

# 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

We welcome Bishop Charlie to our services today.

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## It's not whatever you say . . . It's what you actually do..

Jesus prayer is not just words. He is about to sacrifice himself. So what does he pray for? He intercedes for his disciples first of all. And as the Saviour is the Eternal Word of God, His prayer is timeless, and is a prayer for us in the 21st. Century.

Notwithstanding the scenario of the Eternal Word of God having a conversation with the Eternal Father God within earshot of John, the youngest of the disciples, making him more privileged than Moses in his encounter with Jehovah on Mount Sinai, we have here in John's Gospel, chapter seventeen, a revelation of the mind of Christ which should guide us in forming that relationship which the Saviour describes as 'eating his flesh and drinking his blood'. This is true communion with the Eternal; – the assurance of the present, immediate possession of God's free gift of Eternal Life. 'Death has no more dominion over you'. Lo and behold, you are in the birth-pangs of the New Creation. 'Old things have passed away. Everything becomes new.'

### **All Together, Now.**

It is commonly said that rehearsed, formal prayers, such as are found in the Anglican order of service (liturgy) stifle the spontaneity of the Holy Spirit. However, it is clear that Our Lord instructed his disciples in terms of the recitations of the typical Jewish Synagogue (church), such as the Shemah, the Decalogue and the very form of "The Lord's Prayer". These same critics happily sing hymns in formal poetry as set out in a hymn book. That most "free-style" portion of our liturgy, the sermon or homily, like the formal prayer or "Collect", is as much intended to supply the hearer with a vocabulary as with doctrine or propaganda. The first Christians clearly followed the precedents of the ceremonial of Herod's Temple and the Jewish Synagogue. Like the prayer Jesus prayed in Gethsemane, it reflects the true nature of the relationship between the Eternal Word of God, the Creator God and the comforting Spirit of God. And that happens as you pray.

### **I Want to be Alone**

Jesus warns against using prayers to intimidate or manipulate others: "You shall not take the Name of the Lord, your God in vain". "You shall not be like hypocrites ...to be seen by other people'. The other side of God-focussed congregational (corporate) prayer is the God-focussed private quiet time, springing forth from the Heavenly Father's communication to us in the one true testimony, the Holy Bible. "Pray to your (heavenly) Father privately'. (Mathew 6:6)

### **God's Shopping List**

"What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions." (James 4:1-3)

Now that's the brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, telling it like it is. Prayer is not to present the Almighty, Eternal Lord of Heaven and Earth with a shopping list. It is to have an audience with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. And if you are tongue-tied, it doesn't matter. You are His beloved.

(Romans 8:26) ' the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groaning too deep for words'.

There have been many great and holy people who have written heavy books about prayer and served only to intimidate the likes of you and me. Keep your mind on the Lord.

*Fr Duan*



**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; Paula Trood, Mychelle Gumbleton; The Cathedral - Katherine Bowyer; the Parish of Gloucester - James Brooks; the Parish of Harrington & District - Helen Quinn; the Parish of Taree - Natalie Quince; & The Ministry Teams.

Diocese of Tasmania (Bps Richard Condie and Chris Jones).

The Church of the Province of Myanmar; The Salvation Army.

**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, Judy Richardson, Anne, John, Jamison, Ian, Joan, April, Alex Platt, Margaret McDonald & Laurie Robertson.

**PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:** Betty Hicks, Sue Blunt.

**PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Joyce Kirby, Carole Costa, William Howell, Christine Clark.

### **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



## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### SENTENCE:

'Go and make disciples of all nations,' Jesus commands; 'I am with you always, to the close of the age.' Matthew 28.19–20

### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**O God,  
whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples,  
and sent them into the world  
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom:  
by your Holy Spirit,  
hold the Church in unity,  
and keep it faithful to your word,  
so that, breaking bread together,  
we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### *First Reading*

### *Acts 1.6-14*

A reading from the book of Acts

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' 7 He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm - 68. 1-10, 32-35

