

Gospel

9:11-17

from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel thoughts by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Feast combines the previous feasts of Corpus Christi and the Precious Blood of Christ. It reminds us that the body and blood of Christ were offered as a sacrifice for us, and every time we re-enact this sacrifice, we

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renew his sacrifice. The Body and Blood of Jesus is the interim meal for the Christian community. We are to feed on it until the Lord returns. We see again the already-but-not-yet character of Christian eschatology, for the Lord has already returned. That means that the Eucharist meal is a re-enactment of Christ's death, an anticipatory celebration of his coming, and a thanksgiving banquet with him present.

The multiplication of the loaves and the fishes prefigures the eschatological banquet of fulfilment. Its miraculous bounty assures us of the abundance of that future banquet.

Its miracle of multiplication prefigures the miracle of Jesus as he changed the bread and wine into his own body and blood. Jesus handed himself over as food and drink on the very night that he was handed over by others. The banquet that he prepared was a celebration of the new covenant; it was an eschatological banquet of thanksgiving. This feast invites us to enter through either the past, the present or the future, for each one will lead us to the mystery that we celebrate: the mystery of the sacrifice of Christ; the mystery of the sacred bread and wine of the future; the mystery of the eschatological banquet of the present.

Table fellowship

In 1st Century Palestine, who you shared a meal with was a very political act. Your status in society was judged by who you kept company with and particularly with whom you shared food. At times, Jesus broke these rules and practised open table fellowship – sharing meals with people of all stations in life and often being criticised for his actions by the Scribes and Pharisees. Part of Jesus' open table fellowship meant that he also ate with dignitaries and religious leaders, but he used these occasions to remind them of the inclusive message of God that they were ignoring.

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First Reading

14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 109

R/ You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.'
2. The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes.
3. A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb

before the daybreak I begot you.

4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

Second Reading

11:23-26

from 1st letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!



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The Body and Blood of Christ (Year C)

6 June 2010

Sunday Masses:

Nowra Vigil 6^{pm}; 8^{am} 9.30^{am} & 6^{pm}
Berry 8^{am}
Bomaderry 9.30^{am}
Culburra Beach Vigil 6^{pm}
Vincentia Vigil 6^{pm} & 9.30^{am}
Kangaroo Valley 11^{am}

Weekday Masses:

Nowra Mon 7^{am} Tues, Wed & Thurs 8^{15a}
 Friday 7^{am} & 11^{30a} Sat 9^{30a}
Morning Prayer Wed 7^{50a} **Adoration** Fri 10^{30a}
Berry Tues 5^{30p} **Culburra** Thurs 5^{30p}
Vincentia Mon, Thur, Fri 8^{am} Tues, Wed 5^{30p}
Shoalhaven Heads Community Centre: Fri 3^{30p}
Kangaroo Valley Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat 8^{am}
 Wed 6^{15am} Divine Office is prayed 15 mins before Mass.

Confession ~ Reconciliation

Nowra Sat 09^{30a}-10³⁰ & 5^{pm}-5^{30p}
Culburra Beach Sat 5^{30p} **Berry** Tues 6^{pm}
Kangaroo Valley Sat 4³⁰-5^{pm}
Vincentia Sat: 4³⁰-5^{pm}

Friday 11 June: The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sunday 13 June: Diocesan Feast : Immaculate Heart of Mary



We prayerfully remember the faithful departed:
Margaret Lewis (Culburra/Maroubra); also
Kathleen Sullivan whose anniversary occurs.
 May they rest in eternal peace.

Shoalhaven Crossroads will meet at the Baptist Church Old Southern Road 7^{15p} – 9^{15p} on Fri 11 June. Please come and join us – everyone is welcome!

Catholic Women's League, Nowra Branch will meet **Tues 8 June** in the Parish Centre, 9^{30a} morning tea with 10^{am} meeting.

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

ST MICHAEL'S YOUTH GROUP STARTING!
2nd Friday each month



Following the successful Pizza and Games Night, students in Years 5-8 are invited to attend Youth Group on **Fri 11 June, 6³⁰ - 8pm**, at the Parish

Centre. There is no cost. Please bring some supper to share. Parents are required to sign a drop off and pick up sheet on the night. If you are interested in helping or leading the Youth Group or want further information, email youth@nowraparish.org.au or Catriona on 0422 201 054.

Propagation of the Faith Appeal 12/13 June.



The theme chosen by Catholic Missions this year is *"Give... faith, hope, love"*. All donations support the works of the missionary Church globally including the Home Mission Fund: a pastoral collaboration between the Australian Catholic Bishops and Catholic Mission ministering to Indigenous Australians in the more remote and isolated parts of the country. Catholic Missions' world-wide net work extends to 160 countries.

Catholic Mission freecall: 1800 257 296.

HOLY SPIRIT VINCENTIA:

First Spring Fair Meeting.
Sunday 20 June after 9³⁰ Mass.

All stall holders & volunteers are asked to attend. New interested parishioners very welcome. Spring Fair date is 4 Sept.



St Vincent de Paul, Holy Spirit Conference would like to thank all parishioners for their generosity and support for their Winter Appeal last weekend. Just over \$1,000 was collected.

Parish to Parish Bed and Breakfast book: Over 170 homes in New Zealand and Australia. \$30 per person or \$50 twin share. To buy a book send **\$18** (incl postage) to Marie Anderson, 2 Brent Place, Christchurch NZ 8053. For more information contact Maureen Hogan 02 6331 1139 or Julie Ritchie 4443 0848.

The Eucharist: Heart of Christian Life

Speaking of the Eucharist on April 16, Pope Benedict said that "the Eucharist constitutes 'the centre and permanent source of the Petrine ministry, the heart of the Christian life, source and summit of the Church's mission of evangelization. You can thus understand the concern of the Successor of Peter for all that can obscure this most essential aspect of the Catholic faith: ..., Jesus Christ continues alive and truly present in the consecrated host and the chalice."... True liturgy supposes that God responds and shows us how we can adore Him... The Church lives in His presence and its reason for being and existing is to expand His presence in the world.'



LET'S GET READY FOR

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 | MADRID.

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 17 June, 7^{pm}-9^{pm} Parish Meeting Room, Manning St, Kiama. | **Dinner included** | More info call Loretta on 4253 0809 or email youth@dow.org.au

CONGRATULATIONS to the 97 young parishioners being Confirmed this weekend. Our sincerest thanks to all who have assisted with their preparation. Year 6 teachers at St. Michael's Jo Bruce, John Wakefield, Melissa Coburn and Michelle Brown (REC) for her wide ranging and many faceted forms of support. Lyn West, Carmen Kane, Sr Val, Carmel Hurrell (Catechists). Greg Troy, St John's. Also Francene Devoy, music; Bernice Royston for her interior preparation of the Hall.