

# Catholic Parish of the Nambucca Valley

Corpus Christi, Bowraville

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Nambucca Heads

St. Patrick's Macksville

**11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A  
14TH JUNE, 2026**



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## First Reading

**Exodus 19:2-6**

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, ‘Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, “You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle’s wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.”’

## Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 99(100):2-3,5**

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

## Second Reading

**Romans 5:6-11**

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God’s anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Mark 1:15**

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia.

## Gospel

**Matthew 9:36-10:8**

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.’ He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: ‘Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.’

Who is Jesus Christ for us? An older woman called Jesus her mate. A priest once said, ‘When the chips are down, there’s only Jesus and me. He’s my rock. ’If we are going to be witness to the love of Christ, this is who we might hope to be for those we meet – mate, rock, friend, hope – and come to recognise Christ in their lives. Is this what we’re sent out to do? Is it what we were initiated into at our baptism? In the gospel, Jesus sees the crowd and is moved with compassion by their plight. He certainly doesn’t ridicule them or turn away from them but is alive to their suffering. This is the rich harvest for which labourers are required, and it’s this work which is at the heart of his mission.

He then summons twelve of the disciples and empowers them to join him in his work of presence and healing. Those who are entrusted with this mission are sent out as apostles. Perhaps we think that's not me and, if we consider the roll call of their names, we might notice they're quite a mixed lot, just like any parish community, and leave it at that. But what if we're all entrusted with this mission too, sent out after Mass to present to others what we have received. When Jesus sends them out, he instructs them to go to the Jewish community alone; though this is a beginning, because at the end of Matthew's Gospel he commissions the disciples to go out and proclaim his liberating presence to all nations. And the sign of this, of God's kingdom being close at hand, is the works that Jesus is doing, which now they are empowered to do. We also are to be the agents of healing and service, helping those who are entombed to live; inviting into relationship those who are sidelined and cast out for whatever reason; disabling those voices which confine us, and enabling us all to live in a loving relationship with one another and God. These simple gifts are given to us by Jesus, so we might give them away to anyone who is in need. What we have been given freely, we are to give freely in turn; it's not a transaction, it is gift. In the first reading the Israelites, if they hold fast to the covenant with God, are to be 'a kingdom of priests, a consecrated people,' ensuring God's ongoing love of and relationship with us. It's what they are entrusted to do, their mission. In the second reading, Paul writes of God's great love for us. Now that our relationship with God is restored, 'through our Lord Jesus Christ,' God is with us, whatever happens. To be the bearers of this love in a fractured world, this is our mission. Damian Coleridge © Majellan Media 2026

**Announcements:**

Please note Marie Clare Mainey passed away, her funeral service will take place 19<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am in Bernard Laverty Chapel followed by private cremation.

Kindly note our: Parish email address has been changed to: [parish@nvparish.org.au](mailto:parish@nvparish.org.au)

**Parish Office Hours: Tue, Wed 8:30 am to 4:00pm.** We thank the following members for their community service: John Harris, Perry, Wayne, Cathy C and Gail M, Barney, Beryl and May.

**Eucharist28 Update – Hearts Set Ablaze!**

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation. At the very first Pentecost, the apostles were transformed as the fire of the Holy Spirit was poured out for them, empowering them to go out to evangelise the world.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Pauline Baker, Fay Gough , Joye Thorne, Elaine Gosson

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

Fr. Edward Crowley, Ivan Mcleod , Paul Clough, Bill Glover, Pat Quirk, Marlene Cooke, Don Mcleod , Leo Quirk, Mary Malone, Denise O'Connor

**WE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED**

Father Bernie McFadyen, Dr Sally Towns, Brenda Durham, Jim Benson, Marie Clare Mainey.

<b>Tue 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9:30 am Mass at Macksville</b>
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thu 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9:30am Mass at Macksville</b>
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass at Nambucca Heads</b>
<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>4:30 Confession 5:00 pm Mass in NH</b>
<b>Sun 21st June 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time</b>	<b>8am Mass in Macksville 9:30 am mass in Bowraville</b>

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