

salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

### Gospel 6:7-13 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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### Gospel thoughts

by Dianne Bergant CSA

**G**od chooses ordinary people and confers on them an extraordinary responsibility. Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. Most of the apostles were fishermen. Paul was a tentmaker. Christians today are mechanics and clerks, teachers and engineers, doctors and housekeepers. These are all people following ordinary trades or professions, but what they do in them is truly remarkable. They touch minds and hearts and souls, and they heal them. They instruct and comfort people, and they help to drive out the demons that possess them. They participate in very ordinary ways in the extraordinary establishment of the reign of God.

Jesus inaugurated the reign of God on earth. He chose disciples and sent them out to continue the work that he had begun, to preach his gospel and, through healings and exorcisms, to conquer the forces of evil that threatened that reign. And now we have been called; in him we have been chosen, in all of our brokenness and vulnerability. The task to which we have been called is awe-inspiring; and every spiritual blessing in the heavens has been bestowed upon us so that we will be able to accomplish it. If we allow Christ's saving power to take possession of us, we too will further his prophetic ministry. We will bring the saving grace of God to the world that is terrified and that writhes in pain; we will bring it to those places where healing is needed and where demons still hold sway. We will bring all things under the headship of Christ.



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# Our Sunday Word

The Year for Priests

St Michael's Parish, Nowra

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15th Sunday (Year B) - Season of the Year

12 July 2009

### First Reading 7:12-15

#### A reading from the prophet Amos

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 84

**R/** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

### Second Reading 1:3-14

#### from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,



determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your



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**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

**Website: [nowraparish.org.au](http://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.

**12<sup>th</sup> July 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 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:** **Thurs:** 5.30.p.m.  
**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 11<sup>30</sup> -12<sup>30</sup> pm & 5<sup>00</sup> - 5<sup>30</sup> pm  
**Culburra Beach:** Sat 5<sup>30</sup> pm. **Berry:** Tues 6<sup>00</sup> pm  
**Bmderry:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri 5<sup>15</sup> pm; **K, Valley:** Sat 4<sup>30</sup> – 5<sup>00</sup> pm  
**Vincentia:** Sat: 5<sup>00</sup> - 5<sup>30</sup> pm.

**WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER: Thelda Williams, Barry Connelly, and Bronwyn Niech nee Lumsden**

(Bowral, formerly of Berry) who died recently. Also **Delores Gravino, Judy Phillips** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.



**“COME & SEE” Spirituality group**

welcomes you to join us for prayer and conversation on Wed 15 July at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. The focus is Lectio Divina, an ancient form of prayer that uses Scripture as a way to hear God's Word for us, here and now. Please bring something to share for supper. Contact Moira 4423 6077 or Liz 4422 1279



**ST MICHAEL'S YOUTH MEETING** will be held on Fri 17 July 7.30 – 9.30pm at the Hill's house, 164 Penguin's Head Rd., Culburra Beach. Please BYO supper to share. Contact Matt 5557 3197

**PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM.** Receipts for the year ended June 2009 will be posted out shortly and will also include the Income Expenditure Statement for the Parish with some additional information for the year ended December 2008 (The Catholic Church Financial Year). I take the opportunity to sincerely thank contributors for your continued support.

- An important observation is that over the past two years we have seen a substantial drop in the number of parishioners participating in the Planned Giving Program. This can be explained to some extent by the number of faithful contributors who have died over recent years; others have moved to live closer to family members or gone into residential retirement. And of course we recognise the economic downturn that has had a direct impact on others. The consistency envisaged in Planned Giving is of course crucial for future planning. If you are currently not contributing to the program it might be a time to consider committing a portion of your income towards the parish Planned Giving. You can do so by contacting Robbie in the Parish office.

**‘THINKING ABOUT DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD’**

Gerrigong 31 July to 2 Aug, (5.30pm Fri to 11am Sun) conducted by the W'gong Vocations Office – it is a time to consider the possibility of a priestly vocation. \$30 contribution is requested where this can be managed. For details please contact Fr Mark 4271 1068 or 0408 611 320 or Fr Richard 0401 621 591 or 4423 1712.

**THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY. The Winter Appeal** has a greater urgency this year than ever.

Throughout the Diocese we are seeing a large increase in the numbers of people seeking assistance. For the first time for a number of years expenditure is outstripping income. There are basically 2 ways parishioners might help:

- Make a donation** – to any known Society member, hand into any of our shops or use envelopes provided at Church exits and mail to 79 Plunkett St Nowra or drop into the Parish Office
- Become a helper** with our annual door knock in August (last 2 weekends)

**FROM DUANE FERNANDEZ:** THANK YOU to all parishioners for helping to make me feel so at home with you during these past 7 months. Your generous welcome has been truly touching, and I am looking forward now more than ever to serving you, and others, as a priest.

Thank you to Fr Pat and Fr Richard for welcoming me into your home and for giving, with Fr Ronan and Fr Leo, encouragement, guidance and wonderful example of priesthood generously lived that you have provided. I will miss you all, but will often remember this lovely community in my prayers, with gratitude. I hope to see you at my ordinations, if not before!

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOWRA** – the next meeting will be at the Parish Centre on Tues 14 July – 9.30am for morning tea – meeting commences at 10am

**A MEMORIAL MASS** will be celebrated on Thurs 16 July at 1.00pm at St Michael's Nowra for **Thelda Williams** who died on Fri 3 July.

**CATECHIST NEWS** – Catechists for Nowra Primary, Cambewarra and Nth Nowra Schools are **DESPERATELY** needed for next term – do you have a little time to share your time and talents with these children? Contact Lyn 4423 1009 if you can help.

- Regional Catechist Inservice** to be held at St Francis Xavier's School, W'gong on Fri 24 July from 9.15am – 2.00pm. BYO lunch, COLAL teaching materials. Volunteer mentors needed.
- Contact Lyn 4423 1009** to book either of the above.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** weekend will be held at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa (near Penrith) from 24 to 26 July. A w/end away to invest in your most precious asset..your marriage! A unique opportunity to recharge your batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love again. Contact Ardell & Bill Sharpe on 4283 3435 – incorrect number previously advertised.

**CatholicCare Wollongong** is offering a program **'Seasons for Growth for Carers'** to Carers of a person who has a disability, is Aging or experiences a chronic illness. The program will run over 5 weeks beginning Mon 3 Aug. If interested contact Jacinta 4254 9351.