



# Liturgy of the Word

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or hymn):**  
Cf Psalm 65:1-2

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 of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19**

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7**

**(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.**

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

**SECOND READING 1 John 2:1-5**

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Luke 24:32**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL Luke 24:35-48**

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'  
you may have life through his name.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON Luke 24:35**

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

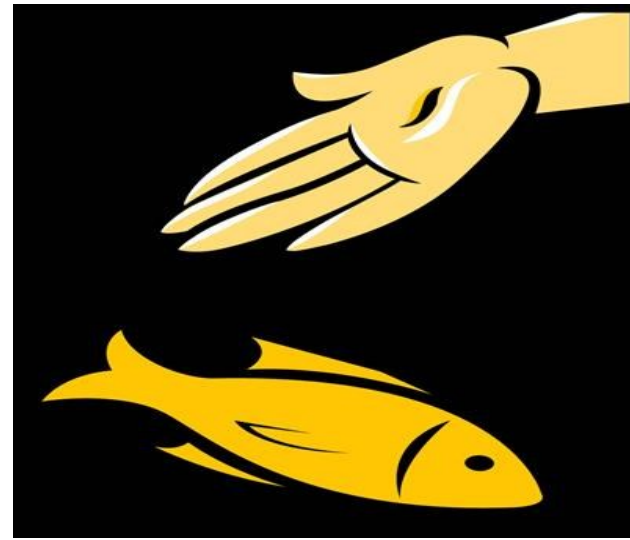
**PREFACE** : Preface II of Easter  
**NEXT WEEK** (4th Sunday of Easter, Year B)  
Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 117; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18



# Catholic Parish of the Namucca Valley

**3rd Sunday of  
Easter Year B  
14th April 2024**

*We Acknowledge the Traditional Custodians, the Gumbaynggirr People, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.  
We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit*



***Called to be prophetic witnesses***

To his Nazi captors, Polish priest and Conventual Franciscan friar Maximilian Kolbe was prisoner number 16670. But to Franciszek Gajowniczczek, his fellow inmate in Auschwitz, Maximilian was much more and his sacrifice would change his life forever.

In late July 1941, a prisoner escape in Auschwitz prompted the deputy camp commander to order the deaths of 10 men to deter future escape attempts. When Maximilian heard Franciszek, who was one of the ten selected, cry out for his wife and children, he volunteered to take his place. Franciszek was reunited with his wife after the war and lived to be 93. He said that, as long as he lived, he would tell everyone about Maximilian's courageous act of love.

Jesus's dying and rising again, like Maximilian's act of sacrifice and love, was not only a moving act of humanity; it was also a prophetic witness of God's redemptive love.

The gospel reading today describes a vivid post-Resurrection appearance of Jesus. The disciples met Jesus on the road but only recognised him in the breaking of the bread. Then, quite dramatically, they see him standing in their midst and they were both terrified and overjoyed to see him again. He invites them to touch his hands and feet. He eats a piece of fish which they give him.

At Easter, we enter into the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. God, in his love for us, yearns to draw us into his presence for all eternity. It is a profound paradox that his gift of eternal life and love entailed the ultimate sacrifice of an excruciating death on the cross.

For each of us, taking up our cross also means we are utterly vulnerable to pain, suffering and death. Nevertheless, with the grace of One who has also walked this path, we find strength to do the same. St John of the Cross likened suffering to being like a log in the fire. We are consumed by his love and are forever transformed by the experience. Our suffering becomes transformative if we yield ourselves entirely to God.

Yet, our faith is not only a source of grace in own individual suffering and death. It is a prophetic witness for all time. Jesus reminds his disciples that everything that was written about him in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms has now been fulfilled, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning with Jerusalem.

We are called to rise with Jesus to a new life. In communion with our faith companions and all the saints from ages past, present and future, we are also called to be prophetic witnesses to his redemptive love. Clothed in our baptismal garments, anointed by holy oil, and redeemed by blood, let us proclaim this Easter promise to everyone. He is risen indeed.

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# PARISH DIARY



Tuesday <b>16TH APRIL</b>	9.30 am Mass, Macksville
Wednesday <b>17TH APRIL</b>	NO MASS
Thursday <b>18TH APRIL</b>	9.30 am Mass, Macksville
Friday <b>19TH APRIL</b>	9:00 am Adoration 9:30 am Mass, Nambucca Heads
Saturday <b>20TH APRIL</b>	4:30 pm Reconciliation, Nambucca Hds 5:00 pm Mass, Nambucca Heads
Sunday <b>21ST APRIL</b>	9:00 am Mass, Bowraville 10:00 am Mass, Macksville <b>4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>

## Pope Francis' prayer intentions for 2024

Each month Pope Francis shares a prayer intention as part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. The monthly prayer intentions express the Holy Father's concerns for humanity and the mission of the Catholic Church.

### **April Intention: For the role of women**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

## SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

### **Post-resurrection accounts**

All four gospels include post-resurrection appearances of the risen Jesus. The gospel of Mark – historically, the first written – gives the briefest account of the resurrection discovery and it is only in a later addition to the gospel that a post-resurrection account appears. However, by the time the gospel of John was written, some 20-30 years later, the theological importance of the resurrection had gained more significance as it became more obvious that Jesus' return to the world was not going to happen within the foreseeable future. The gospel of John devotes two whole chapters to the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus.



