

# Camden Haven Parish

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C,  
6 July 2025



**We notice how the readings of this Sunday's liturgy resound with joy and peace.**

*The Opening Prayer, the **First Reading** and the **Psalm** all speak of this joy, which has been with us in the liturgy throughout Eastertide, and now overflows here into Ordinary Time. It is the joy that the disciples experience when they see the Risen Christ. It is the joy that Christians experience when we celebrate the Eucharist.*

*The **First Reading** speaks of peace flowing 'like a river'; a peace that also accompanies the disciples in the Gospel as they travel through the different towns, curing the sick and announcing the Good News.*

*The **Psalm** encourages us to 'cry out with joy', and echoes the rejoicing we see in the other readings.*

*Though Paul does not mention joy in the **Second Reading**, he reflects on the peace and mercy experienced by those who are part of 'the new creation'.*

*As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray especially for all who, like the disciples, take the joy of the Good News to people who have yet to meet Christ. We also pray for those who cannot find joy and peace in their life.*

(Australian Catholics, Parish Life)

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

**READINGS THIS WEEK:** Acts 12:1-11                      2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18                      Matthew 16:18

## ***We all have a shared mission***

Do we think of ourselves as missionaries? Probably not, though occasionally we may hear it said that we all have a vocation, a calling that is not only for priests and other religious. Whatever hesitation we may have, however, at the end of Mass we are asked to spread the word. That is the peace of Christ: it is our mission.

In the gospel Jesus sends out the seventy-two disciples in pairs with a message of peace, a message of God's openness and acceptance, which for us all. The harvest is ready but, as with any harvest, the work is to be done now, even if the 'labourers are few.'

Jesus offers the disciples instructions for the dangerous journey ahead: they are to trust in God's love and not be pre-occupied by the little things. Also, they are not to be distracted by chit-chat, but to stay open to God's presence, and to receive the hospitality that's offered to them, and be with the sick, curing them.

Even those who turn away are to be reminded that the kingdom of God is very close. By trusting in what Jesus has to say, God's kingdom of peace and mercy will become a reality, both now and in the future.

Like the disciples, we're to meet people where they are, not simply have them meet us where we are. Unlike a door knocker or street preacher, we are to listen to people and walk with them. In this way, we will come to understand the words of Mother Teresa, "We've forgotten that we belong to one another".

As we begin to live like this, we will come to know what Pope Francis called the joy of the gospel. We can be missionaries, he said, if we "feel happiness in seeking the good of others, in desiring their happiness". This is a challenge for us but, as followers of Jesus, it is what we are called to do.

When the disciples come back overjoyed at what has happened. They are amazed to report that, in his name, the destructive forces have been overcome. They hear Jesus say that even Satan, our accuser, has been overcome, and in the presence of God 'nothing will ever hurt you'. .....

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Let us rejoice then, as we begin to open ourselves to God, and realise God is with us.

This joy is at the heart of the First Reading, where the prophet Isaiah says that, on their return from exile, God will comfort his people and give them peace. Then, in the Second Reading, Paul speaks of the peace and mercy that are the fruits of our becoming a 'new creature' in Christ.

Becoming a 'new creature' in Christ is a new way of being with one another and with God, so that we might share in the peace of God's kingdom both now and forever.

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### **Samaritan's Purse Celebration Event**

Join in celebrating the amazing work God is doing around the world with the Christmas Child Boxes. To be held on Saturday 12th July from 10.00am to 12.00 midday at St Thomas Church Hall, Hay Street, Port Macquarie. Free event - morning tea provided. Enquiries to Graeme & Sue: 0408 646 564



#### **KIND JULY**

It feels good to do good. Share and inspire Kind July kindness. 25 million Australians, 1 act of kindness every day, that's 9.1 billion acts a year! Find out more on how you can get involved on the [staykind.org](https://www.staykind.org) website.

### **2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope**



#### **28 JULY - 3 AUGUST JUBILEE OF YOUTH**

The Jubilee of Youth celebrates the life and contribution of young people in our Church and the world. "Young people are no longer children. They are at a time of life when they begin to assume a number of responsibilities, sharing alongside adults in the growth of the family, society and the Church" (Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit*, n.64)

#### **MID NORTH COAST FLOOD APPEAL**

Bishop Greg has launched an appeal to support those affected by the recent flooding. Every cent raised will be distributed to those in need.

How to donate: Individuals can make donations online through the Diocesan website by selecting 'Mid North Coast Flood Appeal' under 'Fund to support': [lismorediocese.org/donations](https://lismorediocese.org/donations). All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.

## Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Sunday 6th July is a time to recognize and give thanks for the enduring faith, culture, and contributions of the First Nations Peoples in our Church and nation. The theme "Sent Forth in Strength and Hope" invites us to walk together as disciples of Christ - listening deeply, honouring Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander voices, and renewing our shared commitment to reconciliation and justice.

