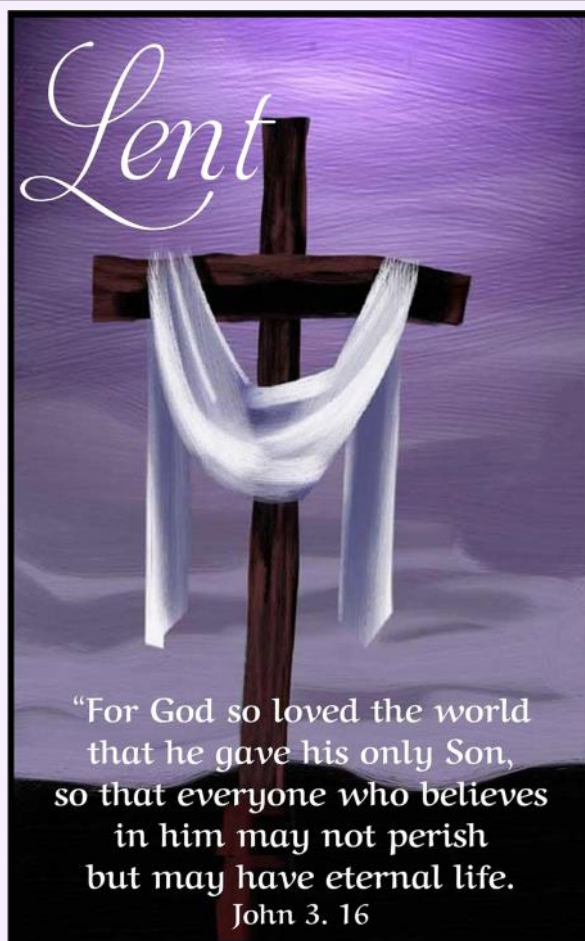


5th March 2023

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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PARISH OFFICE	Phone: 6551 3849 Parish office: 9am - 12 noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. (All General enquiries) Email: officestjohnstaree@gmail.com		
HALL MANAGERS	Ken Park - 0412 138 985		Bruce Walker - 0405 697 690

A Light Meditation

Jn 3:16

That's all that the metre square cardboard sign had to say at the football match (Soccer). The gent behind the sign, in contrast to the rest of the crowd in the grandstand, dressed in a dark suit and white shirt, appropriate enough for any Sunday afternoon. But I couldn't help wondering how many people seated in front of him would turn around to read the coded message and how many seated behind him would meaningfully interpret the cardboard's blank reverse. Apart from being a lesson in wasted time, one needs to ask what does John's Gospel, the Third chapter and the Sixteenth verse actually mean.?

The first word, "For" (because) tells us there is a context: an evening interview between Jesus of Nazareth and Nicodemus, a Pharisee (rigorist puritan) and a "Ruler among the Jews" (Member of the Sanhedrin ?) in which is discussed the way to find Peace with God. Our Saviour provides Nicodemus with the answer: it involves no ritual or price. It is just like being born again: starting all over: accepting with the simplicity of a newborn infant what Our Heavenly Father, in his mercy and love, has freely provided: a new way of living, Nicodemus found this hard to swallow. He hadn't got to be a ruler in Israel by being weak and gullible. If ever there was a self-made man, he was it !

John, the youngest brother of the Messiah, records this incident meticulously. He is obviously present in the room. Just like aged people remember "every detail" so he recollects how the Master put the reality of God's dealing with humankind to one of the very council who was shortly to condemn him. The usher ordered the "suit" to put the sign away or he would confiscate it. He was blocking other people's view of the game

Fr Duan



**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





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; Property Team; Newcastle Grammar School - Dr Alan Parsons; University Chaplaincies - Andrew Eaton; the Parish of Wallsend - Andrew Eaton, Philip Morris & The Ministry Team .
Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Mark Calder).

The Church of Bangladesh; The Church of South India (United).

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: Ron Paff.

PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Edwin Allport, Maurice Mitchell, Bob Coleman, Dawn Coleman, Dennis Marriott, John Britton & Sally Ritchie.

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.



Thank You for all your prayers, care and support during the past eighteen months.

I have completed my cancer therapy treatment, however, I have not been given a clearance.

Let us go forward prayerfully giving thanks for healing.

Beryl

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SENTENCE

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3. 16

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive:
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be you loving children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

GENESIS 12. 1-4A

A reading from the book of Genesis

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121 — A.P.B.A. PAGE 360

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills:
but where shall I find help?
2. My help comes from the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.
3. He will not let your foot to stumble;
and he who watches over you will not sleep.
4. Be sure he who has charge of Israel:
will neither slumber nor sleep.
5. The Lord himself is your keeper:
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;
6. The sun shall not strike you by day:
nor shall the moon by night.

7. The Lord will defend you from all evil;

it is he who will guard your life.

8. The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:

from this time forward for evermore.

