

Catholic Parish of the Nambucca Valley

Corpus Christi, Bowraville

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Nambucca Heads

St. Patrick's Macksville

Christ the King, Taylors Arm

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Entrance Antiphon

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress:

so, we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. (R.)

2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within; it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day. (R.)

3. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come, consider the works of the Lord, the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple, he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples

remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, ‘What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?’ Jesus answered, ‘Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up’. The Jews replied, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

Communion Antiphon
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Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

Seeing the world with new eyes

The celebration of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (the official cathedral of the Diocese of Rome) one thousand seven hundred and one years ago in 324AD) is an occasion to reflect on the architectural symbolism of a church. The most foundational elements of a functioning church are surely the altar, the tabernacle, and the baptismal font. There is wide variety as regards their architectural style and location in the building. Typically, the baptismal font is placed at the entrance at the back of the church and the altar in an elevated section in the front of the church, called the sanctuary. The tabernacle, flanked by a perpetually burning candle, is often beyond the altar, perhaps above the high altar against the eastward wall, if your church is old enough to have one. It may be placed in its own chapel somewhere else in your church. If you are seated in a pew in the nave, the main body of the building, you can probably locate each of these three items. To understand their significance, we must look at them from a symbolic or sacramental perspective. The baptismal font: The story of creation begins with waters. They represent uninhabitable, unformed reality, chaos, death, and ultimately nothingness. God restrains darkness with light, separates the waters, and permits dry land to appear. He’s making a domain in which life can appear and ultimately human life with which he seeks to partner to complete his creation purpose. Baptism restarts that original purpose. It reestablishes your partnership with God, bringing you into Eden where the New Adam and Eve, Jesus and his mother, are now, giving you a place and a role in their new world. The altar: An altar is a little mountain. And a mountain is the high place where heaven and earth are brought together. When you enter liturgical space, you move through the waters to the mountain. In other words, you make passage through the act of creation! And what happens on the altar is the sacramental accomplishment of the goal of creation, a real foretaste of the world’s purpose. The tabernacle: This box takes its name from the tent in which the presence of God resided in the center of Israel’s camp as they made their pilgrimage through the desert after passing through the waters of the Red Sea in their miraculous deliverance from Egypt. In your church, it holds the reserve sacrament, the consecrated bread which is the sacramental presence of God made flesh. The tabernacle contains the tangible promise of God’s commitment to liberate the whole world through humanity united to himself. It is opened at the apex of the mass when this promise is renewed between God and you. If you ponder these architectural items from the sacramental viewpoint, you will begin to see the world with new eyes. The church, in its most basic elements, is a microcosm of creation. Its architecture is meant to teach you the deepest truths about the world’s beginning and purpose

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All Souls day mass Envelopes are avialable
Gentle Reminder for all the parishnioners Christmass Lunch will be on 7th of December kindly save the Date
more details will be followed in next parish Bulletin

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Nate Doolan, Tony May Richards

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES
OCCUR AT THIS TIME**

Val Ryan, Martin Howle, Margaret smith, Agnes Rosenberg, lilia Batica
Reg Darlington
Kevin, len Smith Dorrie Clough, Jim Hallam, Lionel Smith , Adam William shephered

WE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Trevor.Smith, Pam Halls, Robert Bagnal, Anna Dietrich, Robert
Moore, Judith Grace Howle, Brian Anthony

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

TUE 11th Nov	11 Am Mass at River side garden
WED 12th Nov	Requiem Mass at 11 am Bowaville
THU 13 th Nov	9:30 Am Mass, Macksville
FRI 14 th Nov	9: am Adoration, Nambucca 9:30 am Mass, Nambucca
SAT 15 th NOV	4:30 Pm Reconciliation 5pm all Souls Mass, Nambucca
SUN 16th Nov	8 am Mass, Macksville 9:30 am Mass Bowraville