

realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do

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you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Gospel thoughts by Dianne Bergant CSA

**T**oday we concentrate on the different ways that the witness of the community of faith manifests the Lord – the apostolic witness of leadership and service that is accomplished by the various ministries within the church. While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the church is the sole responsibility of authorised leaders. Rather, it is the responsibility of all the baptised.

In their teaching and preaching, the apostles moved from one understanding of God's presence and activity in the midst of the people to another. This new understanding had the death and resurrection of Jesus at its core. The light of the resurrection illumined their former religious convictions and aspirations, and they were undeterred in their commitment to spread this good news, this new word, this transforming light.

A martyr is a witness, one who is so committed, that that person is willing to suffer any consequence, even death, in order to be faithful. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the name of Jesus. The Lamb who is exalted is the one who was slain, and Peter is told that, like his master, he will pay for his commitment with his life. Even the psalm alludes to the suffering that must be endured by those who have chosen to be faithful. This kind of steadfastness has always been a persuasive witness.



# Parish Life

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

Third Sunday (Year C) - Season of Easter

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## First Reading 5:27-32, 40-41

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 29

**R/** I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed

my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

## Second Reading 5:11-14

*A reading from the book of the Apocalypse*

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

## Gospel 21:1-19

*from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not



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**Third Sunday of Easter (Year C)**

**18 April 2010**

**Sunday Masses:**

**Nowra** ..... Vigil 6<sup>pm</sup> | 8<sup>am</sup> | 9<sup>30am</sup> | 6<sup>pm</sup>  
**Berry** ..... 8<sup>am</sup>  
**Bomaderry** ..... 9<sup>30am</sup>  
**Culburra Beach** ..... Vigil 6<sup>pm</sup>  
**Vincentia** ..... Vigil 6<sup>pm</sup> | 9<sup>30am</sup>  
**Kangaroo Valley** ..... 11<sup>am</sup>

**Weekday Masses:**

**Nowra: Mon - No Mass.** ..... Tues, Wed, Thurs 8<sup>15am</sup>  
 Friday 7<sup>00am</sup> & 11<sup>30am</sup> ..... Sat 9<sup>00am</sup>  
**Morning Prayer:** Wed 7<sup>50am</sup> ..... **Holy Hour:** Fri 10<sup>30am</sup>  
**Berry:** Tues 5<sup>30pm</sup> ..... **Culburra:** Thurs 5<sup>30pm</sup>  
**Vincentia:** Mon, Thur, Fri 8<sup>00am</sup> ..... Tues, Wed 5<sup>30pm</sup>  
**Shoalhaven Heads:** ..... Fri 3<sup>30pm</sup> Community Centre  
**Kangaroo Valley:** ..... Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat 8<sup>00am</sup>  
 Wed 6<sup>15am</sup> ..... Divine Office is prayed 15 mins before Mass.

**Confession ~ Reconciliation**

**Nowra** ..... Sat 9<sup>30</sup>-10<sup>30am</sup> (new time) & 5<sup>00</sup>-5<sup>30pm</sup>  
**Culburra:** Sat 5<sup>30pm</sup> ..... **Berry:** Tues 6<sup>00pm</sup>  
**Kangaroo Valley:** ..... Sat 4<sup>30</sup>-5<sup>00pm</sup>  
**Vincentia:** ..... Sat 5<sup>00</sup>-5<sup>30pm</sup>

We prayerfully remember: **John Murray** and **Norma Harriman** who died recently; also **Jennifer Heffernan** whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.



**GOSPEL OF LOVE CD – SAVE 50%** - a double CD with 28 tracks including 14 instrumental tracks by Br James Maher is now available. Normally \$29<sup>95</sup>, yours for only \$15 at the Parish Office. **An amazing bargain!**



**Bay & Basin Catholic Women's League** is having a fundraiser for **Youth Off The Streets** on **18 April** at Vincentia Church Hall, 12<sup>pm</sup>. The theme is 'Teddy Bear's Picnic': sausage sizzle - \$10 per family, prizes for the kids. BYO teddy bear, chairs and drinks. All welcome.

