

Gospel

10:46-52

from the holy Gospel according to Mark

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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Gospel thoughts

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Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions. We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection, on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made?

Have we merely acquired some information about the biblical readings, about our religious ancestors, about the ministry of Jesus and the life of the early church? Or have our eyes really been opened; have we been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life fully, to abandon our exiles or the trappings of our former lives? Have we accepted more genuinely the Christian responsibilities that are ours as baptised followers of Christ, in our own personal lives, in our families, in our relationships with others, at the workplace? To what degree have we been transformed into Christ? How open have we become to the action of the Spirit in our lives? Have we been made a new creation? And do we recognise Christ in our midst?

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Our Sunday Word

The Year for Priests

St Michael's Parish, Nowra

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30th Sunday (Year B) - Season of the Year

25 October 2009

First Reading

53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North and gather
them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not
stumble. For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125

R/ The Lord has done great things
for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, It seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

Second Reading

5:1-6

from the letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!





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30th Sunday in the Season of the Year (B)

CATECHISTS' SUNDAY – 25th October 2009

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: November 1st (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

First Holy Communion will be celebrated throughout the Parish on the Feast of All Saints November 1st – Sunday next. At Nowra there will be two sessions: 9.30.a.m. & 11.30.a.m.

ALL SOULS' DAY – MON Nov 2nd - In response to the invitation of the Church, and in keeping with the age old Catholic tradition, we assemble on 2nd November to pray for the faithful Departed.

Envelopes for Mass Offerings for deceased family and friends will be available at all Mass Centres this weekend – **please return them by next weekend.**

Mon Nov 2nd All Souls' Day

Nowra.....7.00 am and 11.30am
Culburra..... 8.00.am **K. Valley**....8.00.am
Berry...6.00.pm **Vincentia**....6.00 pm

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Nowra: Mon 7.a.m./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: No Mass during this week..

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 11³⁰-12³⁰ pm & 5⁰⁰ - 5³⁰ pm
Culburra Beach: Sat 5³⁰ pm. **Berry:** Tues 6⁰⁰ pm
K, Valley: Sat 4³⁰ – 5⁰⁰ pm **Vincentia:** Sat: 5⁰⁰ - 5³⁰ pm



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY. Oct has been known traditionally as the month of the Rosary. The Rosary will be prayed on Tues at St Michael's at 8am for the Sick and for the spiritual needs of the Parish.

CATECHIST SUNDAY is being observed throughout the Diocese this Sunday. 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.

Dates to Note:

Sun 1 Nov – First Holy Communion.
Sat 7 Nov – Memorial Liturgy at Worrigeer Cemetery
Sun Nov 8th. St Michael's School Fete ----- 10.45.a.m.

Fr Peter McGrath, founder of the FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT will be giving his annual renewal day for family groups in our region on Sat 31 Oct, 10am to 4pm at the Casey's home, 12 Illustrious Court, Callala Bay 4446 4117. **All parishioners are welcome.** Contact Marg or Paul for more inform.

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER: –Vera Guthrie (Berry),and Kathleen Haigh, who died this week; also **George Petty, Loris Richard Curran, Rebe Witenden, Phonse Fitzgibbon, Thelma Gauci and Anka Vahovec** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.



Pope Benedict on "Music," "great music, gives the spirit repose, awakens profound sentiments and almost naturally invites us to lift up our mind and heart to God in every situation, whether joyous or sad, of human existence. Music can become prayer.".....

WAY OF THE CROSS FOR ALL SOULS – Sun 1 Nov, 3.00pm at "Maryfields", 168 Narellan Rd, Campbelltown. The Franciscan Friars invite all to join them to pray for deceased parents, relatives and friends. Contact 4626 2400.

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.

NOVEMBER 7TH Memorial Liturgy –As has been our practice for many years, the Parish will hold a **Memorial Liturgy at Worrigeer Chapel for the Faithful Departed on Sat 7 November at 10.00am**, followed by morning tea in Reflections Café – generously supplied by the S'haven City Council. All parishioners and those of other Christian traditions are most welcome to participate. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pierre and his staff for their wonderful support.

Found: Early this year a valuable Rosary beads was found at the North Nowra Shopping Centre. The finder displayed notices in the area, but there has not been any response. For further information contact Joseph 44230805

1ST SATURDAY MARIAN GROUP Sat 7 Nov. Reconciliation and Rosary 8.30am followed by Mass at 9.00am. After Mass everyone is invited to attend the Liturgy for the Faithful Departed at Worrigeer Chapel at 10.00am. The group will be holding its **Christmas Party** at the Postman's Tavern on Sun 29 Nov at noon. Cost \$12 or \$18 with dessert. Contact Jo 4422 4883 or Anna 4447 0382 to book by 28 Nov.

A SELECTION OF GIFTS & CARDS FOR 1ST Holy Communion is available at **Sacred Heart Church this Sunday** also at St Vincent de Paul Society shop in Plunkett St, Nowra

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.

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. Info & registration details www.catholicsuper.com.au and go to seminars or phone 1300 658 776