- 1 God shall arise, and his enemies shall be scattered:  
**those that hate him shall flee before his face.**
- 2 As smoke is dispersed, so shall they be dispersed:  
**as wax melts before a fire,  
so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
- 3 But the righteous shall be glad and exult before God:  
**they shall rejoice with gladness.**
- 4 O sing to God, sing praises to his name:  
**glorify him that rode through the deserts,  
him whose name is the Lord, and exult before him.**
- 5 He is the father of the fatherless, he upholds the cause of the widow:  
**God in his holy dwelling place.**
- 6 He gives the desolate a home to dwell in,  
and brings the prisoners out into prosperity:  
**but rebels must dwell in a barren land.**
- 7 O God, when you went out before your people:  
**when you marched through the wilderness,**
- 8 The earth shook, the heavens poured down water:  
**before the God of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**
- 9 You showered down a generous rain, O God:  
**you prepared the land of your possession when it was weary.**
- 10 And there your people settled:  
**in the place that your goodness,  
O God, had made ready for the poor.**
- 32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth:  
**O sing praises to the Lord,**
- 33 To him that rides upon the highest heavens, that were from the beginning:  
**who utters his voice, which is a mighty voice.**
- 34 Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel:  
**and his might is in the clouds.**
- 35 Terrible is God who comes from his holy place:  
**the God of Israel who gives power  
and strength to his people. Blessed be God**

A reading from the First letter to Peter

1 Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you 2 to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. 3 Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

5 In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for ‘God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

8 Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

12 Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.

13 Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. 14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice .

### **Alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

**John 17.1-11**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
Chapter 17 commencing at verse 1.

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

1 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 6 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**





# SUBLIME and DIVINE

Sunday 28th May 2023  
2pm - St John's Taree

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:**

Due to the concert there will be **NO** 4pm Service

The Old Bar congregation  
invite you  
to your them for  
Morning Tea  
@10am

Thursday 25th May, 2023

FLOW Bar

31 David Street,

Old Bar







Join us to celebrate a lifetime of

*Exquisite Hand Embroidery by*

*Lilian Else*

**Thursday, May 25**

**Morning or Afternoon Tea  
& Exhibition**

**10.00 am to 3:00 pm**

**St. John's Hall**

**Victoria Street, Taree**

**ITEMS FOR SALE\***

*Tickets available from :*

Dan's Fashions (Manning Street)

Margaret's Underfashions (Pulteney Arcade)

**\$25.00**





**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 (Sas'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



# 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](mailto:officestjohnstaree@gmail.com) and we can arrange registration.





# POT LUCK DINNER

will be held  
in the Parish Hall  
@ 5.30pm  
Sunday 28th May 2023



All are welcome



Blue Cross Shop  
Team Leaders Meeting  
Tuesday 23rd May 2023  
@ 3.15 at the shop

## FIND A WORD

Based on  
Luke 24: 44-53

B T Q O M D Q S U F F E R U F  
 F N C Q W O P S A L M S T S A  
 G X N Q O F S M Z Z H N U C O  
 B B Y C R O T E C M E T N R J  
 R A P R S R S P S P F E C I A  
 N I G Y H G U P E G K D L P S  
 Z F S F I I M R N A N W D T P  
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 A X A B D I L P E U V V N O R  
 D E C N K U N P L F J S D Q S  
 H R U I F H O G G V Y K S L C

RISE	REPENT	PROPHETS	TAKEN
SUFFER	PSALMS	OPENED	FORGIVE
HEAVEN	SCRIPTURE	FULFILLED	MOSES
WORSHIPED	BLESSING	UNDERSTAND	MINDS

## HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May – Seventh of Easter

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

1 Peter 5; John 17. 1-11

### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> May – Day of Pentecost

Acts 2. 1-21; Psalm 104. 26-36;

1 Corinth 12. 1-13; John 20. 10-23

### WELCOMERS

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May		Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	
9am	Doreen Sinclair Col Rose	9am	Di Woollard Ian Woollard
4pm	Beryl Fenwick	4pm	Beryl Fenwick

### READERS

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May		Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	
9am	Hugh McCrindle	9am	Margaret Griffis
4pm	Ken Park	4pm	Sue Prentice

### MORNING TEA

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May		Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	
Kylie Sanderson + David Denning		Lorraine + Bruce Monck	

### HYMNS - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May

TIS 207, 392, 377, 231

### BRASS CLEANING for May

Lorraine Yarad

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## 7TH OF EASTER

In today's readings wait with the disciples – called by name – in the upper room, wondering how to make sense of Jesus' last words about receiving the Spirit and being sent as his witnesses to the far-flung corners of the world. We wait, and hear the wonderful exhortation of Peter to "cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you". And we reflect on Jesus the Master modelling for us what intimate prayer to his Father looks like, prayer in which we too are caught up as he prays for us. Let us remember, in these perplexing days, that the One who loves us has gone ahead of us to intercede for us, and that as our lips and hearts cry out, he cries out with us.

- In your prayer today, place your anxieties and the things that bother you in God's gentle hands. Pray, confident that Jesus prays in you.

*Text: The Very Reverend Keren, Dean St Paul's Cathedral, Sale © Anglican Board of Mission, 2023*

**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.**

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**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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