

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

18th February 2024

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

PARISH CONTACTS:						
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LENT IS A GIFT



Lent is a gift:

a time of giving and receiving...

Give your life to God; receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and respond to God's prompt.

Lent is a season:

a period of reflection...

Pause in contemplation; take time to assess your life and listen for God's voice.

Lent is an opportunity:

a journey to growth...

Ask God for new revelation of his love; use this to draw closer to Christ.

Lent is a habit:

a ritual of penitence...

Embrace the rites of the season; with contrition lay your sins at the cross.

Lent is a renewal:

a means of repentance...

Marvel at the grace of God; accept cleansing from guilt and shame.

Lent is a liturgy:

a prayerful experience...

Share with Christ in the wilderness of his mission; watch with him and pray.

Lent is a place:

a path of suffering and grief...

Keep company with Christ as he wrestles in the place of pain and suffering.

Lent is a wonder:

a resurrection glory...

Look through the shadows of the cross to glimpse the new dawn.

Lent is a relationship:

God's love without end...

Rejoice in the Father's everlasting love; be united with God through his Son. Amen



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WORLD: People & communities affected by violence & conflict, racism & discrimination, oppression, poverty, natural disasters. 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; Anglican Care - Andrew Harrison, Jenny Foley, Melanie Whalley; Parish of Morpeth - Nick Edwards, Narelle Riley; Parish of Mt Vincent, Kurri Kurri, Weston - Theresa Angert-Quilter; Parish of Raymond Terrace - Stephen Niland; The Ministry Teams.

Diocese of Riverina (Bp Donald Kirk).

The Anglican Church of Kenya; Lutheran Church of Australia.

COMMUNITY: For the homeless, and agencies supporting the vulnerable. For the victims of abuse and violence. For those affected by the impacts of 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: Bill & Jill Green, Donovan, Leonie, Rose-Maree, Suzanne, Diane, Vera, Lyn, Ted Hill, Wendy McKeogh, Norrie Spicer, James, Jamison, Ian, Joan, Alex Platt & Margaret McDonald.

PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES: Rhonda Ogden, Rosemary Herberte, Alwyn & Lawrence Dearnley, Craig Costa, Ronald Paff, Eric Rollings & Arthur Deacon.

PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:

DIARY DATES						
Mon 19th February	5.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's			
Frid 1st March		World Day of Prayer				
Tues 5 th March	3.15pm	Blue Cross Leaders Meeting	BC Shop			
Frid 8 th March		Internation Women's Day				
Thurs 14 th March	10.00am	Mothers Linion	Latham Centre			

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SENTENCE:

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1.15

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of the new and eternal covenant, as the forty days of the great flood swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life: grant to us, who are washed clean and born again in the saving flood of baptism, the wellspring of your grace, that your gift of new life may flourish once again; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 9.8-17

A reading from the book of Genesis

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' 12 God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' 17 God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25.1-10

- In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope: in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who wait for you be put to shame: but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord: and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me: for you are the God of my salvation.
- 5 In you have I hoped all the day long: because of your goodness, O Lord.
- 6 Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness: for they are from of old.
- 7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: but according to your mercy think on me.
- 8 Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he direct sinners in the way.
- 9 The meek he will guide in the path of justice: and teach the humble his ways.
- 10 All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true:

 for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3.18-22

A reading from the First book of Peter

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. 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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Gospel Mark 1.9-15

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Mark Chapter 1 commencing at verse 9.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' ¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

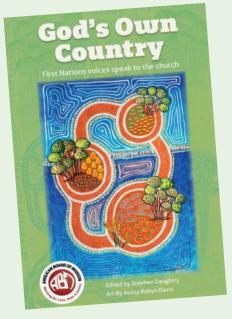
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LENT STUDIES



ABM GOD'S OWN COUNTRY

Tuesdays 20th & 27th February, 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March

- 1. Home Group led by Reverend Keith @ 10.30am
 - 2. Led by Reverend Keith Latham Centre @ 3pm



VIDEO STUDY By The Bridge Church, Kirribilli.

@ 7.00pm led by Jay Quince
 Wednesdays 21st & 28th February
 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th March

If you would like to attend please add your name and contact details to the list for the study you will be attending at the back of the church.

JESUS SHAPED LEADERS WORKSHOPS - SAVE THE DATE

In 2024, we will be offering 5 Saturday workshops based around Spirituality. The workshops will be at Raymond Terrace. Registration is now open.

The dates are:

- 9 March Anglican Spirituality
- 8 June Spiritual Conversations
- 19 October Spiritual First Aid
- 4 May Spiritual Discernment
- 10 August Contemplation

Anyone who is interested in attending one, a number of, or all of these workshops please let Reverend Natalie - 0411 763 448 or Kim via Email: officestjohnstaree@gmail.com or put your details on the sheet at the back of the church and we can arrange registration.

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 18th February - Lent 1

Genesis 9.8-17; Psalm 25.1-10;

1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1.9-15

SUNDAY 25th February - Lent 2

Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22. 24-32;

Romans 4. 13-25; Mark 8. 31-38

WELCOMERS							
Sunday 18th February Sunday 25th February							
9am	Doreen Sinclair Col Rose	Joann	Di Woollard Ian Woollard				
READERS							
Sund	lay 18 th February	Sunday 25 th February					
9am	Fr Ivan Ransom	9am	Janella Leotta				
4pm	Ken Park	4pm	Sue Prentice				
MORNING TEA							
Sunday 18th February		Sunday 25th February					
l ,		Doreen Sinclair and Bruce Walker					

BRASS CLEANING for February

Pat Minto



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Noah story reminds us that God's covenant is not just with humans but with the whole creation. The old idea of God as a destroyer is moved away from in this narrative, symbolized by the hanging up of the bow that fires arrows upon the earth. God, in covenant with us pledges not to destroy the earth. It's a good reminder that as God's covenant people we are part of the pledge to care for creation.

- We pray for sustainable ways to mitigate global heating.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of Gawura School within St Andrew's Cathedral School in Sydney.

Text: Archdeacon Rod Bower, Director of Mission, Diocese of Newcastle © Anglican Board of Mission, 2024

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.

Church NEW AST E 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