

## Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

## Gospel Acclamation

1 Cor 5.7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

## Gospel

20:1-12

from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him'.....

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So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel thoughts

by Dianne Bergant CSA

**E**aster is the season to unpack the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

*Have a Blessed Easter*



# Parish Life

The Year for Priests (2009 - 29 June - 2010)

Easter Sunday (Year C) - Resurrection Sunday

St Michael's  
Nowra

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4 April 2010

## First Reading

10:34, 37-43

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

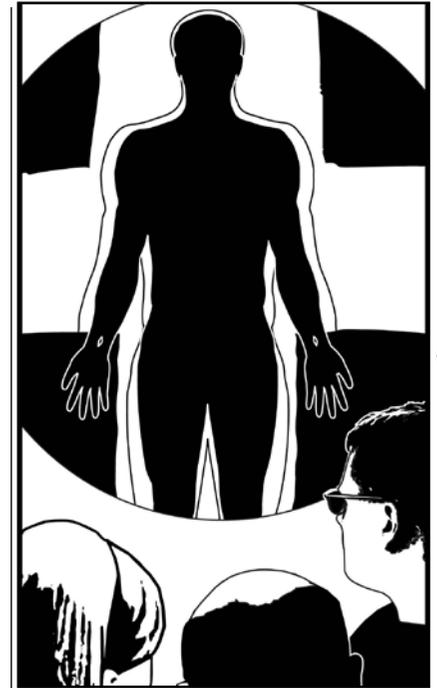
The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117

**R/** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.



*Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!*

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

## Second Reading

3:1-4

*- the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. || The word of the Lord.

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**Easter Sunday (Year C)**

**4 April 2010**

**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 8.00am Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am  
 Friday 7.00am and 11.30am; Sat 9.00am  
**Morning Prayer:** Wed 7.50am **Holy Hour:** Fri 10.30am  
**Berry: No Mass on Tues 5.30pm Culburra:** Thurs 5.30pm  
**Vincentia:** Mon, Thur, Fri 8.00am – 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 prayed 15 mins prior to Mass.  
 No Mass on Fridays.

**Confession ~ Reconciliation**

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

**Requiem Mass for Mary Burgess on Tuesday at St Patrick's Berry at 11.00.a.m.**

*The priests of the Parish wish all parishioners and visitors, a very blessed, joyful and peaceful Easter! Thank you to all those who have assisted in any way in making our Parish celebrations of Holy Week and Easter so prayerful and reflective.*

I will be on holidays from April 6<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>. Fr Richard will very capably care for the parish during my absence. I am most grateful to him and the priests of the Parish who will attend to the pastoral needs of the Parish during this time. (Fr Pat).

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES:** Dear friends, through the Paschal Mystery, we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that we have completed our Lenten observance, let us renew the promises we made in Baptism when we rejected Satan and his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in His holy Catholic church.



**Priest:** Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of God's children? **All: I do.**

**Priest:** Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin? **All: I do**

**Priest:** Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness? **All: I do.**

**Priest:** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? **All: I do.**

**Priest:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the

Father? : **I do.**

**Priest:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? : **I do**

**Priest:** God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May He also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ forever and ever. **All: Amen.**

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER **Mary Burgess** who died this week. Also **Jack Regan, Ron Bowden, Kevin McBeath (Victoria) and Tom Guthrie** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.



**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION– Vincentia.** There is a series of 6 lessons. The 1<sup>st</sup> lesson is on **Mon 19 April, 3.45-5pm.** This will be followed by lessons on 26 April, 3 May, 10 May, 17 May and 24 May from 3.45-5pm. Phone Sr Val 4441 7035 for



information.

**Shoalhaven 'Crossroads'** will be meeting at the Baptist Church Old Southern Road 7.15pm-9.15pm on Fri 9 April. **St Michael's parish will be hosting the evening.** Please come to join us - everyone is most welcome.



**Catholic Women's League:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 April in the Parish Centre, starting at 9.30am for morning tea, and a 10am start.



**DAY OF REFLECTION: 'In the stillness... my heart waits for you.'** A day of meditation and stillness drawing inspiration from the Taize community in France.



**Sat 17 April 9.30am-4pm.** Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo Mountain Rd, Jamberoo. Cost is \$20 (includes morning tea and lunch) payable in cash on the day. **RSVP by Tues 13 April** by calling 4232 1034 (Pat Boniface) or email [gfgarty@exemail.com.au](mailto:gfgarty@exemail.com.au).

**VINCENTIA BBQ 'Thank You' Sunday 11 April** from 12 noon at 115 Naval Pde, Erowal Bay. The BBQ is being held in appreciation of your support of raffle and volunteering at Triathlon. WELL DONE! Sausages/ Bread/ Tea/Coffee supplied. BYO drinks /salad & sweet to share. Chairs too!



**Divine Mercy Devotions:** will be held in Holy Spirit Church, Vincentia, Sunday 11 April, at 2.30pm, followed by afternoon tea.

**FIRST SATURDAY:** Please note there will be no First Saturday devotions 3 April as this is Holy Saturday.

**Retreat Weekend:** All parishioners are warmly welcome and encouraged to attend a retreat weekend **Sat/Sun 24 & 25 April** on the spirituality of Pier Giorgio Frassati at Berry. Hosted by the Compass group – more details to come. Contact Shannon 4447 0990.

A young male physiotherapist –student on a six week placement at Berry Hospital, is seeking accommodation ( a room) in the Berry district for that period- April-May Contact Resham- mobile-0421210192)