

**Gospel** 16:12-15  
from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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**Gospel thoughts** by Dianne Bergant CSA

**B**oth the first reading and the psalm response celebrate the marvels of creation and the marvelous creator who brought them into being. Proverbs states that God created all of these things through Wisdom. While later theology will identify Wisdom with both the Word of God, the second person of the Trinity, and the Holy Spirit, the third person, the reading itself does not suggest this.

Paul credits God with our justification through faith. Justification or salvation is accomplished by God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The love of God is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Paul does not clearly state that the love of God that we receive through the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, but one could certainly understand it in this way.

John's theology resembles very closely that of Paul. In it, Jesus reveals the intimate connection between himself and the Father as well as himself and the Spirit. The Spirit continues the mission of Jesus, neither adding anything to his teaching nor omitting anything from it.

While this is a feast that glorifies the central mystery of our faith, a mystery that is based on the way the three divine persons relate to each other, the readings all address ways that God relates to us. If we concentrate, as the texts for today suggest that we do, on all of the ways that our Triune God has blessed us, we may be more inclined to cry out with the psalmist: 'O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!'

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# Parish Life

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

**Trinity Sunday (Year C)**

St Michael's  
Nowra

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30 May 2010

**First Reading** 8:22-31

*A reading from the book of Proverbs*

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 8

**R/**O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him?
2. Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hand, put all things under his feet.



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3. All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through the waters.

**Second Reading** 5:1-5  
*from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!



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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.

**Trinity Sunday (Year C)**

**30 May 2010**

**Sunday Masses:**

**Nowra** ..... Vigil 6<sup>pm</sup>; 8<sup>am</sup> 9.30<sup>am</sup> & 6<sup>pm</sup>  
**Berry** ..... 8<sup>am</sup>  
**Bomaderry** ..... 9.30<sup>am</sup>  
**Culburra Beach** ..... Vigil 6<sup>pm</sup>  
**Vincentia** ..... Vigil 6<sup>pm</sup> & 9.30<sup>am</sup>  
**Kangaroo Valley** ..... 11<sup>am</sup>

**Weekday Masses:**

**Nowra** Mon 7<sup>am</sup> ..... Tues, Wed & Thurs 8<sup>15a</sup>  
 Friday 7<sup>am</sup> & 11<sup>30a</sup> ..... Sat 9<sup>am</sup>  
**Morning Prayer** Wed 7<sup>50a</sup> ..... **Adoration** Fri 10<sup>30a</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>  
 NOTE: There will be no weekday Masses at Kangaroo Valley 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 Beach** 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>



**Confirmation will be celebrated in the Parish on Saturday 5 June.** Two sessions: 2<sup>pm</sup> and 6<sup>pm</sup>. Parishioners not directly involved with Confirmation are encouraged to attend a Mass other than the 6pm Vigil at St Michael's on 5 June.

**A Prayer and Reflection Evening for all**

**Confirmation** Candidates and their Parents on Wednesday Evening 2 June at St Michael's 7<sup>pm</sup> - 8<sup>pm</sup>. This is an integral part of the preparation Programme.

**Feastdays:**

Mon 31 May – The Visitation of the BVM  
 Tues 1 June – St Justin – martyr  
 Thurs 3 June – St Charles Lwanga & Ugandan martyrs.

We prayerfully remember the faithful departed: **Reginald Berry, and Lillian Rodrick**; also **Maureen Doyle, Gladys Sweeny** and **Fay Cahill** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.



**Pastoral Care Ministers:**

St Michael's Parish has completed the training of several Pastoral Care Ministers to work throughout the parish. Ministers of Care are commissioned by the Parish to bring the compassion and communion of the church to the sick, the housebound, and those in nursing homes. If a parishioner knows a person who would like to be visited by a Pastoral Care Minister please phone the Parish Centre on 4423 1712.



**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.

**St Vincent de Paul, Holy Spirit Conference**, Vincentia is holding a Winter Appeal Bucket Collection after Masses on **29-30 May (this weekend)**. Monies raised will help the underprivileged of our community during the cold months.

LET'S GET READY FOR

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Come along to an Information Night near you including itinerary, the program, fundraising and saving ideas and how we plan to celebrate 'One Year to Go'. **Thurs 3 June**, Cathedral Meeting Room, Harbour St, W'gong. **Tues 8 June**, Parish Hall, Cordeaux St, Campbelltown **Thurs 17 June**, Parish Meeting Room, Manning St, Kiama. **7pm-9pm | Dinner included** | More info call Loretta on 4253 0809 or email [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.org.au)

**A Woman for All Seasons:** A forum to dialogue about issues for women in the Church today. **Sat 19 June** 9<sup>am</sup> – 3.30<sup>pm</sup>, Holy Spirit College, Cawley Rd, Bellambi. Cost is \$20. **RSVP by 4 June** to Jane Edwards on **4253 0899** or [info@dow.org.au](mailto:info@dow.org.au)

**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:

- People 16-18 years who display leadership qualities**
- 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 **04 222 010 54**.

**PLANNED GIVING:** As the end of the financial year is approaching, parishioners are reminded to please update their planned giving contributions.



**First Saturday Marian Devotions on 5 June.** Mass at 9<sup>am</sup> followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and then Benediction at 10<sup>30</sup>. Morning tea is available in the Parish Centre. Everyone is most welcome. The group wishes Fr Pat many happy returns.

**The Church dedicates the month of May to Mary.** Pope Benedict XVI reflected on Mary's role in the Church: "Mary is the humble and discreet teacher of the first steps taken by the Christian community. Mary is its spiritual heart since her very presence among the disciples is a living memory of the Lord Jesus and a pledge of the gift of his Spirit."

**Our Journey Ahead:** A sincere thank you to the 80 parishioners who participated in the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Consultation session on Wednesday evening. It was a very informative, engaging and indeed challenging experience.