

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would know who this woman is that is touching him and what a bad name she has.' Then Jesus took him up and said, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Speak, Master,' was the reply. 'There was once a creditor who had two men in his debt; one owed him five hundred denarii, the other fifty. They were unable to pay, so he pardoned them both. Which of them will love him more?' 'The one who was pardoned more, I suppose,' answered Simon. Jesus said, 'You are right.'

Then he turned to the woman. 'Simon,' he said, 'you see this woman? I came into your house, and you poured no water over my feet, but she has poured out her tears over my feet and wiped them away with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but she has been covering my feet with kisses ever since I came in. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. For this reason I tell you that her sins, her many sins, must have been forgiven her, or she would not have shown such great love. It is the man who is forgiven little who shows little love.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' Those who were with him at table began to say to themselves, 'Who is this man, that he even forgives sins?' But he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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### Gospel thoughts by Dianne Bergant CSA

**A**lthough the journey toward salvation is initiated by God, and everything that we need on that journey is supplied by God, salvation itself is never forced upon us. If we are to be saved, we must first acknowledge our need. If we are to be forgiven, we must first admit our sin. Then no sin, once admitted, is beyond the forgiveness of God. The corollary to admitting our sin is acknowledging the source of the grace of salvation. We do not earn our salvation. It is granted to us through faith in Christ, which itself is a gift from God.

Here the apparent tension seen in the gospel narrative takes the form of a question: Do we love because we are forgiven or are we forgiven because we first love? We are not forgiven because we love. We are forgiven because we are loved. Repentance may precede forgiveness but even repentance is a grace offered by God.

There is no way that we can repay God for the magnanimous mercy shown to us. However, gratitude is often expressed through service of others. The repentant woman in the gospel narrative was possessed by a desire to serve. Do we realise that the reconciliation with God which we enjoy makes us ambassadors of reconciliation for others? Do we do what we can, give what we have to further the ministry of reconciliation?



Pastoral Planning in our Diocese:

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# Parish Life

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

Season of the Year - Sunday 11 (Year C)

St Michael's  
Nowra

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13 June 2010

## Mission Sunday Appeal

**First Reading** 12:7-10, 13  
*A reading from the second book of Samuel*

Nathan said to David, "The Lord the God of Israel says this, "I anointed you king over Israel; I delivered you from the hands of Saul; I gave your masters house to you, his wives into your arms; I gave you the House of Israel and of Judah; and if this were not enough, I would add as much again for you. Why have you shown contempt for the Lord, doing what displeases him? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, taken his wife for your own, and killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. So now the sword will never be far from your House, since you have shown contempt for me and taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife."

David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Then Nathan said to David, "The Lord, for his part, forgives your sin; you are not to die.'

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 31

**R/** Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.  
1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins: my guilt I did not hide. I said 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

3. You are my hiding place, O Lord; you save me from distress. You surround me with cries of deliverance.

4. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

**Second Reading** 2:16, 19-21  
*from letter of St Paul to the Galatians*

We acknowledge that what makes a man righteous is not obedience to the Law, but faith in Jesus Christ. We had to become believers in Christ Jesus no less than you had, and now we hold that faith in Christ rather than fidelity to the Law is what justifies us, and that no one can be justified by keeping the Law. In other words, through the Law I am dead to the Law, so that now I can live for God. I have been crucified with Christ, and I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in this body I live in faith: faith in the Son of God who loved me and who sacrificed himself for my sake. I cannot bring myself to give up God's gift; if the Law can justify us, there is no point in the death of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation** 1 Jn 4:10  
Alleluia, alleluia! God first loved us and sent his Son to take away our sins. Alleluia!

**Gospel** 7:36-50  
*from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to a meal. When he arrived at the Pharisee's house and took his place at table, a woman came in, who had a bad name in the town. She had heard he was dining with the Pharisee and had brought with her an alabaster jar of ointment. She waited behind him at his feet, weeping, and her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them away with her hair; then she covered his feet with kisses and anointed them with the ointment.



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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.

**Eleventh Sunday (Year C) - 13 June 2010**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary  
(Patronal Feast of the Diocese)**

**Sunday Masses:**

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

**Weekday Masses:**

<b>Nowra</b> Mon (Public Holiday) 8 <sup>am</sup> .....	Tues, Wed & Thurs 8 <sup>15am</sup>
Friday 7 <sup>am</sup> & 11 <sup>30am</sup> .....	Sat 9 <sup>am</sup>
<b>Morning Prayer</b> Wed 7 <sup>50am</sup> .....	<b>Adoration</b> Fri 10 <sup>30am</sup>
<b>Berry</b> Tues 5 <sup>30pm</sup> .....	<b>Culburra</b> Thurs 5 <sup>30pm</sup>
<b>Vincentia</b> Mon, Thur, Fri 8 <sup>am</sup> .....	Tues, Wed 5 <sup>30pm</sup>
<b>Shoalhaven Heads</b> Community Centre: .....	Fri 3 <sup>30pm</sup>
<b>Kangaroo Valley</b> .....	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat 8 <sup>am</sup>
Wed 6 <sup>15am</sup> .....	Divine Office is prayed 15 mins before Mass.

