

# Jesus

ALL ABOUT LIFE

right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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## Gospel thoughts

by Dianne Bergant CSA

**W**hen we set out to follow Jesus, faithful to the promises that we made at baptism to renounce sin and live lives directed by the Spirit, we normally do so with generosity of heart. However, after we have borne the burdens of this decision and realise some of the implications of our commitment, we begin to wonder if it was worth it. We believe that God will generously bless us. Still, would it be so wrong to hope for a little more, especially if we have made significant sacrifices along the way?

Of those to whom much has been given, much will be required in return. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we will be expected to mirror him. The great ones in the reign of God, the ones who exercise authority over others, must be the servants of the rest. Parents, teachers, civil authorities, managers of every kind, pastoral leaders must all be servants, as Jesus was a servant. We will also have to drink from his cup of suffering and be baptised into his death. As we draw close to the one who gave his life as an offering for sin, we will find that the same self-sacrifice is being asked of us. When we struggle with the misfortunes that we face because of our commitment to Jesus, we will have him as an inspiration and a model to follow. He can sympathise with our weaknesses, identify with our suffering. We can draw strength from his example and hope from his kindness.



# Our Sunday Word

The Year for Priests

St Michael's Parish, Nowra

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29th Sunday (Year B) - Season of the Year

18 October 2009

## First Reading

53:10-11

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32

**R/** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

## Second Reading

4:14-16

*from the letter to the Hebrews*

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then,



in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

## Gospel

10:35-45

*from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your



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**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of the 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.

**MISSION SUNDAY - 18 October 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 7am, Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am  
 Friday 7.00am and 11.30am; Sat 9.00am  
**Holy Hour:** Fri 10.30am  
**Berry:** Tues: 11am; **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: –**

**Vera Guthrie** (Berry), **Clement Harrison**, **Antonia Michallef** and **Monica Foote** (Sydney) who died this week; also **Paul Borg**, **Joseph Gravino**, **Jim Dillon**, **Jack Fleming**, **Allan D. Christian** and **Bob Lumsden** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.



**CATECHIST SUNDAY** will be observed on Sunday 25 October. This is our annual opportunity to acknowledge the important work being done by our Catechists, and express our gratitude. The time ahead looks very challenging in terms of our need for more personnel. It looks as though we will need ten new catechists in 2010, to compensate for Catechists retiring after many years, and for some moving from the district. If anyone is genuinely considering becoming a Catechist in 2010, we can conduct Level One training programme before Christmas. Further information please call Lyn 4423 1009.

**World Mission Sunday 2009**



This year's World Mission Month theme is inspired by the missionary life of St Damien of Molokai, who was canonised last Sunday 11 October.

He worked with people suffering from leprosy on the island of Molokai in Hawaii from 1873 to 1889 at a time when there was no cure for leprosy. He lived and worked with the people for 16 years. St Damien's courage to work with the people, certain that he would die from leprosy is inspiring.

Mother Teresa showed great admiration for St Damien and supported his canonisation, declaring "Damien himself is a miracle." A century later and St Damien's mission continues. Sister Cecily, a Cluny Sister works in India embracing those affected by the disease.

The needs of the people are ongoing - money for food, dressings for the sick, utilities, and salaries for those working and counselling the patients. Catholic Mission provides pastoral outreach and spiritual support which is paramount for the comfort of those suffering. Catholic Missions have an outreach to approximately 160 countries. **On Mission Sunday, please "Reach Out, Give Life!"**

**OCTOBER IS 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 8am for the Sick and for the spiritual needs of the Parish.

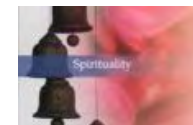


**THE PARISH RETREAT DAY – "To be a Blessing"** on **Sat 24 October** at Nowra, and will be led by **Sr Eileen Brown**. All parishioners, men and women, are encouraged to attend the 9am Mass which will be followed by morning tea (in the Parish Hall); the Retreat will commence at 10am until 3pm with Evening Prayer and Benediction in the Church. Morning tea provided, BYO lunch. **Hosted by Catholic Women's League Nowra.**

Please sign the **Petition to Federal Parliament at the doors of the Church** – to maintain the definition of marriage as being between a man and woman.

**"COME & SEE" Spirituality**

**Program** "Sharing our story connects us"...our faith journey is strengthened and enriched by our shared experiences. Our guest this week will be Barbara Sweeny and Elizabeth Gernyi, both parishioners who will 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.



**Mass and Anointing of the Sick** in association with the Feast of St Luke - *'the beloved physician'* – will be celebrated at **Berry on Tuesday 20 Oct 11.00am.**

Parishioners from all regions of the Parish are very welcome. The Church re-assures the sick that they are being remembered in prayer. This Mass therefore is an opportunity for the community to gather in prayer for the sick being anointed and those who cannot be present. Please bring a plate to share for lunch afterward.

**MATER DEI COUNTRY FAIR**, Sunday 25 Oct 9am - 4pm at 229 Macquarie Grove Rd, Camden. Mater Dei offers specialised education to 140 students with an intellectual disability and is conducted by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. All welcome.

**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:**  
**Wed 21 Oct** – Prayer Evening for 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