



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

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**"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth;
I have not come to bring peace, but a sword."**

These might strike one as surprising words to come from the mouth of Jesus – a million miles from the gentle figure in stained glass windows, who gathers lost sheep and little children to his heart. And yet, it is very much the image many people have of faith these days. Faith is seen as an evil thing, the cause of all wars and something that fires young followers setting them against their families and against the whole world. We of faith are now seen as the problem, not the solution. As we seek to learn from Jesus' teaching and apply it for good in our own lives, we must remember that Jewish tradition Jesus himself used for teaching, of subverting ideas by laying them in an unfamiliar context. Jesus sums up his teaching by pointing us to the Cross: "whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." Jesus turns the Cross into an instrument of life and justice and victory over the very evil it sought to perpetuate. We do not need to fear for our souls, but can acknowledge the truth, even when it is to our discredit. Christians are called to speak out: "what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops". Christians are to be people of courage. The most common command in the Bible is "do not be afraid." Three times in this short teaching, Jesus tells us not to be afraid: "have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered"; "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot hurt the soul"; "do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

Fr Bill





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; Craig Tinker; Newcastle Grammar School - Dr Alan Parsons; the Parish of Stroud - Maree Armstrong; the Parish of Williamtown, Medowie Mallabula - David Davies, The Ministry Team; Vocations to the ordained ministry.

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; Heads of Christian Churches (Newcastle).

Diocese of Willochra (Bishop-elect Jeremy James).

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, Hugh McCrindle, Norrie Spicer, Tennille, James, Anne, John, Jamison, Ian, Joan, Alex Platt & Margaret McDonald.

PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:

PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Walter Jarvis & Maree Dawson.

PRAYER FOR PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES:

My God, I give myself to you,
in joy and in sorrow;
in sickness and in health;
in success and in failure;
in time and for eternity.
Be near to me now,
and near to all for whom I ought to pray;
my family and friends,
all whom I love and all who love me;
all sick and suffering people and those who do not know or love you.
Bless us all, and help us to know and to love you
better throughout our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SENTENCE:

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it. Matthew 10.39

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**Gracious God,
we who were baptised into Christ Jesus
were baptised into his death:
we pray that, as you raised him from death,
so by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live the new life to your glory,
knowing ourselves to be dead in sin
but alive for you in Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 21.8–21

A reading from the book of Genesis

8 The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. 9 But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. 10 So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' 11 The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. 12 But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. 13 As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' 14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.

15 When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. 16 Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. 17 And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of

the boy where he is. 18 Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' 19 Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. 20 God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. 21 He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM - 86.1-10, 86.16-17

- 1 Incline your ear to me, O God, and answer me:
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Preserve my life, for I am faithful:
My God, save your servant who trusts in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord:
for I call to you all the day long.
- 4 O make glad the soul of your servant:
for I put my hope in you, O Lord.
- 5 For you, Lord, are good and forgiving:
of great and continuing kindness to all who call upon you.
- 6 Hear my prayer, O Lord:
and give heed to the voice of my supplication.
- 7 In the day of my trouble I call upon you:
for you will surely answer.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord:
nor are there any deeds like yours.
- 9 All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you:
O Lord, they shall glorify your name.
- 10 For you are great and do marvellous things:
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and be merciful, give your strength to your servant:
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me some token of your goodness:
**that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed,
because you, Lord, are my helper and my comforter.**

A reading from the book of Romans

1 What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10.24–39

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Chapter 10 commencing at verse 24.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

24 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master;
25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like
the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how
much more will they malign those of his household!

26 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be
uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.

27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear

whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father.

30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven;

33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

34 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me;

and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. without payment; give without payment.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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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

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 25th June - 4th after Pentecost

Genesis 21.8-21 ; Psalm: 86. 1-10, 16-17

Romans 6. 1-11; Matthew 10. 24-29

SUNDAY 2nd July -

WELCOMERS

Sunday 25 th June		Sunday 25 th June	
9am	Bruce Walker David Denning	9am	Col Rose Doreen Sinclair
4pm	Beryl Fenwick	4pm	Beryl Fenwick

READERS

Sunday 25 th June		Sunday 25 th June	
9am	Ian Woollard	9am	Hugh McCrindle
4pm	Sue Prentice	4pm	Sue Prentice

MORNING TEA

Sunday 25 th June		Sunday 25 th June	
Di Woollard + Ian Woollard		Lorraine Monck + Bruce Monck	

HYMNS - Sunday 25th June

TIS 274, 15, 360, 276

BRASS CLEANING for June

Pat Minto

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4TH AFTER PENTECOST

In Romans, Paul presents the gospel that we enter into a right relationship with God only by the grace of God, which is a free gift. We receive this gift by putting our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. And only by faith: there is nothing else we ourselves can do to earn being put right with God. But for Paul's interlocutors, if a right relationship with God is ours for free, then we can keep on doing bad things because we will always be forgiven anyway. In fact, the more bad things we do the more grace there will be. Grace has no ethic. Paul's answer is that in our baptism, we were baptized into Christ's death which put to death our old life of doing bad things. And gave us new life which enables us to do good. Grace does have an ethic.

- ◆ We give thanks that we are put right with God by his free gift through the death and resurrection of Jesus. And that grace does have an ethic.

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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

