

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

## Gospel

14:15-16, 23-26

from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever.

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him,

and we shall come to him

and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own;

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you

while still with you;

but the Advocate, the

Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send

in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all that I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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## Gospel thoughts by Dianne Bergant CSA

**W**e have been in the in-between time since the Ascension of the Lord. Today we celebrate the dramatic inbreaking of the time of fulfilment. We celebrate the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The feast also brings the Easter season to its conclusion. Today's readings recapitulate many themes that appeared throughout the Easter season: Christology, Trinitarian theology, reign of God, repentance, salvation, mission, universality. All are brought together as we are brought together into the body of Christ.

The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. Christ is exalted next to God and has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary: tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

We gather together to discover that God has gathered us for another. Strangers assemble to fulfil personal obligations and they experience a phenomenon that bonds them together for life. Individual religious devotion is swept up into communal divine revelation. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. The world is renewed; the community is revitalised; we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

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# Parish Life

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

St Michael's  
Nowra

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Pentecost Sunday (Year C) - Season of Easter

23 May 2010

## First Reading

2:1-11

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103

**R/** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches.
2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they

are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord.

## Second Reading

8:8-17

*from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.



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**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.

**Pentecost Sunday (Year C)**

**23 May 2010**

**Sunday Masses:**

Nowra ..... Vigil 6<sup>pm</sup>; 8<sup>am</sup> 9.30<sup>am</sup> & 6.00<sup>pm</sup>  
Berry ..... 8.00<sup>am</sup>  
Bomaderry ..... 9.30<sup>am</sup>  
Culburra Beach ..... Vigil 6.00<sup>pm</sup>  
Vincentia ..... Vigil 6.00<sup>pm</sup> & 9.00<sup>am</sup>  
Kangaroo Valley ..... 11.00<sup>am</sup>

**Weekday Masses:**

Nowra: Mon 7<sup>am</sup> ..... Tues, Wed & Thurs 08<sup>15a</sup>  
Friday 07<sup>am</sup> & 11<sup>30a</sup> ..... Sat 09<sup>am</sup>  
**Morning Prayer:** Wed 07<sup>50a</sup> ..... **Holy Hour:** Fri 10<sup>30p</sup>  
Berry Tues 5<sup>30p</sup> ..... **Culburra** Thurs 5<sup>30p</sup>  
Vincentia: Mon, Thur, Fri 8<sup>am</sup> ..... Tues, Wed 5<sup>30p</sup>  
Shoalhaven Heads Community Centre: ..... Fri 3<sup>30p</sup>  
Kangaroo Valley: ..... Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat 8<sup>am</sup>  
Wed 06<sup>15a</sup> ..... Divine Office is prayed 15 mins before Mass.  
**NOTE: There will be no weekday masses at Kangaroo Valley from Thurs 27 May until Mon 7 June.**

**Confession ~ Reconciliation**

Nowra ..... Sat 09<sup>30a</sup>-10<sup>30</sup> & 5<sup>pm</sup>-5<sup>30p</sup>  
Culburra: Sat 5<sup>30p</sup> ..... **Berry:** Tues 6<sup>p</sup>  
Kangaroo Valley: ..... Sat 4<sup>30p</sup> – 5<sup>p</sup>  
Vincentia: ..... Sat 5<sup>pm</sup> – 5<sup>30p</sup>

We prayerfully remember **Carolyn Topham** (teacher of St John's High School), and **Frank Padovan (Callala)** who died recently; also **Anka Vahovec, Blandino and Emilia Coloma, Sam and Mary Attard; Catherine Brown, Horace and Sadie Watts; and Marciano and Salvacion Caduillo** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.



**Bomaderry Church Piety Stall** has **Confirmation cards and gifts** available to purchase.

**St Vincent de Paul** (5 Berry St, Nowra) has a piety section with **Confirmation gifts available** for sale. Items can also be ordered.