Come along and join with fellow parishioners for Morning Tea at The Little Café on Kew Road, Laurieton this Sunday 6th July after the 7.30am Mass, and then on the first Sunday of each month. All welcome!



## Create With Hope

In celebration of the Jubilee Year, the Diocese of Lismore will be launching a Jubilee Art Prize reflecting the theme of *hope*.

The Jubilee Art Prize invites artists of all ages and abilities—students, parishioners, families, established artists—to creatively explore the meaning of *hope* through visual art.

How to enter: Entries must be submitted through the form on the Jubilee Art Prize webpage, <https://www.lismorediocese.org/jubilee-art-prize/> \* Entries close: Tuesday 5 August 2025

For more information, please visit the Jubilee Art Prize webpage or contact Madeline Beveridge at the Chancery (mbeveridge@lismore.catholic.org.au or 02 6621 9444)

## Mustard Seeds Book Club

The next book club is on the **24th July**, 7.00pm - 8.00pm. All welcome.

**Zoom ID:** 84732485504, **Password:** WS6wVx

Contact: Dr Madeline Beveridge, Pastoral Projects, Diocese Chancery, 0491 137 854

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Father Michael Brady, Joe Lombardo and Leonard Ferrari who died recently and for Father John Woods, Imelda Woods, Carmel Rees, Giovanni Baron, Esther & Denis Hayes & Marie Sullivan whose anniversary occurs at this time.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** those who are sick at this time.

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

(Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C)

**Deuteronomy 30:10-14**

**Colossians 1:15-20**

**Luke 10:25-37**

## ROSTERS for PARISH MINISTRIES

**12th & 13th July**



### LAURIETON 5.00pm

Readers: T Critchley

Preparation of Gifts: B Phillis, N Anderson

Collectors: P Lloyd, B Cummins

### LAURIETON 7.30am

Readers: J & L Eccleston

Preparation of Gifts: Wood Family

Collectors: J Morgan, T Belcher

### KENDALL 9.00am

Readers: A Redolfi

Preparation of Gifts: Koenig Family

Church Cleaning: A Slager

## WEEKDAY SERVICES THIS WEEK

<u>Tuesday 8 July</u>	Kendall	9.00am
<u>Wednesday 9 July</u>	Laurieton	8.00am
<u>Thursday 10 July</u>	Laurieton	8.00am
<u>Friday 11 July</u>	Laurieton	Midday

## WEEKEND SERVICES

<u>Saturday 12 July</u>	Laurieton	5.00pm
<u>Sunday 13 July</u>	Laurieton	7.30am
	Kendall	9.00am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

4.25pm - 5.00pm Laurieton  
Saturdays, Laurieton





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### HYMNS THIS WEEK

#### PROCESSIONAL: Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.  
I who make the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

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#### GIFTS: What Can We Give Catherine Blackford

Lord, what can we do, how can we show  
The love we hold for You  
Lord, what can we give, what can we bring  
To honour the life You lived.

Chorus: This bread to become Your body  
This wine to remember the blood  
You shed Lord for our freedom  
To gain us the forgiveness of God.

Father we offer ourselves and all that we do  
Along with this gifts to You  
So we may become one with You and Your Son  
Now and forevermore.

This bread will become His body  
This wine will become His blood.  
So we may share together  
in the beauty of your love. Of your love.

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#### THANKSGIVING: Be Still For The Presence Of The Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord  
the Holy One is here.  
Come bow before him now, with reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord  
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around:  
he burns with holy fire with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around:

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#### COMMUNION: We Come To Your Feast

We place upon your table  
A gleaming cloth of white:  
The weaving of our stories,  
The fabric of our lives;  
The dreams of those before us,  
The ancient hopeful cries,  
The promise of our future:  
Our needing and our nurture  
Lie here before our eyes.

Refrain: We come to your feast,  
we come to your feast  
the young and the old,  
the frightened, the bold,  
the greatest and the least,  
we come to your feast,  
we come to your feast,  
with the fruit of our lands  
and the work of our hands,  
we come to your feast

We place upon your table  
A humble loaf of bread:  
The gift of field & hillside,  
The grain by which we're fed;  
We come to taste the presence  
of him on whom we feed,  
To strengthen and connect us,  
to challenge and correct us,  
To love in word and deed.

(Refrain)

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#### RECESSIONAL: Glory And Praise To Our God

Antiphon: Glory and praise to our God,  
Who alone gives light to our days.  
Many are the blessings he bears  
To those who trust in his ways.

We the daughters and sons of him  
Who built the valleys and plains,  
Praise the wonders our God has done  
In ev'ry heart that sings.

Antiphon

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