**Confession ~ Reconciliation**

<b>Nowra</b> .....	Sat 09 <sup>30am</sup> -10 <sup>30am</sup> & 5 <sup>pm</sup> - 5 <sup>30pm</sup>
<b>Culburra Beach</b> Sat 5 <sup>30pm</sup> .....	<b>Berry</b> Tues 6 <sup>pm</sup>
<b>Kangaroo Valley</b> .....	Sat 4 <sup>30</sup> – 5 <sup>pm</sup>
<b>Vincentia</b> .....	Sat 5 <sup>pm</sup> – 5 <sup>30pm</sup>



We prayerfully remember the faithful departed: recently deceased **Beryl Dermond, Helena Rupa** (Callala), **Teresa Vallario** and **Antonio Bayot** (Vincentia); also deceased members of the **Kenny and Ryan families, Ray Owen, Marie Batten** and

**Anne Monteith** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.

*Maureen, Frank, Julie and Dianne thank everyone for their prayers and support when **Bernard Court** died recently.*

An elderly parishioner requires **transport to Mass at Berry** each Sunday. If you are able to assist please phone **4464 2592**.

**“COME AND SEE” Spirituality group welcomes you** to join us, **Wed 16 June 7.30<sup>pm</sup>** in the Parish Centre.

The evening will be led by Les Ambrus with an introduction to contemplative prayer. All welcome, please bring a plate for supper.

Contact Moira 4423 6077 or Liz 4422 1279.

**Propagation of the Faith Appeal Today.**

In remote regions of northern Zambia, Sisters Marie Bourke, Rogita and Anna reach out to 90 villages with over 1,000 people who are in some way affected by HIV/AIDS. The sisters support the grieving; and give home-based, clinical and palliative care, that has helped to dramatically reduce the mortality rate. Your generous response to today's appeal supports religious and lay missionaries working in Australia and overseas. All donations affirm the works of Church's missionaries and bring to life faith communities.



**PLANNED GIVING:** As the end of the financial year is approaching, parishioners are encouraged to update their planned giving contributions. A new set of envelopes will be available next weekend.

**HOLY SPIRIT VINCENTIA: First Spring Fair Meeting. Sun 20 June**, after 9<sup>30</sup> Mass. All stall holders & volunteers please attend & all interested parishioners very welcome. Spring Fair - 4 Sep.

**BIGGEST MORNING TEA**, sponsored by CWL Bay and Basin, **19 and 20 June**, after Mass at Vincentia.



Gold coin donation would be appreciated.

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*Voni Muller would like to thank all who supported her recent Biggest*

*Morning Tea. The sum of \$2,528 was raised. Congratulations on an outstanding result!*

**Winter edition of Journey Magazine out now: Diocesan Plenary Gathering on Pastoral Planning:**

Over 2000 people have participated in more than 65 consultations. Their responses will be brought together to identify pastoral goals for the next 5 years at a diocesan gathering, **Sat 26 June 2010**, 10.00 - 2.30 at St Mary's College, 15 Harbour St, Wollongong. To register please RSVP by 18 June to Jane Edwards 4253 0899 or [info@dow.org.au](mailto:info@dow.org.au).

**CLERGY APPOINTMENTS**

Bishop Peter Ingham announced this week that after 5½ years in the Parish, Fr Richard was being moved to Fairy Meadow Parish as the Administrator (Acting), and Fr George Condookala from Campbelltown Parish will be coming to Nowra as the new Assistant Priest. The moves will take place on 1 July 2010. In due time parishioners will have an opportunity to farewell Fr Richard and welcome Fr George.

**The Diocese of Wollongong dedicated to Our Lady under the Title of *The Immaculate Heart of Mary* in 1959 , by Blessed John XXIII.**

As we celebrate the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the whole Diocese of Wollongong looks to Mary, the Mother of the Church. Mary helps us to interpret all that happens to us in the light of Jesus her Son. May we continue to contemplate the Virgin Mary, who pondered in her heart the mystery of Christ.



**World Youth Day 2011 | Madrid**

Come along to an Information Night including itinerary, the program, fundraising and saving ideas and how we plan to celebrate 'One Year to Go'. **Thurs 17 June, 7<sup>pm</sup>-9<sup>pm</sup>** in the Parish Meeting Room, Manning St, Kiama. | **Dinner included** | More info call Loretta on 4253 0809 or email [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.org.au)

**Culburra Family Group** will hold a games afternoon and afternoon tea this Monday **14 June**, from 1.30<sup>pm</sup> at Casey's at Callala Bay.

**Catechists:** Thank you to all who signed the 'Moving Ethics Classes' Petition. Approximately 600 signatures were forwarded to Jude Hennessy at CCD.

**CANONISATION OF MARY MACKILLOP.**

**A pilgrimage to Rome** will be led by Fr David Catterall from Albion Park. Departing Sydney **Sun, 12 October 2010** (8 days/6 nights). Cost: \$3990 twin share. For more info call 4256 2038 or visit [www.stpaulsparish.org.au](http://www.stpaulsparish.org.au)

