



# Welcome

## St John's Anglican Church

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### BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

12th January 2025



**ST JOHN'S**  
294 Victoria St. Taree

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**  
18 Hall St. Old Bar

**SUNDAY 9am - Holy Eucharist**

**SUNDAY 11am - Holy Eucharist**

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Some wisdom from the 4th century Christian theologian, Thomas à Kempis:

### **IMITATING CHRIST AND DESPISING ALL VANITIES ON EARTH**

“He who follows me, walks not in darkness,” says the Lord (John 8:12). By these words of Christ we are advised to imitate his life and habits, if we wish to be truly enlightened and free from all blindness of heart. Let our chief effort, therefore, be to study the life of Jesus Christ.

The teaching of Christ is more excellent than all the advice of the saints, and he who has His spirit will find in it a hidden manna. Now, there are many who hear the Gospel often but care little for it because they have not the spirit of Christ. Yet whoever wishes to understand fully the words of Christ must try to pattern his whole life on that of Christ.

What good does it do to speak learnedly about the Trinity if, lacking humility, you displease the Trinity? Indeed it is not learning that makes a man holy and just, but a virtuous life makes him pleasing to God. I would rather feel contrition than know how to define it. For what would it profit us to know the whole Bible by heart and the principles of all the philosophers if we live without grace and the love of God? Vanity of vanities and all is vanity, except to love God and serve Him alone.

It is vanity ... to seek and trust in riches that perish. It is vanity also to court honour and to be puffed up with pride. It is vanity to wish for long life and to care little about a well-spent life. It is vanity to be concerned with the present only and not to make provision for things to come. It is vanity to love what passes quickly and not to look ahead where eternal joy abides.

From Book 1, chapter 1 The Imitation of Christ



# *Daily 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; Marketing Team & Communications; Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College - Penny Curran-Peters; Parish of East Lake Macquarie – (Belmont, Belmont North, Windale, Swansea) - Peter Tinney, John Carroll, Alison Wooden, Geoff Wooden; The Ministry Team.

The Church of England; The Church of Wales.

Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey).

**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:** David Allon, Dianne Frost, Ian Dyball, John Cameron, Joan Kerr, Bruce Halpin, Luke, Donovan, Mike Faine, Alex Platt, Marie Black, Margaret McDonald, James, Jeanette, Suzanne, Wendy McKeogh & Leonie.

**PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES:** Neil Dignam, David Betts, Gordon Hardy & Bruce Yarad.

**PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:** Peter Westmore.



## **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

### **SENTENCE:**

The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Luke 3.22

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**Eternal God,  
at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan  
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,  
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant that all who are baptised into his name  
may keep the covenant they have made,  
and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour;  
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 43.1–3a*

A reading from the book of Isaiah

1 But now thus says the Lord , he who created you,  
O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear,  
for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 29**

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and might.**

2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:  
**O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.**

- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:  
**the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord upon the great waters.**
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:  
**the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:  
**the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.**
- 6 He makes them skip like a calf:  
**Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:  
**the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,  
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.**
- 8 The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,  
**and strips bare the forests:  
in his temple all cry 'Glory.'**
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:  
**the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.**
- 10 The Lord will give strength to his people:  
**the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.**

**SECOND READING**

**Acts 8.14–17**

A reading from the book of Acts

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel

**Luke 3.15–22**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
Chapter 3 commencing at verse 15.

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

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'<sup>17</sup> His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'<sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. <sup>19</sup> But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup> added to them all by shutting up John in prison. <sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**JANUARY 2025**

**BLUE CROSS COMMUNITY CARE**

10.00am - 12 midday  
every Wednesday

**BLUE CROSS SHOP**

Monday - Friday 10.00am - 3.00pm  
Saturday 10.00am - 2.00pm

There will be **NO**

Wednesday Service

Sunday Contemporary Service

Pot Luck Dinner

Blue Cross Shop Meeting

Old Bar Morning Tea

Choir Practice

## HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

**SUNDAY 12 January - Baptism of our Lord**

Isaiah 43.1-3a, Psalm 29

Acts 8. 14-17, Luke 3. 15-22

**SUNDAY 19 January - Epiphany 2**

Isaiah 62 1-5, Psalm 36 5-10

1 Corinthians 12 1-11, John 2 1-11

## WELCOMERS

Sunday 12 January		Sunday 19 January	
9am	Judy Mascord Pam McShane	9am	Barbara + Tom

## READERS

Sunday 12 January		Sunday 19 January	
9am	Jay Quince	9am	Sue Prentice

## MORNING TEA

Sunday 12 January		Sunday 19 January	
Di + Ian Woollard		Sam + Fin Quince Bruce Walker	

## BRASS CLEANING for January

Lorraine Yarad

# ABM

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

## BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Isaiah's words are a wonderful encouragement in a time of distress and a reminder that God's people have nothing to fear since God has redeemed them. They can pass through fire and water without harm. The psalmist also talks of the powers of destruction, and yet the people will be saved and blessed. Images which are present as we read of the baptism of Jesus who entered the waters of baptism that we too may know him as God's beloved Son.

- ◆ We pray for all preparing for baptism; and for those of us already baptised.

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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: Anglican Parish of Taree

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](mailto:dps@newcastleanglican.org.au)**

**IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE SUPPORT PLEASE CALL LIFELINE ON 13 11 14**

