



# Liturgy of the Word

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or hymn):**  
Cf Psalm 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: ‘Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.’

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29**

**(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)
2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.  
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R.)

**SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-2**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God’s children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 10:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL John 10:11-18**

Jesus said:  
‘I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.  
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.  
I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own  
and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.  
And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold,  
and these I have to lead as well.  
They too will listen to my voice,  
and there will be only one flock  
and one shepherd.  
The Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life  
in order to take it up again.  
No one takes it from me;  
I lay it down of my own free will,  
and as it is in my power to lay it down,  
so it is in my power to take it up again;  
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.’

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

**PREFACE** : Preface III of Easter  
**NEXT WEEK** (5th Sunday of Easter, Year B)  
Acts 9: 26-31; Psalm 21; 1 John 3:18-24, John 15: 1-8

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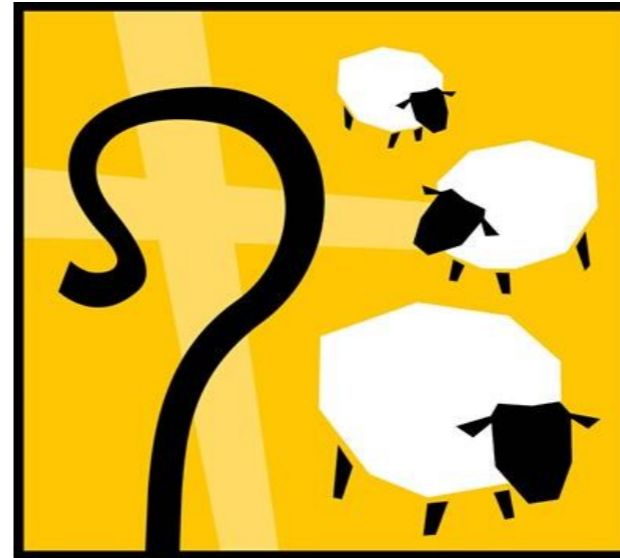
# Catholic Parish of the Nambucca Valley

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

St Patrick’s, Macksville  
Christ the King, Taylors Arm

4th Sunday of  
Easter Year B  
21st 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*



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## The Good Shepherd’s Promise

Today’s readings highlight how knowing Christ can change people. The first reading shows how the Resurrection and the presence of the Holy Spirit transformed Peter. Now, he heals as Jesus did and preaches as Jesus preached.

In Peter, we see living proof of what is further explained in the second reading. Through faith in Christ, we come to participate in the relationship of love and communion that the Son has with the Father: “we are God’s children now.”

Knowing the Father in this way as children of God gives us access to a whole new way of living, and means being transformed into becoming more and more like him. We come to know and participate in God’s way of being.

When Peter heals and preaches, he does so because Jesus lives in him, transforming Peter in his own likeness. Like Peter, we live as co-heirs, through Jesus, to the promises of God. What belongs to Jesus as the Son, namely his capacity to know the Father’s heart and to do the Father’s will, is also promised to us.

Becoming like God does not mean that we lose our individuality or freedom. Instead, we become more our true ourselves, each of us according to the grace and the gifts we have been given.

This is the life for which God created us: to be persons, different and diverse, each uniquely gifted, and, through love, bound together with Jesus, gathered together into one flock with one shepherd.

Like a good shepherd, Jesus has faced and overcome the mortal danger posed to his flock by the power of sin and death, against which they have no other escape. In laying down his life for his sheep, he proves that he is the true guardian, protector and carer of his flock, the Good Shepherd.

Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus claims power for himself and for all who love him over whatever impediments or difficulties befall us on our journey to the fullness of life and union with God. He assures us: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep . . . I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again.” Jesus’ power to take his life back up again is the power that restores us to new life and relationship with God.

Jesus opens up for humanity a whole new way of living. Whatever the hatreds, conflicts and divisions that arise between people, Jesus invites us into one fold, the flock of the Good Shepherd. He calls us to lives of faith, hope and love, under his protection and in relationship with him as the Good Shepherd.

There is no other power or god or ideology in the world that can promise this same hope for the human race that the Good Shepherd promises. Let us follow him.