Second Reading

Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 3. 1-17

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

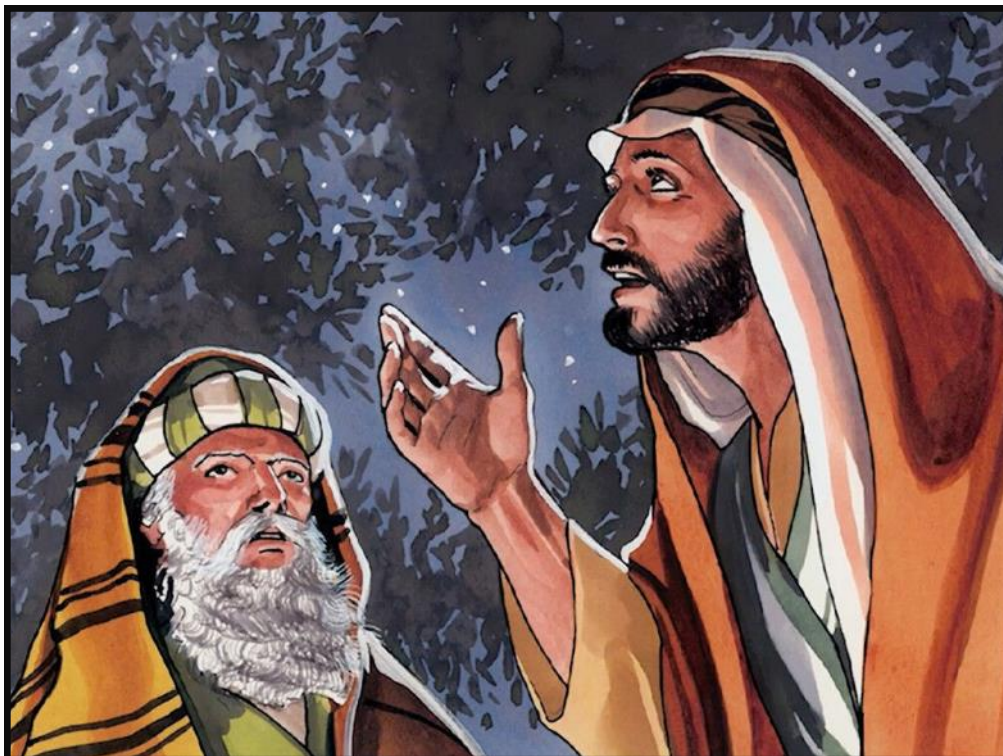
Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered,

'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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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 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

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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

Annual General Meeting

19th March 2023

Parish Hall @ 2pm

Are You on the Parish Electoral Roll?

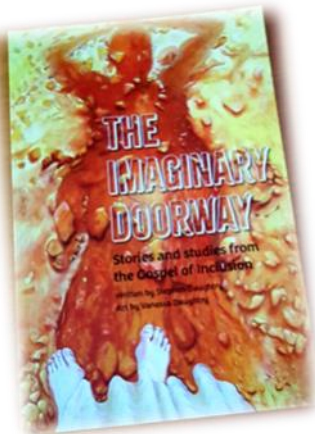
If not there is a form at the back of the church or contact the Parish office.

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

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

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

Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March

or/and



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

◆ Latham Centre or Zoom
@ 7pm

****Please Note changes****

Thursdays, 9th, 16th, 23th & 30th March.

Join us this Lent and explore your faith.



International Women's Day

Wednesday 8th March 2023

Theme: #EmbraceEquity





**LENTEN RETREAT - with St Francis and St Clare
at the Old Monastery, Stroud
Led by Rev'd Mandy Wheatley**

*Lent is a time to reflect and withdraw from the world.
Come to a place of peace and make space for what
matters.*

2 quiet days or stay for the night.

Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th March

Eucharist each day in the Chapel

- Day retreatants bring your own lunch.
- Overnight stay book-in call (02) 9160 4775
- Tea and coffee provided.
- Cut off for booking-in Monday 6th March

For more information call Rev'd Mandy - 0401 670 132

See: <https://www.themonasterystroud.org.au/>

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 5th March – Lent 2

Genesis 12. 1-4a; Psalm 121;
Romans 4. 1-5,13-17; John 3. 1-17

SUNDAY 12th March – Lent 3

Exodus 17. 1-7; Psalm 95;
Romans 5. 1-11; Luke 15. 11-32

WELCOMERS

Sunday 5 th March		Sunday 12 th March	
9am	Di Woollard Ian Woollard	9am	Doreen Sinclair Col Rose
4pm	Beryl Fenwick	4pm	Beryl Fenwick

READERS

Sunday 5 th March		Sunday 12 th March	
9am	Hugh McCrindle	9am	Janella Leotta
4pm	Ken Park	4pm	Sue Prentice

MORNING TEA

Sunday 5 th March		Sunday 12 th March	
Doreen Sinclair Bruce Walker		Di + Ian Woollard	

HYMNS - Sunday 5th March

TIS 246, 76, 145, 147

BRASS CLEANING for March

Margaret Kelly

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LENT 2

One can feel for Nicodemus seeking out Jesus for enlightenment, understanding, only to be confronted with the idea of being 'born again'?

Today we'd ask Google only to be given thousands of options to choose from. My choice of explaining Born Again, would be Kintsugi – the Japanese art of repairing a broken pot by joining the pieces together with gold, with us as the pot, and the Spirit of God being the gold that holds us together.

- Pray for understanding and welcoming being born again – the Holy Spirit into our lives.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Japan, the Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

*Text: Bob Randle 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

