



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia alleluia!

FIRST READING **Acts 10:34. 37-43**
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24
**(R) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **(R)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **(R)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R)**

SECOND READING: **Col 3:1-4**
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

SEQUENCE
Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **1 Cor 5:7-8**
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

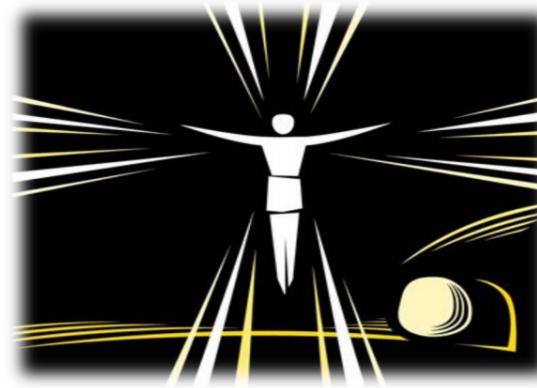
GOSPEL: **Jn 20:1-9**
It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

FOLLOWING THE MISSAL
Preface: I of Easter, Eucharistic Prayer III
Next Week's Readings: (2nd Sunday of Easter)
Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

Wishing a very special person in our parish,
Sue Nebauer
a very happy birthday for Easter Sunday!
May God continue to bless you everyday with His love and grace.



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Jesus is alive!

There was a Russian Cossack, who had two sons in the First World War. Their names were Peter and Gregory. One day the father received a letter from the front. Unable to read he handed it to his daughter.

It was from Gregory's commanding officer and it began: "I regret to inform you that your son Gregory was killed in action on July 10. Gregory was an excellent soldier, and you have every reason to be proud of him." The effect of this news on the father was immediate and alarming.

In a matter of days he aged, turning grey overnight. His memory began to fail and even his mind was affected. He began to drink to excess. He kept the letter under an icon in the kitchen. Each day he would take it down and ask his daughter to read it to him once more.

After the local priest had offered a Requiem Mass for his son, the father felt a little better, but only a little. Twelve days went on like this. On the thirteenth day a second letter arrived from the front. It contained an extraordinary piece of news. His son was not dead! He had been wounded and left for dead on the battlefield. Next morning, he had regained consciousness and crawled four miles back to his own lines, dragging a wounded officer with him. In recognition of his bravery, he was to be raised to the rank of a corporal and awarded the Cross of St George. Right now, he was recovering in hospital, and they could expect a visit from him in a month's time.

Once again, the effect on the father was immediate, except this time it was for the better. He was a sight to see. He was filled with joy. He grabbed the letter and went into the village with it, telling everyone he met; "My son is alive! He's been awarded the St. George Cross for bravery!"

This story should give us some idea of the joy the disciples experienced on Easter Sunday morning. Just as the Cossack father gave witness to the news that his son was alive, so too Peter speaks to the household of Cornelius, the Roman Centurion.

Peter summarises for them the essence of the story of Jesus who was anointed by God, proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God, healed the sick, and liberated those who were possessed. However, having antagonised the authorities, Jesus was crucified. But he was now raised to new life. He had appeared to his disciples, shared food with them and commissioned them to bear witness to all people. Hearing this news, the Spirit comes upon Peter's audience, and all are baptised, Jews and Gentiles.

As we reflect on the resurrection of Jesus, we are reminded of this great news and renewed in our ability to bear witness to all people by our words and deeds.

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 PARISH DIARY 	
Tuesday 19TH APRIL	No MASS
Wednesday 20TH APRIL	No MASS
Thursday 21ST APRIL	No MASS
Friday 22ND APRIL	8:30 am Adoration before Mass 9:00 am Mass, Nambucca Heads EASTER FRIDAY
Saturday 23RD APRIL	9:30 am Mass, Macksville 5:30 pm Reconciliation, Nambucca 6:00 pm Vigil Mass, Nambucca EASTER SATURDAY
Sunday 24TH APRIL	8:00 am Mass, Macksville 9:30 am Mass, Bowraville 11:00 am Mass, Taylors Arm 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

We welcome our new parishioners to the valley! And encourage you to fill in our Parish Census Card as it would be nice to get to know you. Should you be interested to be part of the Planned Giving program, please fill in the Gifting Card so we can assign an envelope for you or call the Parish Office to make the arrangements.



to all parishioners for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program.

If your address details have changed could you please inform the Parish office so that your receipts and next year's envelopes can be addressed correctly.

And **Thank You** also for your donations to the clergy collection to assist the priests in our diocese.

Perhaps you would like to consider using a direct deposit for your contributions. If you would prefer this method, you can deposit into the following accounts using your surname and envelope number (if applicable)

Donation boxes will still remain in our churches for those not wanting to electronically deposit into accounts

Second collection (Support of Parish and Ministries):

Nambucca Valley Parish Catholic Church
BSB 062568 Account number: 28001774

First Collection (Support of Diocesan Clergy)

Roman Catholic Diocese of Lismore
BSB 062568 Account number: 28001766

To all parishioners, new and current, please consider joining our friendly team of ministry volunteers. We are always looking for people to assist as Sacristans, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers for Holy Communion and Altar Servers. Just contact the Parish Office to have a chat.