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Welcome everyone! Especially to the new members of our parish and to our visitors from near and far

# PARISH DIARY

Tuesday <b>23RD APRIL</b>	9.30 am Mass, Macksville
Wednesday <b>24TH APRIL</b>	<b>NO MASS AT BOWRAVILLE during school holidays.</b>
Thursday <b>25TH APRIL</b>	<b>NOTE CHANGE</b> 8.00 am Mass, Nambucca Heads (ANZAC Day) <b>NO MASS AT MACKSVILLE</b>
Friday <b>26TH APRIL</b>	9:00 am Adoration 9:30 am Mass, Nambucca Heads
Saturday <b>27TH APRIL</b>	4:30 pm Reconciliation, Nambucca Hds 5:00 pm Mass, Nambucca Heads
Sunday <b>28TH APRIL</b>	9:00 am Mass, Bowraville 10:00 am Mass, Macksville <b>5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>

## 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  
 Wednesday 9.30am Mass, Bowraville  
 Thursday 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

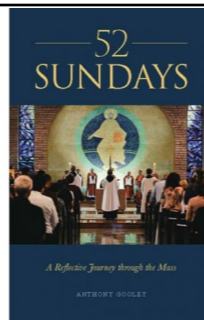
### Pope Francis' prayer intentions for 2024

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.

#### Bishop Greg recommends....

A book for you recommended by Bishop Greg Homeming to enrich your experience of participation in Mass by Deacon Anthony Gooley of Ballina parish, **52 Sundays: A Reflective Guide to the Mass**. Available online from Coventry Press. This is a book that is meant to be read over 52 weeks and invites you to deepen your own experience of the celebration of the Mass. Flyer at back of church with more info.



### WORLD DAY OF PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Pope Francis releases his message for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations, celebrated on April 21, and urges Christians to welcome our shared vocation to sow the seeds of hope and peace in our world.

The Holy Father noted that all Christians are called to welcome our God-given vocation to serve Him in the world, whether it be through the consecrated life, the priesthood, marriage, or even as a single person.

Gratitude, he said, should characterize World Vocations Day celebrations, as we recall the countless Christians who serve God in all walks of life. He especially invited young people to make room for God, so that they might find happiness in His call, which always respects our freedom.

"Let Jesus draw you to Himself," said the Pope. "Bring Him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let Him challenge you by His presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis."

The Pope also urged everyone to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, so that the Lord may "send out labourers into His harvest."

The goal of every Christian vocation, added the Pope, is to become "men and women of hope," bearing the Gospel message of hope and peace amid countless crises and "the baneful spectre of a third world war fought piecemeal."

Christ's Resurrection, noted Pope Francis, is the force that drives our Christian hope and allows us to face the challenges our world present us.

### Ministry Roster - 27th & 28th April 2024

	Nambucca Heads 5.00 pm, Saturday	Bowraville 9:00am, Sunday	Macksville 10.00am, Sunday
<b>Commentator</b>	S Bolton	M Dal Santo	Volunteer Please
<b>Reader</b>	M Tait	S McNally	J Hasson
<b>Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	M Dallas		H Murphy
<b>Procession of Gifts</b>	R & B McFadyen		Volunteers
<b>Altar Servers</b>	T & T Nguyen, K Soutter		
<b>Sacristan</b>	M Dwart		S Nebauer
<b>Counters</b>			Cresswells
<b>Church Caring</b>			I Dallas

#### UPCOMING PARISH DATES TO NOTE:

25th April—Macksville Mass cancelled due to ANZAC  
**NOTE CHANGE** new date set for Anointing of the Sick (see below)

25th April— 8.00am Mass at NambuccaHds (ANZAC)  
 26th April—Anointing of the Sick ,  
 Our Lady Star of the Sea, Nambucca Hds

**2nd May— Anointing of the Sick, St Patrick's, Macksville**

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.

#### CONGRATULATIONS!



*Veronica Lavery*

**90th Birthday on Sunday**

*Though you may blow out your candles, the light of the Lord will always shine on you and his warmth shall be a comfort.*

#### COLLECTION FOR VOCATIONS

An extra collection for Vocations will be taken up this weekend.

### 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:** Kathleen Darlington, Molly Forrester, Ron Forrester, Patrick Ryan, Leila Walsh, Bishop John Satterthwaite

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



*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*

