



Catholic Parish of the Nambucca Valley

Corpus Christi, Bowraville
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Nambucca Heads

St Patrick's, Macksville
Christ the King, Taylor's Arm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

(R.)

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

(R.)

3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

(R.)

SECOND READING

Rv 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took the bread, and gave it to them, alleluia.

<p>FOLLOWING THE MISSAL Preface: II of Easter, Eucharistic Prayer III</p>
<p>Next Week's Readings: (4th Sunday of Easter) Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rev 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30</p>



Sharing a meal with Jesus

Sitting down to a nice meal with family and friends is important in cultures worldwide. Often, a lot of thought and effort goes into the preparation and planning of the menu. In many households, the dishes for significant family gatherings often consist of old favourites.

These dishes, with their presentation, aroma and taste can stimulate a sense of nostalgia, taking a person back to their childhood or triggering a fond memory of a loved one that sadly is no longer around.

In today's gospel, Jesus is preparing a meal for his disciples. The location by the shores of the Sea of Tiberias (the Sea of Galilee) would have been very familiar to the disciples as it was on these very shores that Jesus fed the crowd of five thousand earlier in his life and ministry. They would have recalled an earlier event when they had fished for hours with no luck. Jesus appeared and told them to drop the net again and before long their boat was overflowing with fish.

Therefore, the setting is a familiar one with Jesus sitting down with his disciples for a meal and providing the bread, the charcoal fire and the fish. However, not all is the same. Something has changed and that is the person of Jesus himself. While Jesus used to be like the disciples, living and eating amongst them, there is now a distinct difference. Jesus has risen from the dead. He was crucified on Good Friday, he overcame death and sin and on Easter Sunday he rose from the tomb.

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus revealed himself to be true Man and true God and was completely unrecognisable to his disciples. Jesus was not just a man anymore. The disciples recognised Jesus by eating with him by the sea of Tiberias.

They first had to open their hearts, minds and spirits to the risen Jesus and, importantly, be open to his offer to share a meal and his invitation to continue his ministry to spread the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

As disciples of Jesus in the world today, we too are offered a similar invitation. For us to recognise the truly risen Jesus in the midst of our lives. And like the disciples in today's gospel, we are not asked to bring anything other than to have an open mind, an open heart and an open spirit.

We need to trust in Jesus and cast the nets of our faith far and wide and to understand the great sign that Jesus is working in and through us each day and each moment. We are invited to the meal that Jesus prepares for us and to live our lives following in the Good News of God's Kingdom of love, mercy and compassion.

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In difficult relationships
When there are hurt feelings or mistrust we can witness the movement of God in our lives, leading us to healing, trust, and cooperation.

In our failings
When we hit our limits or even when we sin, we can turn to God for acceptance, mercy, and the strength to make amends and sin no more.

In loneliness
Rather than trying to fill the emptiness with mindless entertainment or indulging our cravings, sit still and find God in the emptiness.

At work
The relationships you have, the results you achieve, the quality and mindfulness with which you do your work can all be a path to holiness.

In pleasure
Pleasure is not always bad. It is a place to meet God, whether it be the pleasure of nature, of beauty, or of the occasional overwhelming conviction that we are loved by God.

PARISH DIARY	
Tuesday 3RD MAY	5:00 pm Reconciliation, Macksville 5:30 pm Mass, Macksville ST PHILLIP & ST JAMES, THE APOSTLES
Wednesday 4TH MAY	9:30 am Mass, Bowraville ST FLORIAN
Thursday 5TH MAY	9:00 am Adoration before Mass 9:30 am Mass, Macksville ST JUTTA
Friday 6TH MAY	8:30 am Adoration before Mass 9:00 am Mass, Nambucca Heads ST PETRONAX
Saturday 7TH MAY	9:30 am Mass, Macksville 5:30 pm Reconciliation, Nambucca 6:00 pm Vigil Mass, Nambucca ST BASIL & ST GREGORY
Sunday 8TH MAY	8:00 am Mass, Macksville 9:30 am Mass, Bowraville 11:00 am Mass, Taylors Arm 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saint of the Week
St Joseph the Worker
May 1st
God wanted a working man to father Jesus

Besides the Virgin Mary, there are just two saints who have more than one feast day dedicated to their honour on the Church's universal calendar: Saint John the Baptist and Saint Joseph. Pope Pius XII instituted today's feast in 1955 to exalt Saint Joseph the Worker on May 1 as a Catholic alternative to May Day. Not only was Saint Joseph to be understood, then, as the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus, but also as the patron of labour. He was the carpenter, the working man, who taught his God-Son how to swing a hammer and run a planer over a rugged plank.