## Have you thought? Is 'Literal' wrong?

Is there really something intrinsically wrong about a literal interpretation of scripture? Not at all! It is indeed an essential tool of any scriptural interpretation. It is of course important that we first and foremost understand the text as it is written – we have to have a literal understanding of the words that are used and what they mean. The problem arises when this is as far as we go. If we stop at this stage then we are shutting ourselves off from the richness of the scriptures. If we fail to dig below the surface then we are denying ourselves the opportunity of scrutinising our lives in the light of the scripture.

## Ministry Roster - 20th & 21st April 2024

	Nambucca Heads 5.00 pm, Saturday	Bowraville 9:00am, Sunday	Macksville 10.00am, Sunday
<b>Commentator</b>	D Johns	S McNally	C Cresswell
<b>Reader</b>	J Ingold	P Buchanan	S Allan
<b>Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	F Wesley		L McLeod
<b>Procession of Gifts</b>	G Lewis, B Goswell		Volunteers
<b>Altar Servers</b>	A Smith, K Soutter, E Betts		H & T Patton-Low
<b>Sacristan</b>	M Tait		S Nebauer
<b>Counters</b>			L McLeod, B Wall
<b>Church Caring</b>			

### UPCOMING PARISH DATES TO NOTE:

- 25th April— Anointing of the Sick, St Patrick's, Macksville
- 26th April— Anointing of the Sick, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Nambucca Hds
- 3rd May— New Friday mass time of 9.30am at OLSS, Nambucca Heads
- 5th May— New Sunday mass time of 8.15am at Corpus Christi Church, Bowraville  
New Sunday mass time of 9.30am at St Patrick's Church, Macksville
- 8th May— Parish Finance Council Meeting
- 13th to 17th May— Priests Retreat NO MASSES that week.

## BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome Jake Waller into our faith community through the sacrament of Baptism at Nambucca Heads Church.

Let us pray for **Waller family**, that God will continue to guide them with His wisdom and grace every step of the way.



## Recently Deceased

**Patricia Eileen Smith**

**On Friday 19th April at Nambucca Heads**

Condolences to Pat's family from our Parish Community. Pat was a regular churchgoer at Nambucca Heads church and faithful giver to our planned giving. RIP Pat.

## 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 for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



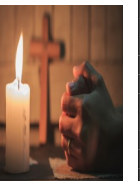
*\*Mass intention envelopes are located at the back of the church\**

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Maddie Mackay, Judelyn San Antonia, Reg McGuigan, Kerry McBride, Peter Moroney, Josephine Spears, Amanda Howle, James Wheeler, Samuel Wheeler, John Clarke, Jim Hallam, Frances Yorke, June Branford, Trevor Smith, Gloria Connors, Uncle Mark Smith, Veronica Laverty, April Miller, Alan & Pam Halls, Noreen Fuller, Tony & Doris Jensen, Ken Munday, Noelene Lawrence, Leonie McLachlan, Shaun Forrester, Therese & Terry Parkhouse, Monica Dunbar, Kath Mitchell, Eileen Barbellar, Fr Anthony Lemon, Michael Foley, Lorraine Freeman, Elizabeth Armer, Lynn Tonkin, Jacob Ingold, Peter Finlay, Adam Connolly

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Patrick Ryan, Leila Walsh, Bishop John Satterthwaite, Gordon & Irene McFadyen, Rachelle Wiggins

**PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:** Patricia Smith, Judy Urquhart, Tom Tegg, Trevor Ballangarry, Bernie Heffernan, Pauline Welsh (nee Cooke), Mike Ryan, Trevor Lathan, Margaret Gurtman

*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 Peter can arrange a visit and administer the sacrament for the sick. Phone: 6568 1107*



## PLEASE NOTE

### NEW PARISH MASS TIMES COMMENCING IN THE MONTH OF **MAY 2024**

Saturday evenings stay the same:

- 4.30pm Reconciliation OLSS, Nambucca Hd
- 5.00pm Mass, OLSS, Nambucca Heads

Sundays 8.15am Mass, Bowraville

**From** 9.30am Mass, Macksville

**5th May** Taylor's Arm masses cancelled permanently

**From 3rd May all weekday masses will be at 9.30am:**

Tuesdays 9.30am Mass, Macksville

Wednesdays 9.30am Mass, Bowraville

Thursdays 9.30am Mass, Macksville

Friday **9.00am Adoration, Nambucca Heads**

**9.30am Mass, Nambucca Heads**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Every Saturday 4.30pm Nambucca Heads

**Sacrament of Baptism, Anointing of Sick and Marriages**

**Baptisms:** Saturdays 3.00pm Nambucca Heads or Bowraville

Sundays 11.00am Macksville

**Anointing of the Sick:** by appointment

**Marriages:** by appointment



The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office can be contacted if you have any Safeguarding concerns. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss options you have available to you.

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