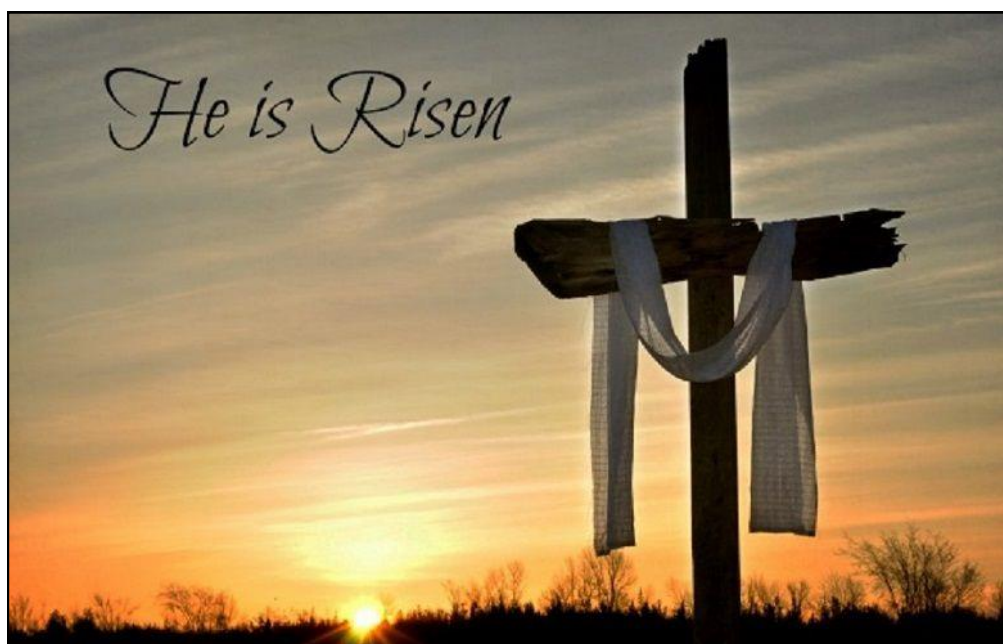


WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF TAREE



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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Scholars often spend a lot of time looking behind the scenes trying to understand why certain things were written to better understand the content of documents. Today, John blesses us by making his purpose explicit when he says:

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'
³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John's gospel contains an account of seven 'signs' which helped people understand that Jesus was the Son of God who had come to bring salvation and healing to the world - turning water into wine, cleansing the temple, healing the official's son, healing the blind man, feeding 5000, raising Lazarus from the dead, and ultimately His resurrection. Jesus offered these signs during his time on earth so people could see his power and glory and believe and have life in his name.

The story of doubting Thomas is not necessarily a rebuke of Thomas. It helps us understand reasonable doubt in the face of something so amazing and inexplicable as resurrection from the dead and gives us an account of people whose doubt was overcome because they actually saw and touched the wounds of the risen Jesus. The gospel offers us, the people who were not there to see these signs, the opportunity to hear the accounts of those who did see them, so we also may believe and have the same fullness of life in Jesus' name as the original disciples.

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HE IS
RISEN!
HE IS RISEN
INDEED

Reverend Natalie



Prayers

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; Family & Community Services – Family, Child, Youth & Adolescent Wellbeing Programs; CEY Ministries - Kate Baker; Parish of Kincumber - Allan Bate; Parish of Lakes Anglican - Stephen Powter, Annette Shorten, Children & Families Ministry Assistant, The Ministry Team.

The Anglican Church of Burundi; The Anglican Church of the Southern Cone of America.

Diocese of Brisbane (Archbishop Jeremy Greaves, Bishop Cameron Venables & John Roundhill).

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: Marilyn Simpson, Bill & Jill Green, Suzanne W., Jeanette, Donovan, Leonie, Rose-Marie, Suzanne C., Diane, Vera, Wendy McKeogh, Norrie Spicer, James, Jamison, Ian, Joan, Alex Platt & Margaret McDonald.

PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES: Shirley Scanes, Garry Haynes, Audrey Spicer, Brian Dunn & Kenneth Loftus.

PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:

DIARY DATES

Mon 8 April	4.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Thurs 11 April	10.00am	Mothers Union	Latham Centre
Thurs 25 April		ANZAC Day	
Sun 28 April	5.30pm	Pot Luck Dinner	Parish Hall

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SENTENCE:

'Peace be with you,' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' John 20.21

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**Risen Christ,
whose absence leaves us in despair
but whose presence is overwhelming:
breathe on us with your abundant life,
that where we cannot see
we may have courage to believe
that we may be raised with you. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 4. 32-37

A reading from the book of Acts

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶ There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). ³⁷ He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet..'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133

- 1 Behold how good and how lovely it is:
when families live together in unity.
- 2 It is fragrant as oil upon the head, that runs down over the beard:
**fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron,
that ran down over the collar of his robe.**

3 It is like a dew of Hermon:

like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

4 For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:

which is life for evermore.

SECOND READING

1 John 1.1-2.2

A reading from the first book John

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— ³ we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ^{2.1} My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. .

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 19. 19-31

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John
Chapter 19 commencing at verse 19.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



The Rotary Club of Taree Presents

Margot's Boutique Fashion Parade

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 The Little Blue Shed
 &
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ADMIT ONE

MAY **11** 2.00 pm

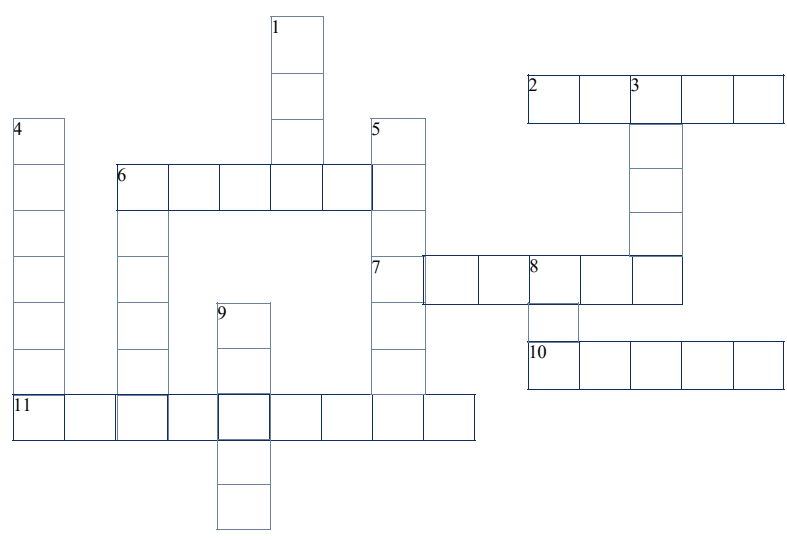
SATURDAY

TICKETS \$25 PER PERSON

St John's Hall,
 294 Victoria Street, Taree



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DOWN

- 1 But Thomas said, "First, I must see the ___ in his hands and touch them with my finger.
- 3 I must put my hand where the _____ went into his side.
- 4 The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really _____!"
- 5 I won't _____ unless I do this!"
- 6 Although _____ the twin was one.
- 8 Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my _____!"
- 9 Put your hand into my side. Stop doubting and have _____!'

ACROSS

- 2 when _____ appeared to them. So they told him. "We have seen the Lord!"
- 6 of the _____ disciples, he wasn't with the others.
- 7 He greeted his disciples and said to Thomas, "Put your _____ here and look at my hands!
- 10 this time, Thomas was with them, Jesus came in while the _____ were still locked and stood in the middle of the group.
- 11 A week later the _____ were together again.

HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 7th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4.32-37, Psalm 133;

1 John 1.1-2.2 ; John 20.19-31

SUNDAY 14th April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3. 12-20, Psalm 4;

1 John 2.15-17; 3.1-6 ; Luke 24. 36b-48

WELCOMERS

Sunday 7 th April		Sunday 14 th April	
9am	Col Rose David Denning	9am	Janella Leotta Doreen Sinclair

READERS

Sunday 7 th April		Sunday 14 th April	
9am	Ian Dyball	9am	Janella Leotta
4pm	Sue Prentice	4pm	Greg Anderson

MORNING TEA

Sunday 7 th April		Sunday 14 th April	
Kylie Sanderson + David Denning		Lorraine + Bruce Monck	

BRASS CLEANING for April

Lorraine + Bruce Monck

ABM

Anglican Board of Mission - Australia
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

On this Sunday some years ago, I celebrated the eucharist for Iranian Christians in a refugee detention centre. The doors were locked because we had been made afraid of them. This place of torture was designed to keep out all signs of hope and compassion. But guards and razor wire could not keep the risen Lord out. Bread was broken Christ had risen and was present with the world's most vulnerable people.

- ◆ We pray for refugees, that that may find a safe home.
- ◆ Give thanks for the work and witness of those people and organisations who help refugees and asylum seekers.

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
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*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

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