

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel 9:18-24 from the holy Gospel according to Luke

One day when Jesus was praying alone in the presence of his disciples he put this question to them, 'Who do the crowds say I am?' And they answered, 'John the Baptist; others Elijah; and others say one of the ancient prophets come back to life.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' It was Peter who spoke up. 'The Christ of God' he said. But he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone anything about this.

'The Son of Man' he said, 'is destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be put to death, and to be raised up on the third day.'

Then to all he said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, that man will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel thoughts by Dianne Bergant CSA

We often look at ourselves in order to discover our identity as disciples, when actually we should look first to Christ in order to discover who it is that we are serving. There was something very prophetic about Jesus. He called people to reform and he promised salvation, just as the prophets had. Jesus identified himself as a suffering messiah. Though he referred to himself as the Son of Man, he aligned himself with the figure of the Suffering Servant found in Isaiah. He attracted people from every walk of life and from every political and social sector of the population. This is the Christological image that should determine the character of our discipleship.

Since Jesus was not a political messiah, his followers will always have to struggle with the vagaries and ambiguities of political power. Since he was more than a prophet, his followers would always have to struggle with the radical challenges and incomprehensible mysteries of and inevitable resistance to his teaching.

Jesus invited all people to follow him. Paul develops this notion more explicitly when he says that identification with Christ in discipleship breaks down the barriers set up in society by the differences between Jew and Greek, slave and free person, male and female. The privilege that is often associated with political classifications of whatever kind is cancelled. Not even disciples can claim privilege. This is the kind of messiah that Jesus was. This is the kind of discipleship to which we are called.

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Parish Life

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

Season of the Year - Sunday 12 (Year C)

St Michael's Nowra

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20 June 2010

First Reading 12:10-11; 13:1

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

It is the Lord who speaks: 'Over the House of David and the citizens of Jerusalem I will pour out a spirit of kindness and prayer. They will look on the one whom they have pierced; they will mourn for him as for an only son, and weep for him as people weep for a first-born child. When that day comes, there will be great mourning in Judah, like the mourning of Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. When that day comes, a fountain will be opened for the House of David and the citizens of Jerusalem, for sin and impurity.'

The word of the Lord.

Pastoral Planning in our Diocese: www.ourjourneyahead.org.au



DIOCESAN PLENARY GATHERING ON PASTORAL PLANNING

By the end of May, over 70 consultations will have been offered across our Diocese. These responses will be brought together and shaped into draft pastoral goals which will be presented at a diocesan gathering on Saturday, 26 June 2010 from 10.00am to 2.30pm, at St Mary Star of the Sea College, 15 Harbour Street, Wollongong.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 63

R/ My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

- 1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.
4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Second Reading 3:26-29 from letter of St Paul to the Galatians

You are, all of you, sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. All baptised in Christ, you have all clothed yourselves in Christ, and there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Merely by belonging to Christ you are the posterity of Abraham, the heirs he was promised.

The word of the Lord.





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Sacred Heart, Bomaderry; Mary, Help of Christians, Culburra; St Joseph, Kangaroo Valley; Holy Spirit, Vincentia.

Twelfth Sunday (Year C) - 20 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 .7.00.am., Tues, Wed & Thurs 8^{15am}
 Friday 7^{am} & 11^{30am} Sat 9^{am}
Morning Prayer Wed 7^{50am} **Adoration** Fri 10^{30am}
Berry Tues 5^{30pm} **Culburra** Thurs 5^{30pm}
Vincentia Mon, Thur, Fri 8^{am} Tues, Wed 5^{30pm}
Shoalhaven Heads Community Centre: Fri 3^{30pm}
Kangaroo Valley Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat 8^{am}
 Wed 6^{15am} Divine Office is prayed 15 mins before Mass.

Confession ~ Reconciliation

Nowra Sat 09^{30am}-10^{30am} & 5^{pm}- 5^{30pm}
Culburra Beach Sat 5^{30pm} **Berry** Tues 6^{pm}
Kangaroo Valley Sat 4³⁰ – 5^{pm}
Vincentia..... Sat 5^{pm} – 5^{30pm}

We prayerfully remember the faithful departed:
 recently deceased **Marjorie Hay**; also **Jack Christian** (Sydney) ; also **Don Wiggins**,
Margaret Leary, **Joseph Aqualine**, **Diane Gray-Wellington**, **Molly Devereaux** and **Myrtle Austin** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.



Planned Giving: Please collect your envelopes which are available at all churches this weekend. Anyone who has not already done so is asked to update their planned giving contributions for the end of the financial year. We would also very much appreciate parishioners not currently in Parish Planned Giving, to consider participating in the Program. Envelopes can be readily made available for new participants.

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

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS NEEDED IN OUR CHURCH and how might you be able to assist?

We've consulted. Now it's time to read the update in the Winter edition of Journey Magazine, and set our goals. We encourage interested parishioners to join many others from all regions of the Diocese on Saturday 26 June, 10am to 2.30pm, at St Mary Star of the Sea College, Wollongong 15 Harbour St. Rsvp is essential. Please rsvp by 21 June to Jane Edwards, pastoralplanning@woll.catholic.org.au or 4253 0899.

Disabled access, crèche, signing for the deaf and transport options are all available.

Catechist Coordinators are asked to advise Lyn West on 4423 1009 of the total number of children who attend non-scripture class at your school. These numbers are needed before Tues 22 June.

Pastoral Care Ministers:

St Michael's Parish has commissioned several Pastoral Care Ministers to work throughout the parish. Ministers of Care 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.

Beginning Theology Are you looking to enrich your faith? Do you want to know more about God, our church, our sacraments and the Bible? This course contains a mixture of personal study and group work, and cost is negotiable To find out more and obtain an info pack, contact Shane

Dwyer on shane.dwyer@woll.catholicorg.au or 4253 0822.



CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Fr George Condookala from Campbelltown Parish has been appointed to Nowra as the new Assistant Priest. This move will take effect in the first week of July.

Farewell to Fr Richard:

On **Wednesday 23 June**, parishioners are invited to supper in the **Parish Hall at 7^{pm}** to express our grateful thanks to Fr Richard and to wish him all the best as he leaves to take up his appointment in the Fairy Meadow Parish. Please bring a plate to share.



Congratulations also to Fr Richard as he celebrates his fourth Ordination Anniversary on Thursday June 24th the Feast of the birth of St John the Baptist.

Refugee Week: World Refugee Week runs from Sun 20 June to Sat 26 June. This year's theme is 'Freedom from Fear'. The Pope urges acceptance and integration through mutual exchange, and reciprocal enrichment! More info is available at www.refugeecouncil.org.au.



BIGGEST MORNING TEA, sponsored by CWL Bay and Basin, after Mass today (**19 & 20 June**), at Vincentia. Gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Dates to Note:

June Sat 26th : Diocesan Pastoral Planning Plenary gathering
First Reconciliation : 2nd Meeting - **Parents only** will be held on **Wed July 28th 7.00pm in St. Michael's Hall Nowra-**
Wed. August 25th . 7.00.p.m.(Nowra) Parent Evening for First Holy Communion .
Awareness Mass (Disabilities)– Sunday Aug 29th . – 6.00p.m.
Parish Retreat Day Sat October 2nd

Please return all outstanding Mission Appeal Envelopes to the Parish Office as soon as possible, Thank you.