

PARISH DIARY	
Tuesday 9TH JULY	9.30am Mass, Macksville 11am Mass, Riverside Gardens
Wednesday 10TH JULY	No Mass <b>4:00pm Confirmation Class (NH)</b>
Thursday 11TH JULY	9.30am Mass, Macksville
Friday 12TH JULY	9.00am Adoration 9.30am Mass, Nambucca Heads
Saturday 13TH JULY	4:30pm Reconciliation, Nambucca 5:00pm Mass, Nambucca
Sunday 14TH JULY	8:00 am Mass, Macksville 9:30 am Mass, Bowraville 11am, Baptism, Macksville 1:00pm Mass, Stuart Island (Naidoc)



The new defibrillator (AED) has now been activated and installed in the Parish Office. Any questions on how to operate the AED should be directed to Sheree.

Thank you very much to our anonymous parishioner for their generous donation. We are very grateful. God Bless.

**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**

*This is not goodbye,  
This is not farewell...*

Thank you to our wonderful Parish Secretary Zofie White for your commitment and service to our Parish and Community. We look forward to continuing to seeing your friendly face around town.

Thank you for all your hard work. We wish you all the best for the future.

**Ministry Roster 13th & 14th July 2024**

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

<b>Commentator:</b>	<b>NH:</b> M Tait	<b>M:</b> C Cresswell	<b>B:</b> S McNally
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>NH:</b> M Harris	<b>M:</b> J Miles	<b>B:</b> C Doolan
<b>Ex Minister of Holy Communion:</b>	<b>NH:</b> F Wesley	<b>M:</b> H Murphy	
<b>Procession of Gifts:</b>	<b>NH:</b> J Ingold & M Dallas	<b>M:</b> D Payne & G McCullough	
<b>Sacristan:</b>	<b>NH:</b> J Ingold	<b>M:</b> S Nebauer	
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>NH:</b> T Nguyen, E Betts, T Nguyen		

**Counters:** P Richards **Church Caring:** B & L King

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**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

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**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Yr B*  
**7th July 2024**  
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**Overcoming the pain of rejection**

The three main characters in today's readings suffer rejection and humiliation. Their pain is summarised in today's Psalm: "Indeed, all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain."

Sometimes, following God means being a witness to people who do not respect us or our faith. As the prophet Ezekiel hears in the first reading, the task of the faithful disciple is to keep witnessing to our faith, "whether they listen or not".

In the second reading, St Paul explains how he perseveres when he is confronted with rejection and humiliation. Paul's second letter to the Church in Corinth was motivated by a vicious attack on his ministry and reputation. Some within the community, who styled themselves as 'superapostles', disparaged Paul and his teaching. Instead, they boasted about the incredible visions and secret knowledge they had received, which proved their superiority over Paul.

Instead of trying to compete with his rivals' boasting, Paul brags about his own weaknesses and failures. Paul does not go into detail about what he means by the "thorn in his flesh." Theories have included health difficulties, reoccurring temptations, or difficult people around him.

Struggles like these that seem to get in the way of us trying to live out his faith should be familiar to all of us. However, Paul explains that God sometimes allows these obstacles in our lives because our weaknesses make the grace and love of Jesus most evident.

Instead of succumbing to the temptation to boast about his accomplishments, Paul uses his weaknesses to constantly remind himself of his dependence on God's power. Through his weaknesses, Paul learns about the self-sacrificial kind of service that God desires. As a result, God's presence and activity in Paul's life are even more present because of the weakness that appears on the surface. Paul is a better witness of God's power because he demonstrates with his life what Christ can do with any person in any situation.

Jesus himself embraces this way of living in today's gospel. Previous chapters of Mark's Gospel make Jesus seem unstoppable. Disease, demons and even death all give way before him. However, Jesus' mission appears to have stalled when he does not overcome Nazareth's lack of faith.

Perhaps Jesus could have forcefully displayed his power when he returned to Nazareth and broken down the barriers of unbelief. But what is a faith in God that is based on overpowering, dominating, and controlling? It would eliminate the opportunity for people to encounter God's love and mercy and for the spiritual change towards selfless love that God most desires.

Jesus most clearly proves that he is from God in his acceptance of suffering. His rejection by those closest to him is another step towards the cross, where he will demonstrate to the world and all history what God's love truly means.

Our weaknesses can invite us to deepen our loving relationship with God and invite others to encounter Jesus. Let us always.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or hymn)

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

## FIRST READING

**Ezekiel 2:2-5**

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 122. R. v.2**

**(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords. **(R.)**
2. Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of his mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he shows us his mercy. **(R.)**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain. **(R.)**



## SECOND READING

**2 Corinthians 12: 7-10**

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**MARK 6:1-6**

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is the good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

## CATHOLIC EARTHCARE SEASON OF CREATION CONVOCATION (12–14 Sep 2024)

Please join us as we spend time together learning and sharing about how we can all care for creation. We will gather online during Thursday 12 and Friday 13 September to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. On Saturday 14 we encourage participants to attend one of 11 diocesan hubs to transform our learnings into action. If there is not a hub near you, we will continue online together. Attend for 1, 2 or all 3 days! Group discounts available.

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## FOLLOWING THE MISSAL:

*Preface:* VI in Ordinary Time; *Eucharistic Prayer:* II

**NEXT WEEK (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B)**

## 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:

Paul Clough, Paul Thorne, Tony Cook, Leo Quirk, Joan Goldspring, Harry Foxley, Ted Metz,  
Father Bede Francis Parker

## WE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Vonnie Ryan, Mike Ryan, Jim O'Reilly



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