

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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Priest Ponderings July 23rd

Today we stand against Domestic and Family abuse and there are lots of saying in the Bible that tells us that we are all created "in the image of God" (Genesis 1:27) and are all precious to God. Jesus shows us the way we must treat others.

Throughout His life and ministry, we see Jesus treat others with love, kindness, compassion, and equality, regardless of gender, class, age, or ability. He did not condone violence or abuse. Jesus never abused His power. Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). God wants us to have healthy relationships characterised by mutual service, respect and affirmation, partnership, honesty, accountability, trust, and fairness.

Therefore, the value and dignity of every individual should be upheld by all. Tragically, many people do not experience loving and healthy relationships as God intended. Instead, many women, men and children are subjected to domestic and family abuse. This includes people within our faith communities. This is not what God wants for His people. God wants each of us to flourish. "For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD, "plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11), also look at Matthew Ch 2:13-15 where we see Joseph caring for his family, taking them away from danger.

Fr Bill





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; Jenny Gillis; Lakes Grammar – An Anglican School - Deborah Clancy; Parish of Dungog Kimbalee Hodges; Parish of Gresford Paterson - Mary Horn, Peter Rothnie.

The Church of North India (United); The Religious Society of Friends.

Bishop to Aboriginal People (Bp Chris McLeod).

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. The First Peoples of the Diocese especially the Awabakal, Biripi, Darkinjung, Geawegal, Kamilaroi, Worimi & Wonnarua peoples.

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS: Coralie, 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: Jim Sinclair, Dorreen Foster, Albert Ford & Bob Langdown.

PRAYER:

O God,
you reveal your life as the shepherd of your people
and sent your Son Jesus to lead, guide and nurture us.
He took our human flesh, lived and died,
sharing all the trauma of human life,
triumphant over all that diminishes us:
hatred, sin, resentment, grief and even death.
Be present to us as we gather that we may know the assurance of Christ
that good is stronger than darkness; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours, through him who loves us. Amen.

By Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

SENTENCE:

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Psalm 86.15

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**God, whose tender love sets us free
to share equally in the joy of your presence;
give us clarity and courage to challenge abuse in homes and families
to hear the voice of victims and survivors
and to proclaim the good news of fullness of life for all.
We ask this thought Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one never-ceasing gift of love, now and for ever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 28.10–19a

A reading from the book of Genesis

10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. 11 He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. 12 And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; 14 and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. 15 Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' 16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' 17 And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' 18 So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. 19 He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139.1–11; 139.23–24

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
**you know when I sit or when I stand,
you comprehend my thoughts long before.**
- 2 You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue:
but you, Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot endure it.
- 6 Where shall I go from your spirit:
or where shall I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I ascend into heaven you are there:
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.
- 8 If I spread out my wings towards the morning:
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand shall lead me:
and your right hand shall hold me.
- 10 If I say 'Surely the darkness will cover me:
and the night will enclose me',
- 11 The darkness is no darkness with you, but the night is as clear as the day:
the darkness and the light are both alike.
- 23 Search me out, O God, and know my heart:
put me to the proof and know my thoughts.
- 24 Look well lest there be any way of wickedness in me:
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Second Reading

Romans 8.12–25

A reading from the book of Romans

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,

but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. 18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and effective discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13.24–30, 13.36–43

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Matthew
Chapter 13 commencing at verse 24.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

24 He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" 28 He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him,

“Then do you want us to go and gather them?” 29 But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ 36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ 37 He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen! soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 23rd July - PENTECOST 8

Genesis 28. 1-19a; Psalm 139. 1-11, 23-24

Romans 8. 12-25; Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

SUNDAY 30th July - PENTECOST 9

Genesis 29. 15-28; Psalm 105. 1-11

Romans 8. 26-39 Matthew 13. 44-58

WELCOMERS

Sunday 23 rd July		Sunday 30 th July	
9am	Col Rose Bruce Walker	9am	Di Woollard Ian Woollard
4pm	Beryl Fenwick	4pm	Beryl Fenwick

READERS

Sunday 23 rd July		Sunday 30 th July	
9am	Margaret Griffis	9am	Fr Ivan Ransom
4pm	Ken Park	4pm	Sue Prentice

MORNING TEA

Sunday 23 rd July		Sunday 30 th July	
Doreen Sinclair + Bruce Walker		Lorraine Monck + Bruce Monck	

HYMNS - Sunday 23rd July

TIS 134, 717, 745, 154

BRASS CLEANING for July

Margaret Kelly



8TH AFTER PENTECOST

In this week's parable Jesus speaks of a small wheat seed and throws in some weeds for good measure. The combination of seed and weed brings to mind an image of a world where good and evil co-exist under God's creative hand. We all have weeds, sin, in our lives, and our insurance, to reduce our weeds, is committing to and living a life of faith; it requires ongoing renewal, commitment and effort. God will do the weeding for God's kingdom to live and thrive.

- Pray for the daily renewal of Jesus' presence and share that with unbridled generosity, patience and love – with a heart that sings under God's creative hand!
- Give thanks for all who work with or otherwise support refugees and asylum seekers around the world.

*Text: Reverend Kate, Honorary Deacon. St Paul's Cathedral, Sale
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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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