

# Our Sunday Word

The Year for Priests

St Michael's Parish, Nowra

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Fifth Sunday (Year C) - Season of the Year

7 February 2010

what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

Gospel 5:1-11  
from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his

companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel thoughts

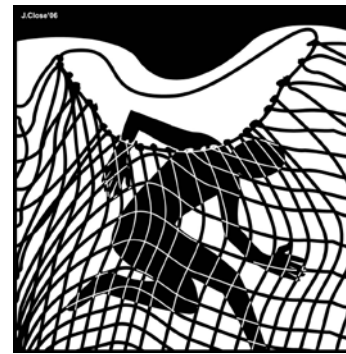
by Dianne Bergant CSA

**T**oday we consider the call to continue the mission of Jesus by engaging in some form of ministry. The first and the last readings are call narratives; the epistle contains a statement of the faith that undergirds our response to our call; the psalm response celebrates the gracious goodness of God that makes all of this possible.

Our call is more than a summons to faith; it is a call to ministry. Isaiah is called in order to be sent; the fishermen are called in order to gather others to Jesus. So it is with us. We are called to be sent out to the world. This call comes to us in the ordinariness of life. It will usually come to us as we wash our nets or our dishes, as we teach or raise children, as we prepare a brief for trial or examine a patient; as we repair cars or work at the computer. The call of God comes to us in the ordinariness of life.

We are called to proclaim the message of the resurrection by any and every means possible. Some, like Isaiah and the disciples of Jesus, will witness in open and dramatic ways. They will teach and preach; they will nurse the sick and care for the elderly. Others will witness in less conspicuous ways. They will insist on fair practices in their own workplaces; they will weed out expressions of prejudice and violence so that a new and just world can be fashioned for themselves and for their children. Called in the ordinariness of their lives, they will witness to the death and resurrection in that very ordinariness, thus transforming everything into extraordinariness.

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First Reading 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137

**R**/In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading 15:3-8, 11  
- the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach

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**5th Sunday - Year C**

**7th February 2010**

**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; Fri 7.00am and 11.30am; Sat 9.00am.  
 Morning Prayer will re-commence at 7.50am on Weds.  
**Berry:** Tues 5.30pm **Culburra:** Thurs 5.30pm  
**Vincentia:** Mon/Thur/ Fri 8.00am; Tues/ Wed 5.30pm  
**Kangaroo Valley:** Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 8.00am  
 Wed 6.15am. No Mass on Fridays  
**S'haven Heads:** Friday: 3.30pm.

**Confession/Reconciliation**

**Nowra:** Sat 11.30.-12.30pm & 5.00 - 5.30pm  
**Culburra:** Sat. 5.30pm **Berry:** Tues 6.00pm  
**K Valley:** Sat 4.30 – 5pm **Vincentia:** Sat. 5 - 5.30pm

**WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER**

**Eithne Wood and Rhoda Warren** who died during the week; also those whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.



**THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

is conducting a Diocesan wide raffle to raise funds for its escalating expenses. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets in Stocklands Shopping Centre on 12 Feb, 6 & 20 March 2010. Please contact John 4422 1505 or Ivor 4421 0929 if you are able to help.



**St Vincent de Paul:** Some recent comments suggest a misunderstanding about how fundraised monies are used. We fully guarantee that 100% of fundraised money is used to help people – Winter Appeal, Christmas Appeal, Doorknock, Raffles etc. All other expenses incurred by the Society – administration, building construction & maintenance, etc – are paid from profits from our Vinnies Centres.

**LENTEN PROGRAM 2010 'Do you love me?'** In the



Lenten book, Bishop Peter reminds us that "We are the ones who have received much from God and are invited to return this love." The program commences week of Mon 15 Feb. For

Nowra/Bomaderry, group lists are in the church foyer. Names may still be added this weekend (maximum of 10 per group). Any queries contact Francene 4421 5962 or Peggy 4421 3417.

**Contacts for other areas:**

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- Currarong, Noel Reid 4448 3215
- K Valley, Fr Ronan
- Vincentia, Fr Leo 4441 5571

Booklets are now available at all Mass Centres for \$5.

**Little Black Books** are also available for Lenten personal prayer. Cost is \$4 with money to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

**Parish Farewell - Robbie Forsythe**

On Wednesday 10 Feb parishioners are invited to supper in the Parish Hall at 7.00pm to extend as a Parish a very grateful farewell to Robbie on her retirement after 18 years of faithful and zealous ministry as Parish Secretary. Please bring a plate to share.



**Catholic Women's League Association, Nowra Branch,** will hold a meeting Tues 9 Feb in the Polding Room, Parish Centre. Morning tea will be at 9.30am and the meeting will start at 10am.

**Compass.** The new Compass group will kick things off for 2010 with Mass on Monday 15 Feb at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

**Holy Spirit Vincentia Fundraiser raffle:** Please return tickets, sold or unsold, by next weekend (13/14 Feb). Tickets will be available up to 20/21 Feb. Prizes will be drawn at Huskisson following the Triathlon presentations Sunday 21 Feb. **Are you in with a chance?**

**WELCOME TO THE 2010 CATECHIST YEAR:**

Catechists will meet in the Parish Centre, 8 Feb 9.30-11am. We are commencing with 52 Catechists, which is wonderful, however we still need a catechist or two for Cambewarra, Years 3&4, 5 & 6. We are looking forward to seeing each of you at the meeting. Orientation, including the new Child Protection Policy will be Thursday 25 Feb 9.30-2.30pm. It is essential that all new Catechists attend this meeting as well as any Catechist who has not updated their Child Protection status within the last 3 years. At this meeting we will have the opportunity to meet and welcome Mr Jude Hennessy, our new director. Please make a special effort to attend.



**†A Prayer of Blessing for Catechists:** Lord God, source of all wisdom and knowledge, bless our Catechists and Teachers who have offered themselves for your Church. Strengthen them with your gifts that they may teach by word and example the truth that comes from you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Shoalhaven Crossroads:** Next meeting will be held Fri, 12 Feb 7.15-9.15pm at Nowra Baptist Church, Old Southern Road.

**Youth Ministry News**

We welcome **Catriona Nunan** as the new Youth Minister at St Michael's and St John's. You are invited to meet Catriona this Sunday night for the 6pm Mass and for dinner afterwards at the Bridge Hotel where we also farewell Des Gomez. Cat will be working 3 days a week. You may contact her on 0422 201 054 or [youth@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:youth@nowraparish.org.au)