

PARISH DIARY	
MONDAY 1ST JULY	Mass today! Mass to celebrate NAIDOC WEEK 2.15pm at St Patrick's Primary School - ALL WELCOME!
Tuesday 2ND JULY	9.30am Mass, Macksville
Wednesday 3RD JULY	9.30am Mass, Bowraville Naidoc week Mass
Thursday 4TH JULY	9.30am Mass, Macksville
Friday 5TH JULY	9.00am Adoration 9.30am Mass, Nambucca Heads
Saturday 6TH JULY	4:30pm Reconciliation, Nambucca 5:00pm Mass, Nambucca Hds
Sunday 7TH JULY	8:00 am Mass, Macksville Join us for a cuppa after 8am Mass - please bring a plate if able 9:30 am Mass, Bowraville

Dates to remember:
MASS TIME CHANGES

On the weekend of 3rd and 4th August, Bishop Greg will be officiating the confirmation of our local candidates. It is proposed that for that weekend only Masses will be:

Saturday 3rd August 4pm, Mass at Bowraville and 5pm, Mass at Nambucca Heads

The Confirmations will take place at Sunday Mass: 4th August, 9am at Macksville

Catholic Parish of the Nambucca Valley

Corpus Christi, Bowraville St Patrick's, Macksville
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Nambucca Heads Christ the King, Taylors Arm

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Yr B
30th June 2024

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JESUS' TOUCH BRINGS NEW LIFE

Today we continue with readings from Mark's gospel. Earlier in this chapter, Jesus has demonstrated his divine mastery over destructive forces of nature (in calming the sea) and over a legion of demons who were afflicting a man (in the exorcism of a deeply troubled person). Mark brings his account of the miracles which Jesus worked to a climax in one of Mark's most striking stories. His accounts of Jesus' miracles culminate in the healing of two women, both of whom are restored to new life, wholeness and holiness because of the touch of Jesus. Here Jesus demonstrates his divine mastery—and the power of the Kingdom and of his Lordship—over disease and even death.

Notice how Mark intertwines two miracle stories here, sandwiching one story within another: the healing of the woman with a haemorrhage who touches Jesus' clothing, and the raising of the Jairus' daughter. Both the woman (we don't know her name) and Jairus demonstrate great faith and trust in Jesus.

Given the growing tension between Jesus and the synagogue officials, it is remarkable that Jairus, a leader in the synagogue, had the courage and the humility to approach Jesus and to beg Jesus to come and save his daughter who was dying. The daughter was desperately ill and Jairus was clearly desperate for her. Jesus immediately sets out for Jairus' home, with the crowd accompanying them, pressing in on them.

In that pressing crowd, the unnamed woman, who has suffered for years with a haemorrhage, sees and takes the opportunity to come close to Jesus and she boldly dares to touch him, confident that touching him will heal her. And it does. She knows immediately that she is healed. He senses that power has gone out of him and calls on whoever it was who touched him to come forward.

In fear and trembling, she confesses. But, instead of chastising her, he praises her, affectionately addressing her as "Daughter," and commending her: "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." The word 'touch' appears four times in this story of the healing of the woman with the haemorrhage.

Meanwhile, back to the story of Jairus, people from Jairus's home arrive, announcing that Jairus' daughter has died. It is, they think, too late to do anything. But Jesus says: "Do not fear; only believe." Just keep on believing! They head to Jairus' home. Jesus takes the young woman by the hand, and she is restored to life. With great affection, Jesus speaks to her, telling her to get up, and telling her parents to give her something to eat. Again, we notice that Jesus restores the young woman to life by touching her.

In both of these miracles, Jesus' touch brings new life, wellness, wholeness, and holiness. See how he responds with care and compassion to those who seek his help. He does for us too.

Let us pray, as Jesus' disciples asked of him on another occasion: "Lord, increase our faith!"

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News from the Parish

Unfortunately our Hall at Nambucca Heads has been broken into and vandalised. The Police have attended and will be investigating.

Our Thanks to Iain and Meg for cleaning and hopefully the Hall will be back to normal soon.

2024 NAIDOC MASS

Wednesday 3rd July
9.30am
St Mary's Outdoor Learning Space
All Community are welcome.

Monday 1st July
2.15pm
St Patrick's Primary School
All Community are welcome

Ministry Roster 6th & 7th July 2024

(NH: Nambucca Heads; M: Macksville; B: Bowraville)

Commentator:	NH: M Harris	M: Z White	B: C Doolan
Reader:	NH: S Bolton	M: C Cresswell	B: M Dal Santo
Ex Minister of Holy Communion:	NH: J Ingold	M: L McLeod	
Procession of Gifts:	NH: L & R McGuigan	M: Z White & S Nebauer	
Sacristan:	NH: M Tait	M: S Nebauer	
Altar Servers:	NH: A Smith, T Nguyen, K Soutter		

Counters: B & R McFadyen **Church Caring:** B & L King

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or hymn)

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

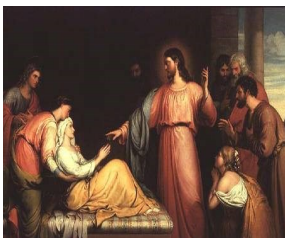
Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

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

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7. 9. 13-15

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MARK 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and

save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

FOLLOWING THE MISSAL:

Preface: IV in Ordinary Time; Eucharistic Prayer: III

NEXT WEEK (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B)

Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm 122; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sue Nichols, David Frost, Maddie Mackay, Reg McGuigan, Kerry McBride

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Patricia Stuckey, Neville & Beryl Miles, Bill Glover, Pat Quirk, Marlene Cook, Earl O'Connor, Paul Clough, Paul Thorne, Tony Cook, Leo Quirk, Joan Goldspring

WE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Vonnie Ryan, Mike Ryan, Jim O'Reilly, Harry Foxley

Mass intention envelopes are located at the back of the church



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