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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe 22nd November, 2026

📖 First Reading — Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

📖 Responsorial Psalm — Psalm 22(23):1-3a,5-6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

📖 Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

📖 Gospel Acclamation — Mark 11:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessing on him, who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

📖 Gospel — Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

We shall be judged on love

Much of this week's gospel speaks of Christ's glory & power. He is victorious; he is King enthroned; he judges all nations. Yet, there is also a surprise. On this Feast of Christ, the King, both the gospel & first reading speak about our responsibility to care for others. The first reading details the caring & compassionate ways God acts. God shepherds us nurturing, healing, tending and feeding toward the day of judgement and also calls us to shepherd each other. In the gospel, Jesus' statement: "whatever you did for one of the least ... of mine, you did for me" confirms that Christ identifies with us, with humanity, & especially with the "least" of our sisters & brothers. Christ doesn't cling to his kingship & glory. No, he deliberately chooses to stand with the "least" of the world. How much more then, ought we stand with the "least" in our midst. Who are the "least" among us to whom Christ calls us to reach out? Certainly, they are the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick & imprisoned. But they also include a family member who may be imprisoned by addiction, humiliation or despair & needs to be set free.

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Or a work colleague who may hunger for encouragement, respect or simple appreciation for a job well done. Or someone in our parish who thirsts to have their gifts called forth for service of the faith community. Or a neighbour down the street who has no family nearby, and would simply delight in a visit. Put simply, the "least" have many faces! They are many! We hear the Son of Man's call to eternal glory in the cry of those in need, and we respond to that call by our compassion, care and action; and we inherit glory here & now, & forever. We honour Christ, the King, by acknowledging that he is in others & within us. No greater honour can we give our Redeemer-King than to serve him in one another. Our focus on others is really a focus on Christ – for it's a measure of how much we imitate his care for humanity. He showed us by his very life how to care for others, & so we live in the very same way. The basis of Christ, the King's judgement will be: the simple, ordinary, everyday acts of kindness & outreach to the needy and vulnerable. St John of the Cross put it this way: "In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love." The "least" among us all have one and the same face: that of Christ. Our simple and gracious ways of responding to others is truly an encounter with Christ, the King. When we allow ourselves to be blessed by his presence in those in need, we inherit eternal glory & discover our blessedness. David J Hore CSsR © Majellan Media 2026

Announcements

Preparing for the 2028 International Eucharistic Congress

As we look forward to the International Eucharistic Congress, which will be held in Sydney in 2028, the Church throughout Australia is beginning its preparations for this significant occasion. As a parish community, we too wish to participate in this spiritual journey. In preparation, we will be sharing a short reflection or piece of information about the Eucharist in our parish announcements each week, helping us deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist as the very heart and centre of our Christian faith.

You may have noticed some changes to our main altar, including the introduction of a new golden chalice and crucifix. These changes are intended to remind us of the sacredness of the Eucharist and the profound connection between Christ's sacrifice on the Cross and His real presence in the Blessed Sacrament. **At the same time, I have reinstated the original crucifix and religious artwork at the back of the church as a sign of respect for our parish's history, traditions and spiritual heritage.**

My hope is that these small initiatives will help us prepare spiritually for the 2028 Congress and renew our love, faith and devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist. May the Eucharist always remain the heart of our parish life, uniting us more closely with Christ and with one another.

Thanks so much to John Nebauer, Keith Smith, Joe Costa and James Beckington for repairing the ceiling at OLSS and all the works in Nambucca valley parish on 15th November.



St Patricks CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Tickets $2.00 each

Selling after Mass - 6th, 13th & 20th December. Join us for a cuppa and a slice of Christmas cake after Mass on 20th December, when the Raffle will be drawn!

Many thanks for your support 3 C's (Catholic, Caring, Community)



Sr Anne Hannigan's Requiem Mass will take place on the 24/11/26 at 10am at St Mary's Catholic Church, Casino.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

Dorrie Clough, Veronica Black, Martin Howle, Adam Shepherd, Kevin Cassin, Judith Grace Howell, Earl O'Connor

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pauline Baker, Joye Thorne, Elaine Gosson, Nicky Hemsworth, Kathleen Mitchell, Peter Moroney, Gregory Doolan

WE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

†Ann Mulhall, †Glenn †Teresita Maria Kelly † Peter Boutros †Marie Cresswell †Penny Wilson

Mass Times

Tue 24th Nov	9.30am Mass at Macksville
Wed 25th Nov	No Mass
Thu 26th Nov	9.30am Mass at Macksville
Fri 27th Nov	9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass at Nambucca Heads
Sat 28th Nov	4:30 Confession 5:00 pm Mass at Nambucca Heads
Sun 29th Nov First Sunday of ADVENT	8am Mass at Macksville 9:30 am Mass at Bowraville

Nambucca Valley Christmas Lunch-6th December at Nambucca Heads RSL

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for a delicious Christmas lunch. Please write your name on the list at the back of the church. The cost is $44, payable in cash by 29th November. Please make payment to May Harris at OLSS and Mary Henry at St Pats. We look forward to sharing a wonderful Christmas celebration with you all!

Mass Intention envelopes are located at the back of the Church

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