feared.
5. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:
and in his word is my hope.
6. My soul looks for the Lord:
**more than watchmen for the morning,
more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.**
7. O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him is ample redemption.
8. He will redeem Israel:
from the multitude of their sins.

Second Reading

Ephesians 8. 6-11

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans

The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

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Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
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

Now a man named Lazarus was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay ill, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the one you love is ill.' When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This illness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.' Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, 'Let us go back to Judea.' 'But Rabbi,' they said, 'a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the day-time will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.' After he had said this, he went on to tell them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.' His disciples replied, 'Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.' Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. 'Lord,' Martha said to Jesus, 'if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'

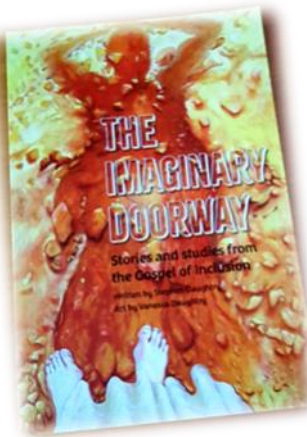
Martha answered, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she replied, 'I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.' After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. 'The Teacher is here,' she said, 'and is asking for you.' When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 'Where have you laid him?' he asked. 'Come and see, Lord,' they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 'Take away the stone,' he said. 'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.' Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.' Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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 28th March

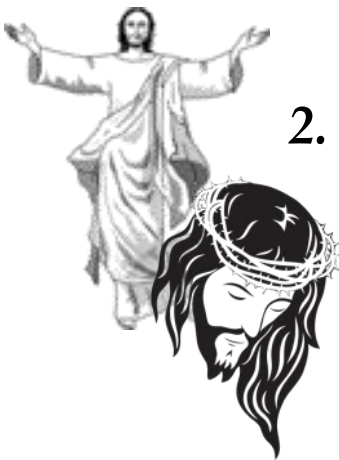
or/and

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

- ◆ Latham Centre or Zoom
@ 7pm

Thursdays, 30th March.

Join us this Lent and explore your faith.



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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



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

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St John's Taree

6th April

Maundy Thursday - @ 7.00pm

7th April

Good Friday - @ 9.00am

8th April

Easter Day

Service of Light - @ 6.00am
followed by breakfast in the hall

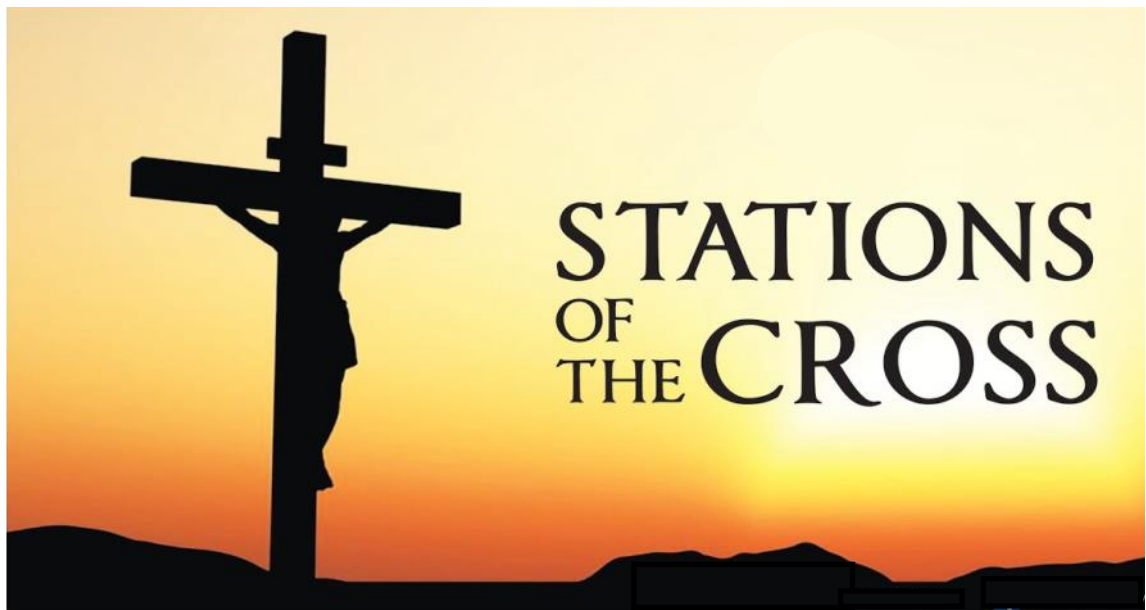
Traditional Easter Celebration - @ 9.00am

Contemporary Easter celebration- @ 11.00am

Old Bar

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross - @ 10.00am

Easter Day Celebration - @ 11.00am



You are invited to

Combined Stations of the Cross

Good Friday

7th April 2023

@ 10.30am

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Catholic Church

75 Albert St, Taree



HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 26th March – Lent 5

Ezekiel 47. 1-14; Psalm 130;

Romans 8. 6-11; John 11. 1-45

SUNDAY 2nd April – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50. 4-9a; Psalm 31. 9-18;

Philippians 2. 5-11; Matthew 26. 14 - 27.66

WELCOMERS

Sunday 26 th March		Sunday 2 nd April	
9am	Bruce Walker David Denning	9am	Col Rose David Denning
4pm	Beryl Fenwick	4pm	Beryl Fenwick

READERS

Sunday 26 th March		Sunday 2 nd April	
9am	Margaret Griffis	9am	Hugh McCrindle
4pm	Ken Park	4pm	Sue Prentice

MORNING TEA

Sunday 26 th March		Sunday 2 nd April	
Margaret + Les Griffis		Doreen Sinclair + Bruce Walker	

HYMNS - Sunday 26th March

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BRASS CLEANING for March

Margaret Kelly

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LENT 5

John 11: 1-45 includes two noteworthy things that may be overlooked. First, Jesus was compassionate. He felt deeply for those affected and acted decisively to help. Second, Jesus interacted with a woman who recognised that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God, as Peter did in an exchange with Jesus reported in the synoptic gospels. A study of the earliest available Greek text and pertinent early literature by Elizabeth Schrader indicated that the woman was not Martha, but actually Mary Magdalene, the first witness to Jesus' resurrection.

- ◆ Let's pray for God's gift of compassion and give thanks for His conferment of equal standing on all people.
- ◆ Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Korea, the Daehan Seong Gong Hoe.

*Text: Ken Willett, 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

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