**St Vincent de Paul Shop, Berry** urgently needs volunteers to help serve. Please contact Sheridan, 4423 3221, if you can help.



**OUR JOURNEY AHEAD:**

The Pastoral Planning Process is underway with consultations occurring across the Diocese. This

process offers everyone a chance to become involved in sharing ideas and advice about the future of our Diocese. Everyone is encouraged to attend our local consultation on **Wed 26 May from 7pm - 9pm in St Michael's Hall**. Please read the information guide prior to attending. The guide is available in the latest Journey magazine and online at [ourjourneyahead.org.au](http://ourjourneyahead.org.au)

**We are creating a PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM (4-5 people)** to help facilitate the consultation and to move forward other initiatives in the Parish. If you would like to be involved please **complete a nomination form** for yourself or someone else by 25 April.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION in Vincentia.**

There is a series of 6 lessons, commencing **Mon 19 April, 3.45-5pm**. Due to the Anzac Day holiday the following lesson will be held on Tues 27 April; then on Mondays 3 May, 10 May, 17 May and 24 May from 3.45-5pm. Phone Sr Val 4441 7035 for information.



**"COME & SEE" Spirituality group** next meets **Wed 21 April, 7:30pm** in the Parish Centre. Marie Milne will guide us in a MANDALA experience. These experiences provide a valuable tool for prayerful meditation and contemplation amidst the often complicated busyness of our daily lives. Marie is a teacher who has a great interest in art and spirituality and in connecting with others on their journey toward self-awareness. Please join us for prayer and conversation, and bring a plate for supper. \$5 for the materials. Register Moira 4423 6077 or Liz 4422 1279.

**COMPASS Group**

**Mon 19 Apr 7<sup>30</sup>-9<sup>00pm</sup>** | **'Kiribati, the human face of climate change'** with guest speaker Amanda Lloyd in the Parish Centre.

**Blessed Pier Giorgio Retreat** - You are warmly invited to a retreat at St Patrick's Berry (22-23 May) exploring the life and spirituality of Pier Giorgio. Facilitated by Paul Elarde who helped bring the relics to Australia for WYD 2008. RSVP to [compass@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:compass@nowraparish.org.au)



**Year of the Priest:** An informal parish dinner will be held at **Nowra Golf Club, Wed 19 May, 6<sup>30</sup> for 7<sup>pm</sup>**, to celebrate God's graciousness to us, and to express

appreciation for the faith and commitment of the priests of our parish. By arrangement with the club, meals and drinks are to be individually ordered and paid for on the night. **RSVP Wed 12 May** at the Parish Office. Please indicate if you would like transport to be arranged. Gold coin donation toward clergy refreshments would be appreciated. Phone the Parish Office 4423 1712, or Cath 4422 1784 for info.

**Fr Pat is on holidays in Ireland until 15 May.**

Fr Richard and the other priests will attend to the pastoral needs of the Parish during his absence.

**Lenten Program and Paschal Meal:**

Francene, Maree and Peggy would like to extend a most appreciative "thank you" to the outlying coordinators, group leaders, hosts and all of those wonderful parishioners who, once again, helped to make our Parish Lenten Program and Paschal Meal a rewarding and uplifting exercise.



**Mother's Day 2010:** Catholic Women's League, Nowra, cordially invites you all to a **Mother's Day Afternoon Tea** at St Michael's Parish Hall, **Sat, 1 May at 2pm**. All Mothers and Grandmothers are most welcome.

**Mary McKillop Place & Museum.**

Kennedy's Tours has planned a trip to the museum, **Wed 12 May**. Cost is \$50 incl. morning tea. Book on 4421 7596. Flyers are available in each church.



*We extend our prayers and a special greeting to parishioners who are homebound and unable to gather with the church community to celebrate during the Easter season. May you be comforted by God's consolation and compassionate love.*