

Gospel thoughts

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The feast of the Holy Trinity brings us face to face with the foundation of our faith. The readings for today provide answers to the question: Who is God? They can really only suggest something about the mystery of God, and they can do this only indirectly. They call to mind some of the wonders that God has accomplished for us and in us. It is through reflection on these gracious divine acts that we can get glimpses of God.

The psalm declares that the harmony and interdependence that we see in creation point to a majestic creator responsible for it all. The account of the history of God's people reveals a God who desires to establish an intimate relationship with them, enters their history as protector and guide, and forgives disloyalty. Finally, Jesus teaches that God sent him into the world to save it, has made us adopted children through the Holy Spirit, and will ultimately clothe us in divine glory. It is from his teaching that we hear that the Son was sent by the Father, the Spirit, which was also his Spirit, proceeded from the Father and from him.

From our own experience, we know that God creates, because we are immersed in creation. We know that God saves, because we have been freed from the bondage of our own demons. Our experience tells us that God is with us, and that God is for us. Everything that we know about God declares that God is passionately in love with us, boundlessly so!



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Our Sunday Word

St Michael's Parish, Nowra

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Trinity Sunday (Year B)

7 June 2009

First Reading 4:32-34,39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32

R/ Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading 8:14-17

from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Rev 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel 28:16-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up to and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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TRINITY SUNDAY (Year B)
7 June 2009

Sunday Masses:

NOWRA 6pm Vigil; 8am, 9.30am & 6pm
BERRY.....8.00am
BOMADERRY..... 9.30am
CULBURRA..... 6pm Vigil
VINCENTIA..... 6pm Vigil, & 9.30am
KANGAROO VALLEY..... 11.00am

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Nowra: Mon 8.00am; Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am; Friday 7.00am and 11.30am; **Sat 13th. 10.00am**
Morning Prayer: Wed 7.50am **Holy Hour:** Fri 10.30am
Berry: Tues 5.30pm..... **Culburra:** Thurs 5.30pm
Bomaderry: First Friday – 5.45pm
Vincentia: Mon, Thur, Fri 8.00am - Tues, Wed 5.30pm
S/Heads: Fri 3.30pm Community Centre
Kangaroo Valley:Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 8.00am; Wed 6.15am. Divine Office is chanted 15 mins prior to Mass. No Mass on Fridays.

Sacrament of Confession ~ Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 11³⁰-12³⁰pm & 5⁰⁰- 5³⁰pm
Culburra Beach: Sat 5³⁰pm. **Berry:** Tues 6⁰⁰pm
Bmderry: 1st Fri 5¹⁵pm; **K, Valley:** Sat 4³⁰ – 5⁰⁰pm
Vincentia: Sat: 5⁰⁰ - 5³⁰pm.

CROSSROADS hold their next meeting on Fri 12 June, 7.15 – 9.15pm at Nowra Baptist Church – with a **Winter Theme...** wear your favourite beanie and scarf! The young people from Nowra Baptist will join in the usual activities and offer some different entertainment.

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER **Dorothy (Dot) Solomon** recently deceased; also **Kathleen Sullivan** whose anniversary occurs. May they rest in eternal peace.



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA – a big thank you to all Vonnie's helpers and everyone who attended on the day – an amazing \$3153.80 was raised towards Cancer Research.

YOUNG ADULTS will be making a Pilgrimage to Penrose Park on 13 June – Mass, pilgrimage walk, picnic lunch – families welcome. Contact Jody or Shannon for information.

St Vincent De Paul Festival Mass: The Shoalhaven

Regional Council invites Presidents, Conference Members, past Members and volunteers to attend the **Festival Mass** and Gathering for the **75th Anniversary of the Society in the Shoalhaven** on Saturday next 13 June at St Michael's. Mass commences at 10am followed by morning tea and lunch in St Michael's Hall, concluding approx 2.30pm. RSVP Fran 4454 4592 by 5 June. **(Please note - no 9.00am on Sat. morning, and parishioners are encouraged to attend the 10.00am Mass)**

CATECHIST APPEAL – Several Catechists will be leaving next term. Volunteers are needed for Nowra Primary 3 -6 and Cambewarra 5/6 or they won't be having Scripture until 2010. If you are able to help until Christmas please contact Lyn 4423 1009.

ST MICHAEL'S P & F ASSOC will be holding a "Car Boot Sale" on Sat 27 June, 9.30am – 1.30pm (set up from 8am, no sales before 9.30am) in the car park opp St Michael's Church. **What** – anything that fits in your car boot or car & trailer. **Book a space or make a donation of goods for the P & F stall.** Cost – Car space \$15 (\$20 if paid on day) or Car & Trailer space \$20 (\$30 if paid on day). Contact Annette 0438 831 472 or P&F section of www.stmichaels.woll.catholic.edu.au for more information. Spaces limited – book early!

MOTHER RUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND a Gala Theatre Evening - "**She Stoops to Conquer**" on Wed 24 June from 7.30pm for 8pm at Nowra Players Theatre, Meroo St, B'derry – includes Champagne on arrival and extended interval supper. Tickets \$25 or \$20 for students. Contact Denise Jones 0419 248 889 or 4423 2299 (w) and leave a message. **DON'T LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE TO BOOK – PLAN AHEAD!**



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

- **1ST Reconciliation:** 2nd Parent Evening Wed. 10 June – 7.30pm - St Michael's Hall
- **CONFIRMATION** – Prayer time – Candidates and Parents – Wednesday 17 June 7.00pm at St Michael's Church - for all regions of the Parish.

ANOTHER FINANCIAL YEAR END IS ALMOST HERE!

If you need/want to bring your contribution to the Planned Giving Program up to date please do so before the end of June. The new sets of envelopes will be available at your Mass centre from next weekend. Receipts will be available at all Mass Centres mid July for collection – **RECEIPTS ARE NOT POSTED OUT. If you have changed your address please advise the office.**

- With the introduction of **SEDSO** (ie a levy component in fee structure) by the Diocese in 2000 St Michael's Catholic Primary School is not at present dependant on the Parish % of Planned Giving. Consequently - commencing **the financial year 2009-10** the Parish, through the Planned Giving Program, will no longer be contributing 15% of income to the School Building Fund. This 15% alone as parishioners are aware was tax deductible. The School Building Fund has a significant credit balance, and will remain open, but not receive the 15% of Planned Giving for the time being. Few parishes in the Diocese currently support a School Building Fund.

CWLA Nowra Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on Tues 9 June at 11.00am at the Parish Centre followed by a light luncheon. **Branch members** are requested to attend 8.15am Mass in the Church followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre and the regular monthly meeting prior to the AGM.



THE "COME & SEE' Spirituality group will have a Reflection Day at Jamberoo Abbey on Sat 20 June. The focus will be "**Benedictine Spirituality in our times**" with input by one of the Abbey sisters. **All Welcome.** Registration essential: Moira 4423 6077 or Liz 4422 1279 by Wed 17 June. Please bring lunch to share. The group will meet at St Michael's Church at 9am – car pooling available.

MISSION SUNDAY – \$11,252.40 was contributed to the Missions by parishioners. A sincere thankyou for a truly generous and remarkable contribution.