When Jesus eventually returned to Nazareth with a reputation for holiness and healing, and began preaching in the synagogue, the locals showed a note of amazement: 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers? ... Isn't this the carpenter's son?' (Matt. 13: 54-55). But in Mark's Gospel, another dimension is added, for they didn't only say, 'Isn't this the carpenter's son?' but also, 'Isn't this the carpenter?' (Mark 6:3).

Thus, we learn that not only did Joseph lovingly protect a child not his own, he also worked to feed, house and clothe Mary and Jesus, and he also gave the Saviour a profession, and thus practical experience in the central human dignity of work. He therefore is an excellent example of Earthly fatherhood.

Work, from a Catholic perspective, is a source of dignity of one kind or another. God is found in our work. The earth becomes our altar when our daily work is our daily offering. Work is a pathway to holiness, and Saint Joseph the Worker stands by our side to encourage us toward the reward that our daily work will earn.

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

Ministry Roster — 7th May & 8th May 2022

	Nambucca Heads 6:00 pm, Saturday	Macksville 8:00 am, Sunday	Bowraville 9:30 am, Sunday	Taylors Arm 11:00 am, Sunday
Reader	M Tait	J Hasson	N Slingsby	S Spear
Commentator	S Dwarte	J Thorne	S McNally	H Spear
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Sacristan	M Tait	S Nebauer		
Counters	P Richards			
Church Cleaning/Caring		H Forrester & M Howle		



Confirmation
2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Parents whose children are receiving this Sacrament are required to attend the Information meeting on **Tuesday 3rd May 2022, 6pm at St Patrick's Church**, following the Mass at 5:30pm.
Commitment Mass: 7th & 8th May.
Confirmation Liturgy: 15th June (by Bishop Homeming).
For more information please phone the school office 6568 1397 or the Parish Office on 6568 1107.

Nambucca Heads, Our Lady Star of the Sea Church *Thankyou to everyone who supported our* 
Easter Raffle
Congratulations to the lucky winners!!
Perry McNally, Ben Hughes, Meg Dallas, Dale Donnelly, David Nicholls, Trevor Currin

Mothers Day Raffle
Tickets will be sold until drawn on 7th May 2022.
We look forward to your support once again, and Good Luck!

 Wishing a very special person in our parish,
Ursula Goodwin
a very happy birthday!
May God continue to bless you every day with His love and grace.

The Three C's
are holding a Mothers Day Raffle
Your support will be much appreciated.
Tickets will be on sale until drawn on Sunday 8th May when we will celebrate with a cuppa after Mass.
All Welcome!




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



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Pat Quirk, 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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Sr Martha Casserley, Joan Smith, Bruce Baker, John Tome, Patrick Ryan, John Ryan, Molley Forrester, Alan Sanders, Rachelle Wiggins, Maria Metz, Ned & Eileen Ryan, Mary & Greg Notley, Bishop John Steven Satterthwaite.

WE PRAY FOR THE 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.

St Patrick's Primary School Open Day

St. Patrick's Primary School is hosting a **Mass and Open Day** on Monday 2nd May 2022 to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We are inviting parishioners, and new and current families to celebrate with us.
Here is an outline for the day:
10am - 11am Mass for Catholic Schools Week
11:00am - 11:40am Morning Tea / Lunch
11:40am - 1:40pm School Tours available for new families.

Our current families are welcome to come and see our learning. We are looking forward to welcoming you for our open day.



Thank You

....to everyone who assisted with our Lenten & Easter Liturgies. Our parish's celebrations throughout the whole of the Lenten Season, Holy Week and the Easter Triduum went well all because of your untiring and generous contribution. To every single person who helped in any way I offer my sincere thanks and blessings. *Fr Shelwin*