

PARISH DIARY



Tuesday 20TH AUG	9.30am Mass, Macksville
Wednesday 21ST AUG	9.30am Mass, Bowraville
Thursday 22ND AUG	9.30am Mass, Macksville
Friday 23RD AUG	9.00am Adoration 9.30am Mass, Nambucca
Saturday 24TH AUG	4:30pm, Reconciliation, Nambucca 5pm, Mass, Nambucca
Sunday 25TH AUG	8am Mass, Macksville 9:30am, Mass, Bowraville

REMINDER: Any child in Year 4 or older, who has made their Confirmation is eligible to make their First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion next month. Those who don't attend one of our local catholic schools and would like their child to make the sacrament, please contact the Parish Office for more information.



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

20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Yr B
18th August

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Walking faithfully with Jesus

In the book of Exodus, God appeared to Moses asking him to free the Israelites who were enslaved by the Egyptians. Unsure of his ability to achieve this outcome, Moses asks God what he is to say to the Israelites. God says to Moses, "I am who I am," and that he should answer their question by saying "I am has sent me to you."

When Jesus tells his followers, "I am the bread of life," his words confused his audience as they understood them literally. They also wondered if Jesus was making a claim about his identity. His followers understood the statement as an assertion that Jesus was identifying himself as God.

There are six more incidents in John's gospel where Jesus uses the words "I am," and each time an action accompanies his words. In this first saying, Jesus' claim follows the feeding of five thousand in the wilderness. "I am the light of the world" is the second of the "I am" statements and comes after the healing of a man born blind. Jesus not only says he is the light, but he proves it, and in doing so echoes the words of Genesis where God said, "Let there be light and there was light."

"I am the door," and "I am the good shepherd" are both statements about the sheepfold, and the shepherd as the one who loves and cares for the flock even to the point of death. The title of good shepherd is unmistakably one of God's titles as we learn in the beloved twenty-third psalm.

Jesus states, "I am the resurrection and the life," after raising Lazarus from the dead. Again, his words are not empty rhetoric but substantiated by action. This gospel, written at a time when the followers of Jesus were being cast out of the synagogues, offers a definitive response to those who rejected them by asserting, "I am the way, and the truth and the life." The final statement, "I am the true vine, and you are the branches," emphasises the sustaining power of Christ without whom we will not bear fruit in the Christian life.

There are two more "I am" statements in John's gospel, but they are not metaphors like the above seven instances but are instead declarations applied by Jesus to himself. "I tell you the truth," Jesus says, "before Abraham was born, I am." The final instance occurs in the Garden of Gethsemane when the mob comes to arrest Jesus and, when he asks them whom they seek, they say, "Jesus of Nazareth," and Jesus replies, "I am he."

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Father's Day Raffle



Tickets go on sale on the weekend of 24th/25th August for the annual Father's Day Raffles in Macksville and Nambucca. Tickets will be drawn on the following weekend Saturday 31st August (Nambucca) and on Sunday 1st September (Macksville) 3 C's will also be hosting a Father's Day Gathering on Sunday 1st September. Please join us for a cuppa and bring a plate to share.

Thank you to **Brian and Lorraine King** for generously volunteering your time each month to clean the church. Your unwavering commitment to our Parish is inspiring. We are so grateful for all that you do.



Ministry Roster 24th & 25th August 2024

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

Commentator:	NH: M Soutter	M: S Allan	B: N Slingsby
Reader:	NH: M Tait	M: J Miles	B: P Buchanan
Ex Minister of Holy Communion:	NH: J Ryan	M: H Murphy	
Procession of Gifts:	NH: S & W Bolton	M: U Goodwin, M Howle	
Sacristan:	NH: J Ingold	M: S Nebauer	
Altar Servers:	NH: T Nguyen & T Nguyen		

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All of these statements of Jesus make it abundantly clear that Jesus is God. Each day we are invited to accept the presence of Jesus in our lives and to walk faithfully in his way.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or hymn)

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord .

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad (R.)
2. Revere the Lord you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him. Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing (R.)
3. Come, children and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is he who longs for life and many days, to enjoy his prosperity. (R.)
4. Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit, Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace. (R.)

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord . Alleluia!

GOSPEL

JOHN 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.



Last week The Parish Finance Committee presented an award to Paul Richards for service and significant contributions to the Nambucca Valley Parish. Paul's weekly dedication to volunteering his time, assisting with counting and banking, has been invaluable, and the PFC is grateful for his unwavering support over the years. Thank you Paul!

FOLLOWING THE MISSAL:

Preface: VI in Ordinary Time; Eucharistic Prayer: VII

NEXT WEEK (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B)

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Joe Pagura, Vincent Bischoff, Jan Richards

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Fred Craggs, James Singh, Janette Thoms, Frieda Keaton, Tom & Madge Harris, Luke Latham, Maxwell Dunbar

WE PRAY FOR THE RECEINTLY DECEASED:

Fr John Kelly, Nola Ryce, Betty Cook



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