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BISHOP GREG'S EASTER MESSAGE 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters

The Easter story is the common story of every person. Somewhere in the events and emotions culminating in the burial of Jesus we find ourselves. Suffering, rejection, betrayal, death, grief and loss are part of the human experience. In the last few months we have been through much of this. Each year this Easter story brings hope and life to many because Jesus' burial is not the end of the story. On Easter Sunday Jesus rises from the dead. Life is transformed and we are changed. There is always something wonderful on the other side of suffering, all we have to do is hope. I think that the world is divided into resurrection and non-resurrection people, between those who are resilient and those who are pessimistic. We admire the resilient, hope filled positive people. We admire resurrection people. This Easter let us strive to be resurrection people who believe in God, ourselves and a grace filled future.

I wish you a happy and blessed Easter.

Most Revd Greg Homeming OCD
Bishop of Lismore

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

24TH APRIL

Join **Our Lady of Lourdes**
1 King Street,
Wauchope

in celebrating God's gift of mercy.

Adoration & Reconciliation	2:30pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet	3:00pm
Benediction	3:20pm
Divine Mercy Mass	3:30pm

First day of the Novena
15th April Good Friday 2:30pm

Why Celebrate Divine Mercy?
Jesus has told St. Faustina:
I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls... especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.
(Diary of St. Faustina 699)

A plenary indulgence, is granted by the Church under the usual conditions for those who take part in the veneration of divine mercy pm Divine Mercy Sunday.
For details, go to tinyurl.com/DMindulgence.

For more event information, contact BRAD on 0434 938 312



Jesus, I Trust in You

Ministry Roster — 23rd & 24th April 2022				
	Nambucca Heads 6:00 pm Saturday	Macksville 8:00 am, Sunday	Bowraville 9:30 am, Sunday	Taylors Arm 11:00 am, Sunday
Reader	S Dwarté	J Miles	C Doolan	S Spear
Commentator	J Summerville	Z White	M Dal Santo	H Spear
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Sacristan	J Ingold	S Nebauer		
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all at Caritas
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Position Vacant: Parish Secretary/ Business Manager Bellingen Parish

We are looking for an experienced secretary/bookkeeper who has the ability to work within the mission of the Catholic Church.

Selection Criteria includes the following: Able to produce and monitor rosters for masses and church cleaning etc; experienced in Microsoft office applications – especially EXCEL; experience in bookkeeping—Reckon desirable; accounts payable and receivable; well organised; able to write reports and provide financial reporting to the Parish Priest and Finance Council. Ideally, the successful applicant will be a practising Catholic with a good knowledge of parish and diocesan structures and compliance obligations. The position entails 3 days a week.

If you, or anyone you know, might be interested, please submit your resume and covering letter addressing the selection criteria to:

Diocesan HR Manager, Mr James Hay,
Email: jobs@lismore.catholic.org.au

WE PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY...

Lord we ask healing for those who are sick. We thank you for those who have recovered. We pray for all who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Mass intention envelopes are located at the back of the church

SICK: June Branford, Rex Lawrence, Kath Mitchell, Eloise Spear, Lynette Orrego, Eileen Barbellar, Fr Anthony Lemon, Rolfe Reimer, Monica Dunbar, Jim Garland, Michael Foley, Judy Moran, Erin Dalton, Earl O'Connor, Lorraine Freeman, Elizabeth Armer, Ern Thorne, Lynn Tonkin, Jacob Ingold, Peter Finlay, Trish Keaton, Jerry Barber, Neville Ennis, Gloria Connors, Julieanne McIntyre, Eva Smith

ANNIVERSARY: John Tome, Patrick Ryan, John Ryan, Molley Forrester, Alan Sanders, Rachelle Wiggins, Maria Metz, Ned & Eileen Ryan, Mary & Greg Notley, Bishop John Steven Satterthwaite.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr John Worthington, Ron Forrester, Joan Provost, Sr Therese Dougherty PBVM, Aunty Fay Davis

If you wish us to visit any family members who are in hospital or infirm, please notify the parish office so the Pastoral Care team or Father can arrange a visit and administer the sacrament for the sick.



Nambucca Heads, Our Lady Star of the Sea Church will be having an **Easter Raffle** which will be drawn on Easter Sunday. Be sure to get your tickets, and **Good Luck!!**



The Three C's will be holding a Mothers Day Raffle this year.

Your support will be much appreciated. Tickets will be on sale at the Sunday 8am Masses on the 24 April, and the 1st & 8th May. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 8th May when we will celebrate with a cuppa after Mass.

All Welcome!

