



a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Gospel thoughts

by Dianne Bergant CSA

**I**n marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness.

We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters.

Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in

**Christ** .....

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Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid

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# Our Sunday Word The Year for Priests

St Michael's Parish, Nowra

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28th Sunday (Year B) - Season of the Year

11 October 2009

### First Reading

7:7-11

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing.

I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps.

In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89

**R/** Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants.
2. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune.
3. Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

### Second Reading

4:12-13

*from the letter to the Hebrews*

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the



spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Mt 5:13

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

### Gospel

10:17-30

*from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.



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

**11 October 2009**

**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.

**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 7am, Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am  
 Friday 7.00am and 11.30am; Sat 9.00am  
**Holy Hour:** Fri 10.30am  
**Berry:** Tues: 5.30pm; **Culburra:** Thurs 5.30pm  
**Vincentia:** Mon/Thurs/Fri 8am. Tues/Wed 5.30pm.  
**Shoalhaven 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  
**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: –**

**Barbara Wooderson** who died this week; also **Peter Walsh** (Berry) **Bill McIntyre, Tom Casey and Jack Fleming** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.



**Sunday Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Mission Sunday;** As is the practice in our parish all loose money in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Collect next week-end will go to the Missions, with a special focus on the wide range of current needs in the Asia- Pacific region following the spate of Natural Disasters.

**Feast Days of the Week:**

**Thurs 15** – Teresa of Jesus (Avila)  
**Sat 17** – Ignatius of Antioch

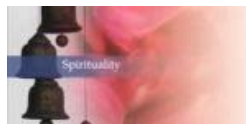
**CATECHISTS:** a Catechist is needed for years 5 & 6 for Nowra Primary on Wednesdays from 11.30 – 1.00pm. If you can help please ring Lyn 4423 1009

**OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY.**

October has been known traditionally as the month of the Rosary. The Rosary will be prayed each Tuesday at St Michael's at 8.a.m. for the Sick and the spiritual needs of the Parish.



**THE PARISH RETREAT DAY – “To be a Blessing”** will be held on **Sat 24 October** at Nowra, and will be led by **Sr Eileen Brown**. Parishioners – men and women, are encouraged to attend the 9.00am Mass which will be followed by morning tea and then the Retreat will commence at 10.00am concluding at 3pm with Evening Prayer and Benediction in the Church. Morning tea provided, BYO lunch. **Hosted by Catholic Women's League Nowra.**



**“COME & SEE” Spirituality**

**Program** “Sharing our story connects us”...our faith journey is strengthened and enriched by our shared experiences – an invitation to listen to guests from our Parish as they share a part of their personal faith journey with us. Join us to listen to their stories, and for prayer and conversation on Wed 21 Oct, 7.30pm at the Parish Centre. Please bring something to share for supper. Contact Moira 4423 6077 or Liz 4422 1279

**JOIN THE CONVERSATION: WHY JESUS? WHY THE CHURCH?**

What do you think life is all about? An evening, open to Church going and non-Church Christians will be held at Ss Peter & Paul Parish, Manning St, Kiama on Thurs 22 Oct from 7.30 – 9.00pm. Gatherings include supper and discussion. This Diocesan evening is being run in conjunction with the **Jesus. All About Life** Campaign.



**Dates to Note:**

**Sunday Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Mission Sunday**  
**Tues 20 Oct - Berry** – 11.a.m. Mass and Anointing of the Sick – Please bring a plate to share for lunch.  
**Wed 21 Oct** - Prayer Evening – 1<sup>st</sup>. Holy Communion  
**Sat 24 Oct** – Parish Retreat at St Michael's  
**Sun 1 Nov** – First Holy Communion.  
**Sat 7 Nov** – Memorial Liturgy at Worrigeer Cemetery

**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH - THANK YOU BBQ!** This Sun 11 Oct from 12 noon – at 115 Naval Pde, Erowal Bay – BYO salad/sweet to share. **ALL WELCOME**

**Mass and Anointing of the Sick** in association with the Feast of St Luke-*‘the beloved physician’* at Berry on Tuesday Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. 11.00.a.m. Parishioners from all regions of the Parish are very welcome– Please bring a plate to share for lunch afterward

**CARITAS AUST UPDATE!** Within hours of

the Tsunami striking in **Samoa & Tonga**, the response effort has included urgent food and water distribution, providing temp. shelter as well as psycho-social support for severely affected families. **Philippines, Cambodia & Vietnam** – working with some of the worst affected communities hit by the destructive Typhoon Ketsana – supplying urgent medical supplies, shelter, food, & water **Indonesia** – in Sumatra the rising death toll and aftershocks mean a massive recovery and rehabilitation program is needed. Temporary shelter is a priority – providing families with shelter & hygiene kits including tarpaulins, tools, rope, blankets. **India** – massive flooding in Amwar Pradesh & Kamataka - in recent days over 200 people have died and 150,000 people evacuated – emergency teams are currently assessing the situation and preparing for our response. **THANK YOU TO ALL PARISHIONERS** who contributed to a collection last weekend of \$5300. If you would like to **donate this weekend**, envelopes are available at all Mass centres – please hand to the priest or place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection bag.



**CAN YOU AFFORD TO RETIRE ON YOUR TERMS?**

Catholic Superannuation & Retirement Fund invites you to attend a **free seminar on retirement planning** – designed to help you focus on issues concerning retirement plans & to make informed decisions – ideal if you're aged 50 and over – you don't need to be a member of the Fund to come along. At Steelers Leagues Club W'gong 24 Nov 4.30 – 6.00pm. Inform & registration details [www.catholicsuper.com.au](http://www.catholicsuper.com.au) and go to seminars or phone 1300 658 776