

PARISH DIARY	
Tuesday 30TH JULY	9.30am Mass, Macksville
Wednesday 31ST JULY	No Mass
Thursday 1ST AUG	9.30am Mass, Macksville
Friday 2ND AUG	9.00am Adoration 9.30am Mass, Nambucca Heads
Saturday 3RD AUG	4.00pm Mass, Bowraville 5:00pm Mass, Nambucca
Sunday 4TH AUG	9.00am Confirmation Mass, Macksville



MASS TIME CHANGES
 On 3rd and 4th August. Bishop Greg will be officiating the confirmation of our local candidates. 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

Reminder: Morning Tea at Macksville on Sun 4th August. Please bring a plate and stay for a cuppa and a chat.

ADDITIONAL MASS TIMES : Thurs 15th August there will be 8am Mass at Nambucca Heads for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and 10am Mass at St Patrick's Primary School

JOB VACANCY: CCD Coordinator - Diocese of Lismore
 Reporting to the Bishop of the Diocese of Lismore, the Coordinator of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)/SRE Coordinator is responsible for ensuring the compliance of the Diocese of Lismore as an Authorised Provider in relation to Catechists teaching in NSW Public Schools.
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Ministry Roster 3rd & 4th August 2024

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

- Commentator:** NH: J Ryan M: J Miles B: C Doolan
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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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
YFB
28th July 2024

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The victorious cross

St Jerome said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." On the back cover of my Bible, this famous line is printed beneath an image of the fourth-century hermit-saint in his study. Scriptures in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin are open on desks behind him. He seems to be taking a break from his translation project to pull the thorn out of the lion's paw.

One thing Jerome meant is that understanding the New Testament requires deep familiarity with the Old Testament, the original Scriptures. The New is contextualized by the Old. The Evangelists wrote in such a way as to embed the story of Jesus in the biblical horizon. We could therefore elaborate on Jerome's words and say: Ignorance of the Old Testament makes the New Testament opaque.

The story of Christ's feeding of the five thousand is an example of Jerome's principle. Having John 6 set beside the story of Elisha's miraculous feeding from 2 Kings 4 is useful. We can see that the gospel author emphasises parallels between Jesus and Elisha. Barley loaves are used in both miracles; incredulous disciples in both stories are commanded to feed the people; and there are plenty of leftovers in each.

The first part of Elisha's wider story chronicles seven key miracles; and John organises the first part of his story of Jesus with seven miraculous "signs." Elisha and Jesus both cure the blind, heal lepers, and raise the dead. Both are betrayed by the love of money. Even their names are similar in Hebrew: Elisha means "God is salvation," and Jesus means "Yahweh is salvation." When you see the similarities, the differences between the stories become more important: Elisha feeds one hundred with food enough for twenty; Jesus feeds five thousand with a lot less. Elisha feeds with bread; Jesus feeds with bread and fish; Elisha's story says "there was some left over;" Jesus' story says there were "twelve basketfuls" in excess, an incredible amount of abundance from out of such a small beginning. And the people fed by Jesus realise how much more he is than a miracle working prophet: he is "the Prophet," they exclaim, the savior-king whom Moses told them to wait for. They even try to make him king by force. Elisha's prophetic role was to hold unfaithful kings of Israel accountable to God for their abject failure in administering justice and steering God's people away from idolatry. Elisha apparently failed: the story shows Israel falling into greater and greater apostasy that culminates in national disaster. Yet the suffering of Israel becomes the seedbed of their salvation.

The gospel story intensifies the role of the miracle-working prophet, Jesus, to the point of something truly new: the prophet is himself the expected king, and yet his kingship is unexpected. John portrays Jesus' elevation on the cross as his enthronement! An apparent failure that is actually victory. Jesus embodies the story of Israel and transforms it.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or hymn)

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God **(R.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LUKE 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

JOHN 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?'

Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

FOLLOWING THE MISSAL:

Preface: IV in Ordinary Time; *Eucharistic Prayer:* V

NEXT WEEK (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B)

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

David Frost, Maddie Mackay, Reg McGuigan, Kerry McBride, Joe Pagura, Vincent Bischoff

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Neville Stewart, Rex Lawrence, Patrick & Kathleen Doolan, Fr Adrian, Fr Thomas, Fr Vincent

WE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Doris Jensen, Peter Driver, Maree Rowe, Warren Markham

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