

Liturgy of the Word

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or hymn):
1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

- Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf John 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

PREFACE : Preface I of Easter

NEXT WEEK (3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B)
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48



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

**2nd Sunday of
Easter Year B
7th 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 ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



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Communities of Love and Faith

L'Arche is an international federation of communities where people with and without an intellectual disability share life and build community together. L'Arche, a French word for 'the Ark', seeks to create homes rooted in the Christian gospel but open to all, where people live a simple life of work, care, prayer and celebration.

L'Arche was founded by Jean Vanier 60 years ago (August 1964), in the small northern French village of Trosly-Breuil. He welcomed two men with intellectual disabilities who were living nearby in a large institution. From these humble and simple beginnings, L'Arche has grown into more than 150 communities present in 37 countries.

In a world too often divided and broken, L'Arche communities seek to be a sign of reconciliation and welcome, hope and peace, openness and support. L'Arche communities recognise and respect the fundamental dignity of every human person, loved and cherished by God.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives us a picture of how the first Christians lived in community. Firstly, the community was faithful to prayer and worship. The celebration of the Eucharist was at the heart of their life, uniting them in worship and service. Secondly, the community was a place of love, care and nurture. In an atmosphere of welcome and inclusion, people were able to grow, and respond to God's presence and action in their lives.

Thirdly, the community had a deep sense of sharing, especially with those who had little. There was no amassing of resources or property for exclusive personal use. The community lived simply and without extravagance.

A parish is a good example of a Christian community. Drawn together around the table of the Lord, people of every nation, culture and language gather to support and sustain each other in faith, hope and love. As one people we worship, pray, give thanks and partake in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Nurtured and nourished, we are sent to bring Christ to the world and to live a life of service.

Within the life of a parish, other, smaller communities (groups) of witness, sharing and togetherness also exist. For example: liturgy and music, social justice, bereavement and hospitality, St Vincent de Paul Society, parish council and many others.

We're not created to be alone. We created to "be with" other people in a spirit of love and support, valuing the unique gifts of each person, striving together to deepen and strengthen our relationship with God and with the world. Thomas was absent from his community when Jesus came and stood among the disciples. He struggled with his doubt alone. Only when he rejoined his community and encountered the Risen Christ, was he able to make his profession of faith – "My Lord and my God!"

Today, let's celebrate our faith community as an essential part of our Christian life.

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ALL WELCOME TO OUR **MASS** FOR

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

THURSDAY, WEEK 11
11th APRIL, 2024

9:30AM

IN THE ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL HALL



PARISH DIARY



Tuesday 9TH APRIL	9.30 am Mass, Macksville
Wednesday 10TH APRIL	9:30 am Mass, Bowraville
Thursday 11TH APRIL	9.30 am Mass, St Patrick's School Hall, Macksville
Friday 12TH APRIL	9:00 am Adoration 9:30 am Mass, Nambucca Heads
Saturday 13TH APRIL	4:30 pm Reconciliation, Nambucca Hds 5:00 pm Mass, Nambucca Heads
Sunday 14TH APRIL	9:00 am Mass, Bowraville 10:00 am Mass, Macksville 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

POPE FRANCIS USES EASTER BLESSING TO PRAY FOR PEACE

In his Easter Sunday blessing, Pope Francis asked the risen Lord to open paths of peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and all regions of the world suffering from war and violence.

Speaking from the central balcony of St Peter's Basilica on Sunday, Pope Francis called for an immediate cease-fire in the Gaza Strip. He appealed for humanitarian access for the people of Gaza and called for the prompt release of the hostages seized by Hamas on October 7 last year.

"Jesus alone opens up before us the doors of life, those doors that continually we shut with the wars spreading throughout the world," he said.

"Today we want, first and foremost, to turn our eyes to the Holy City of Jerusalem, that witnessed the mystery of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and to all the Christian communities of the Holy Land.

"My thoughts go especially to the victims of the many conflicts worldwide, beginning with those in Israel and Palestine, and in Ukraine. May the risen Christ open a path of peace for the war-torn peoples of those regions."

Pope Francis gave the traditional urbi et orbi blessing from the central loggia of St Peter's Basilica following Easter Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square in the presence of about 60,000 people.

"Urbi et orbi" means "To the city [of Rome] and to the world" and is a special apostolic blessing given by the Pope every year on Easter Sunday, Christmas, and other special occasions.

Beginning with the Holy Land and Ukraine, Pope Francis prayed for the many countries in the world that are suffering from violence, poverty, instability, food insecurity, and conflicts.

"Peace is never made with arms but with outstretched hands and open hearts," he said.

In his peace message, Pope Francis expressed hope for a general exchange of all prisoners between Russia and Ukraine. He also offered prayers for Syria and Lebanon whose populations continue to experience the devastating effects of war.

The Pope asked the Lord to open paths of peace on the African continent. He also prayed for the risen Lord to assist the people of Haiti, and encouraged the discussions taking place between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and expressed his hope that they could arrive as soon as possible at a definitive peace agreement.



Ministry Roster - 13th & 14th April 2024

	Nambucca Heads 5.00 pm, Saturday	Bowraville 9:00am, Sunday	Macksville 10.00am, Sunday
Commentator	J Ryan	C Doolan	H Murphy
Reader	S Dwarte	N Slingsby	J Miles
Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	D Johns		S Allan
Procession of Gifts	J Ingold, M Dallas		Volunteers
Altar Servers	T & T Nguyen, E Betts,		
Sacristan	M Dwarte		M Henry
Counters			C Cresswell, P Richards
Church Caring			

ROSTERS AVAILABLE FOR THE COMING MONTHS

The Rosters for the coming months have now been uploaded to our website and some hard copies can be found at the back of the churches.

Thank you Note

Thank you to Carmel and Kevin Stride for their time and efforts in fixing and cleaning the many blinds in the Parish Hall.



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.



BAPTISMS

All parents wanting their children baptised in the Nambucca Valley Catholic Parish are asked to attend a Baptismal Preparation evening.

Courses are held on the last Thursday of the month, by appointment, 7pm at St Patrick's Church, Macksville.

Bookings essential. For further enquiries, please call the Parish office.

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: Leila Walsh, Bishop John Satterthwaite, Gordon & Irene McFadyen, Rachele Wiggins

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: 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



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7TH 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
7th 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 flows 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

