

**If any want to
 become my followers,
 let them deny themselves
 and take up their cross
 and follow me.**

Mark 8:34, NRSV

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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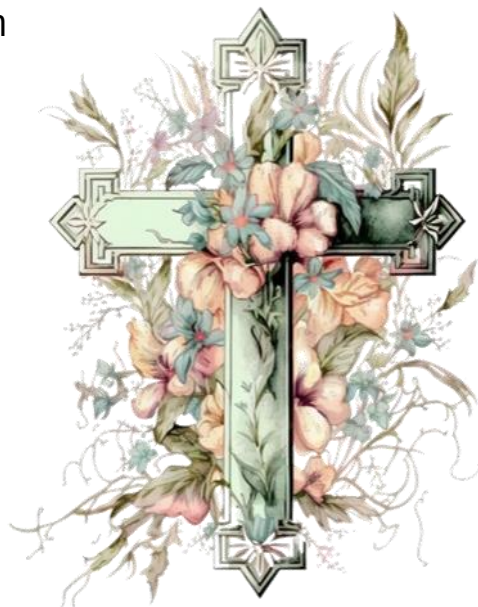
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LENTEN REFLECTION

Last week in our first week of Lent we reflected on the idea of wilderness as a time of preparation for divine purpose where God teaches us and tests us and refines us so we are equipped and ready for the next season of our lives.

While there is a positive message in our wilderness it doesn't mean that these times are easy or enjoyable. Our wilderness times often follow or anticipate loss and may be periods of detachment from the things and the people and the routines and traditions that were familiar to us. Maybe we have lost a loved one, maybe we have lost some independence, maybe we have lost some capacity, maybe we have lost something we used to do, maybe we are confronted with a future loss.

Our wilderness times are most likely filled with sadness, anger, confusion and exhaustion. They are often full fear. It takes courage and God's grace to endure the wilderness and embrace it as a time of opportunity. It takes prayerful reflection for us to come to accept that detachment from the old ways might be the way we learn new ways and see new possibilities. It is in our wilderness' especially that we are encouraged to take time to listen to God speaking tenderly to us with His message of love and hope.



Reverend Natalie



**WORLD DAY
OF
PRAYER**

Palestine.

**"I BEG YOU...
BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE"**

Ephesians 4:1-3

You are invited to celebrate at
The Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
18 Hall Street, Old Bar
@ 10.00am

Friday 1st March 2024

For more information contact:
Jan Carrington: 6553 7972



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; Infrastructure Services Team; Newcastle Grammar School - Matthew Macoustra Parish of Stroud - Maree Armstrong; Parish of Williamtown, Medowie Mallabula - David Davies, Maureen Frances; The Ministry Team Vocations to the ordained ministry.

Diocese of Willochra (Bishop Jeremy James).

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

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, Wendy McKeogh, Norrie Spicer, James, Jamison, Ian, Joan, Alex Platt & Margaret McDonald.

PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES: John Erby, Paul Rutledge, Milton Fowell Dot Croucher, Jean Stewart, John McMullen, Dawn Baxter, Allan Davis, Violet Bourke & Mona Hull.

PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED: William Papworth (Bill)

DIARY DATES

Mon 26 th February	5.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Frid 1 st March	10.00am	World Day of Prayer	Old Bar
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 Union	Latham Centre

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SENTENCE:

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him. Mark 8.34

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**God of all times and places,
in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross,
you opened for us the path to eternal life:
grant that we,
being born again of water and the Spirit,
may joyfully serve you in newness of life
and faithfully walk in your holy ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 17.1-7, 17.15-16

A reading from the book of Genesis

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ² And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴ 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵ God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22.24-32

- 24 O praise the Lord, all you that fear him:
**hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob,
and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.**
- 25 For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery:
nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.
- 26 From you springs my praise in the great congregation:
I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;
- 27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:
**and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—
may their hearts rejoice for ever!**
- 28 Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord:
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.
- 29 For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he shall be ruler over the nations.
- 30 How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?
- 31 But he has saved my life for himself:
and my posterity shall serve him.
- 32 This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:
**and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.**

SECOND READING

Romans 4.13-25

A reading from the book of Romans

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So

numerous shall your descendants be.' ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ²³ Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

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

Gospel

Mark 1.31-38

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their

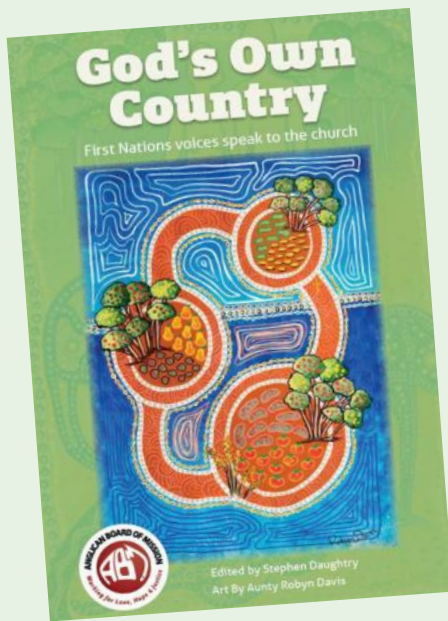
life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.' '

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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LENT STUDIES



ABM GOD'S OWN COUNTRY

Tuesdays 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 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.

Annual General Meeting

24 March 2024
2pm Latham Centre

Please start preparing your reports to be emailed to

officestjohnstaree@gmail.com

by 10 March 2024.

Thank You, Kim

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 25th February - Lent 2

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

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

SUNDAY 3rd March- Lent 3

Exodus 20. 1-17, Psalm 19;

1 Corinthians 1. 18-25; John 2. 13-22

WELCOMERS

Sunday 25 th February		Sunday 3 rd March	
9am	Di Woollard Ian Woollard	9am	Col Rose Doreen Sinclair

READERS

Sunday 25 th February		Sunday 3 rd March	
9am	Janella Leotta	9am	Ian Dyball
4pm	Sue Prentice	4pm	Ken Park

MORNING TEA

Sunday 25 th February		Sunday 3 rd March	
Doreen Sinclair and Bruce Walker		Margaret + Les Griffis	

BRASS CLEANING for February

Pat Minto

ABM 2NDSUNDAY OF LENT

Anglican Board of Mission - Australia
Working for Love, Hope & Justice

There is Abraham and Sarah in the retirement village when God totally disrupts their plans. It's never too late to act in faith. Abraham and Sarah are such extraordinary examples of faithfulness that St Paul refers to them in his letter to the Romans as a model of faith. When it comes to faith there is no retirement age.

- ◆ We pray for older people that their faith may be an inspiration to all.
- ◆ Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

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.

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