**CATECHIST CORNER:** Co-ordinators, please phone 4423 1009 with the following information: the **number of SRE classes** at your school; the **total number of Catholic children** attending classes.

**From the Youth Minister:**

I am interested in establishing a **Youth Ministry Team** in the Parish. A Youth Ministry Team is a group of individuals who have a concern and passion for Youth Ministry. Such a team is made up of:  
Young people who display leadership qualities 16-18 yrs  
Young Adults 19-35 years  
Parents and other interested Adults  
Grandparents.

If you are interested in learning more about a Youth Ministry Team and / or would like to be involved in establishing one for the parish please contact Catriona at [youth@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:youth@nowraparish.org.au) or 0422201054.

**Fire Chief Dan Daly from the New York City Fire Dept**, who assisted in the aftermath of the Sept 11 terrorist attacks in New York, is sponsored by the Passionist Family Group Movement to speak with stories of courage, compassion, and leadership that inspire. **Mon 24 May, 6<sup>pm</sup>**, starting with soup and sandwiches, in the Parish Centre. All welcome. (A donation to support Dan's visit would be appreciated.) Please leave a message for Margaret/Paul Casey on 4446 4117 if you plan to come.

**Pizza and Games Night**

Students in Year 5 and 6, and all those in High School, are invited to a **Pizza and Games night Sun 30 May** at the Parish Centre following the 6pm Mass until 9pm. RSVP by Fri 28 May to Catriona [youth@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:youth@nowraparish.org.au) or **0422 201 054**.

**"COME & SEE" Spirituality group** meets **Tues 25 May, 7.30<sup>pm</sup>** in the Parish Centre. Everyone is most welcome to join us for prayer through the songs and music of Taizé. Supper follows – please bring a plate. Contact Moira 4423 6077 or Liz 4422 1279.

**Mon 24 May.** Our Lady Help of Christians. [Solemnity] On Tuesday Ordinary time resumes (week 8)  
**Wed 26 May.** St Philip Neri & National Sorry Day.

**Our Journey Ahead...**

Our parish consultation takes place this week! **Wed 26 May in St Michael's Hall.** Supper will be served from 6<sup>30p</sup> and the meeting will be punctual from 7<sup>p</sup> - 9<sup>p</sup>. Call the Parish Centre if you need a Pastoral Planning Information Guide or transport.

*Join us for this major event!*

**Claiming a date:**

**Beginning Theology:** Certificate level Course to learn more about your faith. Information sessions Thurs. 27 May at St Paul's Parish, Albion Park meeting room 4<sup>p</sup> or 7<sup>30p</sup>. Contact Jane Edwards. [info@dow.org.au](mailto:info@dow.org.au) or **4253 0899**.

- **Holy Spirit, Vincentia: Feast Day Celebration, Pentecost Sunday, 23 May** (today): Soup & slice luncheon, 12<sup>45p</sup> & Movie, *When in Rome*. Tickets on sale after Mass or see Sr Val.
- **Holy Spirit Auxiliary Meeting:** Sat 29 May 1<sup>p</sup> Meeting Room.
- **Disability consultation,** Diocesan Pastoral Planning: **Tues 26 May 1<sup>30</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>** in the Parish Centre. Come along and **HAVE YOUR SAY**.
- **Mary McKillop's Canonisation in Rome:** Insight Tours and Harvey World Travel have a tour departing 14 Oct for 13 Days. Further details contact Harvey World Travel Nowra, 4421 3055.
- More information: [www.canonisationtravel.com](http://www.canonisationtravel.com)

**St. Vincent-De-Paul, Holy Spirit Conference,** Vincentia will be holding a Winter Appeal Bucket Collection after Masses on **29/30 May**. Monies raised will help the underprivileged of our community during the cold months.

**Australia's Biggest Morning Tea:**

**Thur 27 May 10<sup>am</sup> – 12<sup>pm</sup>** at Vonnie Muller's, 360 Princes Hwy, Meroo Meadow. Entry from Lamond's Ln.

