

Second Reading 5:14-17
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel 4:35-41

The holy gospel according to Mark

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him,

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'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.' The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel thoughts

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Paul insists that the love of Christ completely transforms us, mind and heart. No longer do we judge according to human standards. No longer do we meet injury with assault. No longer do we relegate people to the margins of society, or hoard the goods that others need to survive. Everything is changed in this new worldview. We understand ourselves and our world differently. Most importantly, we perceive God differently.

Job's new insights enlightened his understanding of creation, of the Creator, and of himself, a finite creature. Several of the disciples were seasoned fishermen. They knew that sea quite well. Living close to Jesus, they knew him too. Now they saw him in a different light. In both cases, faith opened their eyes. Like the disciples, we begin to realise that this man who shares in all of our human vulnerability is able to direct the power of the Creator.

We need eyes of faith to recognise the power of God at work in the events of our lives. Like Job, faith moves us from viewing God as a deity who is so distant from us that the circumstances of our lives appear to be irrelevant, to realising that everything is ultimately in God's hands and everything follows the course on which God has set it. For our part, all we can or need do is entrust ourselves to this loving God who cares if even a sparrow falls to the ground.

The Year for Priests

began on the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - 19 June 2009

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Our Sunday Word

St Michael's Parish, Nowra

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12th Sunday (Year B) - Season of the Year

21 June 2009

• Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Reading 38:1,8-11

A reading from the book of Job

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 106

R/ Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. (R.)
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. (R.)
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. (R.)
4. They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. (R.)

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Year of St Paul eConference

Tuesday 30 June 2009 10.30am - 4pm
 Catholic Church Offices, 88 Market St, Wollongong
 or visit the website for more information:
www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/
www.paul.vividas.com



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Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Year B)

21 June 2009

Website: nowraparish.org.au Incorporates the Church Communities of St Michael, Nowra; St Patrick, Berry Sacred Heart, Bomaderry; Mary, Help of Christians, Culburra; St Joseph, Kangaroo Valley; Holy Spirit, Vincentia.

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 7.00am; Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am; Friday 7.00am and 11.30am; Sat . 9.00.a.m.
Morning Prayer: Wed 7.50am **Holy Hour:** Fri 10.30am
Berry: Tues 5.30pm **Culburra: No Mass this Thursday**
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.

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER **Don Wiggins** (Requiem Mass at Berry Monday 10.a.m.); also **Ray Owen, Ann Monteith, Kevin Foster, Margaret Leary, and Monsignor John Purcell (15th anniv.)** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.



THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION:

We congratulate the 106 young parishioners being confirmed this Sunday. We are grateful for the parental support in presenting the children. A very special thank you to Year Six teachers at St Michael's: Josephine Bruce, John Wakefield, Renee Maguire, and Michelle Brown (REC); to our dedicated Catechists Lyn West, Sister Val, Carmen Kane, Carmel Hurrell, and Greg Troy –St John's. We are also most grateful to Francene Devoy, Maree McGrath, and Les Ambrus for their contribution to the Liturgy for the occasion and Bernice Royston for preparing the Hall. May the Lord bring all this good work to fruition.

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY:

This was the title chosen by Pope John XXIII when on 6 June 1959 he dedicated what was then a new Diocese to Our Lady. The title which is a devotional one, originated in the 17th cent., as did devotion to the Sacred Heart, at a time when there emerged a Spirituality of the Heart.



A Diocesan Prayer:

To the Immaculate Heart of Mary we entrust our Diocese and its mission in the service of love:

Holy Mary, Mother of God, you have given the world its true light, Jesus, your Son – the Son of God. You abandoned yourself completely to God's call and thus became a wellspring of the goodness which flows forth from Jesus.

Show us Jesus. Lead us to him.

Teach us to know and love Jesus so that we too can become capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsting world.

(Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*)

The first-ever St Michael's P & F Car Boot Sale is on Sat, 27th June, from 9.30am-1.30pm. We are looking for donations of QUALITY PRE-LOVED GOODS for the P&F stall – please send to the office by Friday 26th June – as well as CAKES, SLICES and BAKED GOODS to sell on the day. (call Annette 0438-831 472).If you want to book a site, now is the time! To register, phone/ or pick up a form at the office. It's only \$15 to pre-book, and all profits are yours to keep. We look forward to seeing you!

MOTHER RUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND Gala Theatre Evening - "**She Stoops to Conquer**" on Wed 24 June from 7.30pm for 8pm at Nowra Players Theatre, B'derry – Tickets \$25 or \$20 for students. Contact Denise Jones 0419 248 889 or 4423 2299 (w)

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR! Parishioners are encouraged to bring their Planned Giving up-to-date at this time. The new sets of envelopes are now available at your Mass centre. 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. **New subscribers always most welcome**

FORMING GENEROUS HEARTS – IN THE SPIRIT OF VATICAN II presented by international guest speaker, Leisa Anslinger who will explore principles of parish life that lead to living discipleship and stewardship and look at effective pastoral practices that contribute to forming generous hearts in individuals and the community of faith. All welcome. Saturday, 4 July 2009 at Chevalier College, Bowral from 10am – 3pm. \$30/\$15 or by donation. Morning tea and lunch included. RSVP ESSENTIAL – contact Jane Edwards at info@dow.org.au or 4253 0900.

HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNITY VINCENTIA:

- 1) "Soup & Slice' Luncheon Sunday 5 July Meeting room. 12noon. "Food - fundraising - FUN!
 - 2) 'SPRING FAIR' SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER
- See notice board at Holy Spirit for more details & 'how you can help!'

On Friday the Diocese of Bathurst will celebrate the ordination and installation of its 8th Bishop, Fr Michael McKenna. Bathurst's city bells, located in a newly built tower at the All Saints Anglican Cathedral, will ring out together, for the first time to welcome the new Catholic Bishop of Bathurst. May the Lord bless him with a fruitful and fulfilling Episcopal ministry.

CATECHIST APPEAL – 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.

The centenary of the death of BLESSED MARY MACKILLOP on her Feastday 8 Aug. All are welcome to watch the broadcast of the Centenary Mass at North Sydney Oval where covered seating is available. Entry tickets are not required to the Oval. Mount St will be open on the day – more info to follow.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2009- The Feast of All Saints – Sun 1 November. First Parent Meeting: Wednesday 1 July– 7.30pm St Michael's Hall.