

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

24th September 2023

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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DIARY DATES					
24 th September	5.30pm	Pot Luck Dinner	Parish Hall		
28 th September	10am	Old Bar Morning Tea	FLOW Bar - Old Bar		
12 th October	10am	Mothers Union	Latham Centre		
17 th October	7pm	Parish Council	Latham Centre		

Priests Ponderings

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

This verse affirms who Jesus is, why he came to earth, and what belief in him results in. This verse depicts how great God's love for the world is that he would be willing to offer up his son for us, which was an enormous sacrifice on God's part. It is because of God's sacrificial love that those of us who believe in Jesus and follow him gain eternal life.

From the Genesis account of creation, we learn that sinfulness entered humanity and the entire world because of the sins of Adam and Eve. Their sinful act begins of the story of how God would go on to redeem humanity. It is through the death and resurrection of Jesus that we are saved, redeemed, and set free from sin and death. We are promised eternal life. In this third chapter of John's Gospel, we read the account of a Pharisee named Nicodemus who had come to Jesus in the middle of the night. Yet in the dialogue recounted in this chapter, it is apparent that Nicodemus struggled to make sense of what it meant to follow Jesus. In a sense, this verse 16, captures the entire Gospel message. In just a few short words the hope found in Jesus is explained.

This verse is key because it assures us that we are loved, and that we can spend an eternity in God's presence. We are promised everlasting life rather than death when we put our faith in Jesus.

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; Toby Mills, Dee Ross; Manning Valley Anglican College - Darren Parkes, Greg Anderson, Parish of Nelson Bay - John West, Di Anderson, Anne Lye, Kyle Taylor, Lissy Vitali-Ross, Alison Keane; Parish of Stockton - Michael Marklew, Stephen Shrubb & The Ministry Teams.

The Church of Pakistan (United); National Council of Churches in Australia. Diocese of Wangaratta (Bp Clarence Bester).

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: Suzanne, Leonie, Coralie, Diane, Vera, Lyn, Joyce McMullen, Ted Hill, Wendy McKeogh, Norrie Spicer, James, Jamison, Ian, Joan, Alex Platt & Margaret McDonald.

PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:

PRAYERS FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Daphne Turner, John Rowsell, Hugh Ritchie Betty Strudwick, Lorna Anderson & Shirley Walker.



Tuesday mornings @ 11.30am and Wednesday evenings @ 7pm in the Latham Centre Taree

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SENTENCE:

He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 2.14

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Loving God, teach us to order the desires of our hearts according to the call to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Exodus 15. 1-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

¹⁵Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: 'I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed aloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. 2 The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. 3 The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name. 4 'Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea. 5 The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. 6 Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power—your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy. 7 In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble. 8 At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. 9 The enemy said, "I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword, my and shall destroy them." 10 You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. 11 'Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendour, doing wonders? 12 You stretched out your right hand, the earth swallowed them. 13 'In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed; you guided them by your strength to your holy abode.14 The peoples heard, they trembled; pangs seized the inhabitants of Philistia. 15 Then the chiefs of Edom were dismayed; trembling seized the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan melted away.

16 Terror and dread fell upon them; by the might of your arm, they became still as a stone until your people, O Lord, passed by, until the people whom you acquired passed by. 17 You brought them in and planted them on the mountain of your own possession, the place, O Lord, that you made your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hands have established.18 The Lord will reign for ever and ever.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78. 1-8

- 1 Give heed to my teaching, O my people: incline your ears to the words of my mouth;
- 2 For I will open my mouth in a parable: and expound the mysteries of former times.
- What we have heard and known: what our forebears have told us,
- We will not hide from their children, but declare to a generation yet to come: the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works.
- 5 He established a law in Jacob and made a decree in Israel: which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,
- 6 That future generations might know, and those yet unborn: that they in turn might teach it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their confidence in God: and not forget his works, but keep his commandments,
- 8 And not be as their forebears, a stubborn and rebellious generation: a generation that did not set their heart aright, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2. 13-16.

A reading from the book of Thessalonians

13 But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶ Now

may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope,

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, So that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life?

Alleluia!

Gospel John 3. 16-21.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John Chapter 16 commencing at verse 21.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

16 '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. 17 '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. 18Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Would you like to bless a child by packing a shoebox with gifts; this a tangible way to show God's love.

If you would like to participate please contact Jan Carrington on 6553 7972 who will provide you with a box and further information.

#LAST DAY#

Boxes will be collected TODAY.



St Johns Blue Cross Anglican Church



If you are interested in Confirmation in 2023 application forms are available on our website www.tareeanglican.org.au or contact Reverend Natalie Quince 0411763448 or MVAC Chaplain Greg Anderson 6553 8844.

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 24th September - Pentecost 17

Exodus 15. 1-18, Psalm 78. 1-8

2 Thessalonians 2. 13-16; John 3. 16-21

SUNDAY 1st October - Pentecost 18

Genesis 2. 1-15, Psalm 104. 24-35

Colossians 1. 15-23; Revelations 21. 1-4, 22. 1-5

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WELCOMERS						
Sunda	ay 24th September	Sunday 1st October				
9am	Doreen Sinclair	9am	Bruce Walker			
	Col Rose		David Denning			
4pm	Beryl Fenwick	4pm	Beryl Fenwick			
READERS						
Sunda	ay 24 th September	Sunday 1st October				
9am	Janella Leotta	9am	Hugh McCrindle			
4pm	Sue Prentice	4pm	Greg Anderson			
MORNING TEA						
Sunday 24th September		Sunday 1st October				
Doreen Sinclair		Margaret Griffis				
+ Bruce Walker		+ Les Griffis				
HYMNS: 24 th September						

BRASS CLEANING for September

Larraine Yarad

TIS 100, 15, 658, 687



PENTECOST 17

Today the Psalmist teaches us to 'Seek the Lord and his strength: seek his face continually'. Sometimes it can feel that God is remote and afar off – the transcendent God. But we must never forget that God is immanent – that is, internal to us – because God is the source of all our being and our bodies are temples of God's Spirit. God makes his home in our hearts as much as in the heavens. So we do not have to look far to find God – but we do have to decide to look.

- Lord, help me to prepare a heart for you, a heart that is worthy.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

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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 eq: 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