

# 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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# ADVENT

This Sunday we begin our season of Advent - the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Day. The word 'advent' means the arrival or coming of a notable person or thing. In our church calendar Advent is the season in which we reflect upon the coming of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

In this time of reflection we are encouraged to think of Jesus' coming in three ways:

### ***The birth of Jesus***

Advent is certainly the time to think about the wonder, the extraordinary gift of the coming of Jesus to earth from the glory of heaven in the form of a helpless babe ... Jesus coming and offering his life for us on the cross so we could be reconciled to God - that is one aspect of 'coming';

### ***The coming of the Holy Spirit***

The second is the coming of Jesus into our lives here and now, we consider what it means that Jesus is a living God ... he died but death was not the end for him, he defeated death and rose again! and he comes to us today ... in power and in comfort and in healing ... right now ... and tomorrow and for all the days of our lives ... in the form of the holy spirit, when we invite him into our lives;

### ***The second coming of Jesus***

And the third aspect of Jesus' coming is that the story goes on ... this world is not the end of the story, it is not all that there is ... Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead and when he does he will bring his new and glorious kingdom to completion and this kingdom will have no end.

During advent we are encouraged to think about all three aspects of Jesus' coming and consider what these events mean for our lives now. Have we surrendered our lives to Jesus who gave his life to save us? Have we invited the Holy Spirit into our lives and allowed him to guide, comfort and care for us? Are we prepared for Jesus to come again and judge the world?

Reflecting upon these things draws us deeper into the worship of a God who loved us so much that he sent his only Son; it helps us to be filled with awe at the wonder of Jesus; and it increases our anticipation and longing for the fullness of the kingdom to dawn.

***Rev Natalie***



**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; Arthur Copeman, Rod Bower, Dianne Langham; Lakes Grammar – Deborah Clancy; the Parish of Kotara South - Peter Anderson, Chris Bullock; the Parish of Lambton - Kate Heath; the Parish of Merewether - Stuart Smith, The Ministry Team.

Australian Defence Force Chaplaincy (Bp Grant Dibden).

Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle (Fr Greg Barker – Vicar General, Clergy and people).

**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, Diane, Vera, Lyn, Ted Hill, Wendy McKeogh, Norrie Spicer, James, Jamison, Ian, Joan, Alex Platt, Margaret McDonald.

**PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES:** Louise Lord, Valerie Atkins, Dennis Barstow, Marcia McBroom & Terrie Platts.

**PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:** Lea Young & Kakarl Simon.

## DIARY DATES

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> December	4pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> December	12 midday	ABM Luncheon	Parish Hall
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> December	11am	Mothers Union	St John's
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> December	7pm	Lessons + Carols Service	St John's
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm	Christmas Eve Family Service	St John's
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	Christmas Day Service	St John's

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SENTENCE:

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.' Mark 13.31

### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**Eternal God,  
through long generations you prepared a way  
for the coming of your Son,  
and by your Spirit  
you still bring light to illumine our paths:  
renew us in faith and hope  
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts  
and claim our love;  
to whom be glory for ever. Amen..**

### FIRST READING

### *Isaiah 64.1–9*

A reading from the book of Isaiah

<sup>1</sup> O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup> When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.<sup>4</sup> From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup> You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>8</sup> Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 80.1–7, 80.17–19**

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock:  
**you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;**
- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:  
**stir up your power, and come to save us.**
- 3 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
**show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
- 4 O Lord God of hosts:  
**how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears:  
**and given them tears to drink in good measure.**
- 6 You have made us the victim of our neighbours:  
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
**show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
- 17 Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:  
**on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.**
- 18 And so we shall not turn back from you:  
**give us life, and we will call upon your name.**
- 19 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
**show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

## **SECOND READING**

## **1 Corinthians 1.1–9**

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end,

so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be vigilant at all times and pray, that you may have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

**Mark 13. 24-37**

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

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

<sup>24</sup> 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup> 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup> 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup> Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at

midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup> or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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You are invited to the  
**ABM Luncheon**



Saturday 9 December 2023 -  
@ 12 midday - Church Hall.

Our guest speaker: Meagan Schwarz,  
ABM Key Relationship Manager.



RSVP on sheet at back of Church or **Email:** [officestjohnstaree@gmail.com](mailto:officestjohnstaree@gmail.com)



**BLUE CROSS  
EMERGENCY  
RELIEF**

**Your Gifts can make such  
a difference in others lives.**

*Below is specific grocery items  
required for Christmas supplies:*



Family size  
white microwave rice

Shelf-safe packets of  
parmesan cheese.



Tinned vegetables  
(eg corn, peas, carrots,  
potatoes)

Tuna mornay pasta sauce.



**Thank You**



**CHRISTMAS  
2023**

**SERVICE TIMES**

**9 Lessons and Carols  
Sunday 17 December  
@ 7.00pm**

**Christmas Eve Family Service  
Sunday 24 December  
@ 6.00pm**

**Christmas Day Service  
Monday 25 December  
@ 9.00am**

**Old Bar Christmas Service  
Sunday 24 December  
@ 11.00am**

## HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

### SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Advent 1

Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-7, 80.17-19

1 Corinthians 1.1-9; Mark 13.24-37

### SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> December - Advent 2

Isaiah 40. 1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1. 1-8

## WELCOMERS

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December		Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	
9am	Di Woollard Ian Woollard	9am	Doreen Sinclair Col Rose

## READERS

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December		Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	
9am	Ian Dyball	9am	Ian Woollard
4pm	Ken Park	4pm	Sue Prentice

## MORNING TEA

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December		Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	
Margaret Griffis + Les Griffis		Di Woollard + Ian woollard	

## HYMNS: 3<sup>rd</sup> December

TIS 319, 272, 270, 276

## BRASS CLEANING for December

Margaret Kelly

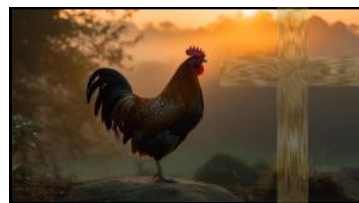


## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent is the season of waiting and preparation. There will be many signs for us, sometimes as obvious as eclipses and new growth on fig trees, other times more abstract in clouds and angels. We do not know exactly when. Jesus reminds us always to be ready and prepared. Keep awake!

- ✦ God, may I always be ready for your coming.
- ✦ Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

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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  
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