

Catholic Parish of the Nambucca Valley

Corpus Christi, Bowraville

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Nambucca Heads

St. Patrick's Macksville

EASTER SUNDAY

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First Reading

Acts 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also, to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

or

Alleluia.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Jesus indeed has risen The Stawell Gift is Australia's oldest and most prestigious footrace. The event is held at Central Park in Stawell, Victoria, over the Easter weekend and features runners in a 120-metre race with the finals held on Easter Monday. It is not Stawell, but in the gospel, Simon Peter, and the Beloved Disciple sprint to the tomb. They are in a hurry to verify the news of Mary of Magdala who went to the tomb early in the morning to discover the stone had been removed. The younger disciple arrives first but waits for Peter's arrival before entering the tomb. We are told that Peter saw the burial cloths, and the cloth that covered the head of Jesus rolled up in a separate place. Peter observes the body is gone. The Beloved Disciple then enters the tomb, and we hear that he 'saw and believed'. Peter observed the facts of the empty tomb, but the Beloved Disciple knew that Jesus had risen as he had promised. The disciples will spread the good news, but it is Mary of Magdala who is the first evangelist of the Resurrection. It is therefore fitting that she is called the Apostle of the Apostles.

Announcements:

Dear Parishioners, **I wish you all a blessed Easter.** May the Risen Christ bless you and your families with **peace, hope, and joy.**

Please note that there will be no Masses in the parish from **13th April to 17th April**, as I will be attending a course at ACU in Brisbane

A gentle reminder to all PFC members that the meeting scheduled for **14th April is cancelled.**

Thank You Note

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the Holy Week and Easter celebrations. A special thanks to **Jo Ann Ingold and Noel** for preparing the church so beautifully for all four days of Holy Week; Broni and Alice Magner for preparing the slides; Carmel for the music; and Bernadette, Trevor, Peter Allan, and Stephanie for providing the palms on Palm Sunday.

My sincere appreciation also goes to the sacristans across the three churches: Jo Ann Ingold, Margaret Tait, Margaret and Stephen, Anthony, Paula, Susan, John Neibauer, Nancy Latham, Mary Henry, and David Pyne. I am also grateful to all the readers, commentators, and extraordinary ministers for their dedicated service. A special thanks to Patrick Wolf for providing the ashes and preparing the fire for the Easter Vigil.

May God bless you all for your generous dedication and service. May the Risen Christ continue to bless you and your families abundantly. **A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL**

11th of April at 4pm Exposition of the blessed sacrament during holy hour confession is available also recitation of divine mercy chaplet followed by Mass at 5pm in Nambucca valley

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pauline Baiker, Fay Gough

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

David Frost , Pod Clough, Maria Metz

WE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

John Logan, ken forrester, Peter O,conor, Heather Aldrige
Sr. Fran Kuhn

TUE 7 th April Easter Octave	9:30 am Mass in Macksville
WED 8 th April Easter Octave	3pm Divine Mercy chaplet followed by Mass in NH
THU 9 th April Easter Octave	3pm Divine mercy chapet followed by mass in NH
FRI 10 th April Easter Octave	3pm Divine mercy Chaplet followed by Mass in NH
Sat 11 th April Easter Octave	4pm Adoration and divine mercy Chaplet followed by mass at 5pm
SUN 12 th April Divne mercy Sunday	8am Mass in Macksville 9:30 am mass in Bowraville

****Mass Intention envelopes are located at the back of the Church****