

WELCOME
 TO THE
PARISH
 OF
TAREE



Sunday Services
- Taree & Old Bar

ST JOHN'S
294 Victoria St. Taree

9am - SUNDAY
4pm - SUNDAY

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
18 Hall St. Old Bar

11am - SUNDAY

Bishop Charlie will be visiting the Parish
 on Sunday 21st May, 2023.

The Bishop will be attending both St John's and Old Bar Services.

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Priest's Ponderings

John uses the Greek term *paraklētos* for the Holy Spirit. Different versions of the English bible translate this term either as 'advocate', 'comforter' or 'helper'.

These translations have slightly different connotations. When we think of 'advocate', we often think of someone who represents us in court. Who argues our case to the judge on our behalf. When we think of 'comforter' we think of someone who tends to our concerns, who soothes us when we suffer, who assures us when we are lost or confused or doubting. A 'helper' is someone who assists us to get things done. Someone who shows us how to do our work, who teaches us how to live and who gets along side us does things with us.

The Holy Spirit is all these things. As the 'advocate' he brings us before God covered with Jesus' righteousness and he intercedes on our behalf. As our 'comforter', the Holy Spirit ministers to our heart. He speaks tenderly and lovingly to our fears and insecurities and our pain and suffering. As our 'helper', the Holy Spirit is our teacher and our guide. He is the one who works in us to change us and transform us into Christlikeness. He helps us to keep God's word and do the work of God in the world.

Our sentence of the week is 'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises, 'and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.' (John 14.23). It is through the work of the Holy Spirit that we are able to love Jesus and keep his word. Corrie Ten Boom said:

Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.

In Christ's love
Rev Natalie



Dear Jesus,
We thank you for all mothers
and carers around the world,
and for all they do for their children.
We thank you for their patience
when we don't get things right.
We thank you for their encouragement
when we find life hard.
We pray that mums would feel really special today
and that you would remind us every day to show them
as much love and help as they give to us. Amen



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; Synod Diocesan Council; Manning Valley Anglican College - Darren Parkes, Greg Anderson; the Parish of Southlakes - Melinda McMahon, The Ministry Team; the Parish of Cardiff Boolaroo - Sally Malfroy, Graham Gordon.

Diocese of Northern Territory (Bp Greg Anderson)

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; The Church of the Province of West Indies.

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, 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: Jim Sanderson, Mildred Erickson, Mavis Dodd & Jessie Solling.

PRAYER FOR THE VOICE:

God who listens,
open our hearts to hear the gentle invitation of those without a voice;
placeless and dispossessed of all that was theirs, instead of anger,
revenge or blame, they offer in their open hand absurd generosity,
an act of transformational forgiveness from the centre of their being to ours:
May we sense the integrity of country speaking to country,
body to body; and find within ourselves the humility
to accept and journey together, to become our nation's
better future, resolving our colonial memory, Australia's original sin.
As Jesus gave his body for ours, help us to receive and pass on this
gift of new life, for his name's sake. Amen

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SENTENCE:

‘‘Those who love me will keep my word,’’ Jesus promises, ‘and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.’ John 14.23

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**O God,
you have prepared for those who love you
joys beyond our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love for you,
that, loving you above all else,
we may obtain your promises
that exceed all we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 17.22–31

A reading from the book of Acts

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” 29 Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a

man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm - 66. 7-19

- 7 O bless our God, you peoples:
and cause his praises to resound,
- 8 Who has held our souls in life:
who has not suffered our feet to slip.
- 9 For you have proved us, O God:
you have tried us as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the net:
you laid sharp torment on our loins.
- 11 You let our enemies ride over our heads, we went through fire and water:
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.
- 12 I will come into your house with burnt-offerings:
and I will pay you my vows,
- 13 The vows that opened my lips:
that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble.
- 14 I will offer you burnt-offerings of fattened beasts,
with the sweet smoke of rams:
I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats.
- 15 Come then and hear, all you that fear God:
and I will tell what he has done for me.
- 16 I called to him with my mouth:
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 17 If I had cherished wickedness in my heart:
the Lord would not have heard me.
- 18 But God has heard me:
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.
- 19 Praise be to God:
**who has not turned back my prayer,
or his steadfast love from me.**

A reading from the First letter to Peter

8 Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

9 Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing.

10 For 'Those who desire life
and desire to see good days,
let them keep their tongues from evil
and their lips from speaking deceit;

11 let them turn away from evil and do good;
let them seek peace and pursue it.

12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.'

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,

15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you;

16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,

19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,
20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water.

21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Who ever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14.15-25

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Chapter 14 commencing at verse 15th.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

15 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.





Emergency Relief

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

Just a reminder...



JESUS SHAPED LEADERS WORKSHOPS FORMATION FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE LEADERS

In 2023, the Diocese will be offering 6 Saturday workshops based on the Five Marks of Mission to encourage and resource people involved in shaping the spiritual lives of people connected with our parishes, agencies, and schools.

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Topic</i>
3 June	Teach
5 August	Transform
7 October	Treasure
18 November	Tell

Each session will include a celebration of the Eucharist, engagement with Scripture, a keynote address and opportunities to explore practical action.

The workshops will be held at St John's Church, 45 Sturgeon Street, Raymond Terrace from 10am to 3pm.

Anyone who is interested in attending one, a number of, or all of these workshops please let Reverend Natalie - 0411 763 448 or Email: officestjohnstaree@gmail.com and we can arrange registration.

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 14th May – Sixth of Easter

Acts 17. 22-31 ; Psalm 66. 7-19;

1 Peter 3. 8-22; John 14.15-21

SUNDAY 21st May – Seventh of Easter

Acts 1. 6-14; Psalm 68. 1-10, 32-35;

1 Peter 5; John 17. 1-11

WELCOMERS

Sunday 14 th May		Sunday 21 st May	
9am	Doreen Sinclair David Denning	9am	Doreen Sinclair Col Rose
4pm	Beryl Fenwick	4pm	Beryl Fenwick

READERS

Sunday 14 th May		Sunday 21 st May	
9am	Janella Leotta	9am	Hugh McCrindle
4pm	Sue Prentice	4pm	Ken Park

MORNING TEA

Sunday 14 th May		Sunday 21 st May	
Margaret + Les Griffis		Kylie Sanderson + David Denning	

HYMNS - Sunday 14th May

TIS 134, 37, 598, 103

BRASS CLEANING for May

Lorraine Yarad



6TH OF EASTER

Commandments in John's writings are more than moral precepts but involve a whole way of life in loving union with God, through Jesus his Son. Keeping God's commandments is maintaining our relationship with God, initiated and maintained by the very gift of God himself to us through the sending of the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, we know the Father and receive Jesus his Son. We can then live because Jesus lives in us.

- ◆ We give thanks for the gifts from God through the sending of the Holy Spirit: knowing God, living in God, living in the life which is in Jesus.
- ◆ Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of Ceylon.

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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

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