

## Gospel Acclamation

1 Sam 3:9

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

## Gospel

9:51-62

from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

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Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Gospel thoughts by Dianne Bergant CSA

**W**e 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.



# Parish Life

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

Season of the Year - Sunday 13 (Year C)

St Michael's  
Nowra

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27 June 2010

### First Reading

19:16, 19-21

A reading from the first book of Kings

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15

**R/** You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

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### Second Reading

5:1, 13-18

from letter of St Paul to the Galatians

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

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.

**Thirteenth Sunday (Year C)**

**27 June 2010**

**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 .7.00.am. 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. The recently deceased: **Clifford Crockett, Josephine Harris, and Charlie Izydorczyk;** also those whose anniversaries occur: **Dolores Gravino, Bob Harris, Lance and Nellie Carroll, Joyce Lenehan, Judy Phillips, and Alice O'Heir.** May they rest in eternal peace.



**Visitation of the Sick:** As previously advised, it is important that parishioners notify the parish regarding relatives and at times, fellow parishioners, who are hospitalised – especially so if they are seriously ill. Although the hospitals are visited regularly, and lists are graciously provided, for various reasons names may not always get onto the list. For this reason, even committed parishioners sometimes miss out on sacramental reception in hospital.

**Nowra CWL will meet Tues 13 July** in the Parish Centre. Morning Tea is at **9.30<sup>am</sup> for a 10<sup>am</sup> start.**

**St Michael's Youth Group for Yr 5-8**

Meeting in the Polding Room **Fri 2 July 6<sup>30</sup> – 8<sup>pm</sup>.** Parents must sign a 'sign in and out sheet' at Youth Group each time they drop off their child. Please bring supper to share. Leaders and Helpers are also welcome. Please contact **youth@nowraparish.org.au** or **0422 201 054.**



**Planned Giving: New envelopes are available for collection at all churches.** Anyone who has not already done so is asked to update their planned giving contributions for the end of the financial year.

Parish Planned Giving: It is now 6 years since we last renewed the Planned Giving Program. During the intervening years the number of contributors to Planned Giving through the parish envelope system has declined very significantly. This in part has been due to the deaths of very committed parishioners, some having moved into residential care, and still others moving elsewhere. I take the opportunity of encouraging parishioners not in the Planned Giving to consider participating. You can do so by contacting the Parish office 44 231 712. As you are well aware from your own domestic and business recurring and maintenance expenditure, costs are escalating. For example, Parish Insurance for the year ahead will be \$34,000, the equivalent of at least 7 weeks parish income. (This does not include School Insurance which is covered by CEO).

**Envelopes can be readily made available for new participants with options to contribute weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly or by direct debit. Your regular financial support is and would be greatly appreciated..**

**SHOALHAVEN CROSSROADS:** Next meeting will be held at Nowra Baptist Church, Old Southern Road, South Nowra, on **Fri 9 July from 7.15 – 9.15pm.** All welcome



**Our Prayers and best wishes are with Fr Richard:** A very sincere 'thank you' to Fr Richard for his dedicated ministry in the parish over the past five years, four as priest. We are deeply appreciative of the pastoral enrichment he nurtured, his passion for the Liturgy, and his administrative skills. Fr Richard leaves us mid-week to take up his appointment as Administrator of St John Vianney's Parish, Fairy Meadow. We pray that his priestly ministry will be abundantly blessed and fulfilling. Richard, through the intercession of St John Vianney may the Lord prosper your work.



**Dates to Note:**

- **Wed 28 July: First Reconciliation:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting - **Parents only** - will be held in St Michael's Hall Nowra at 7<sup>pm</sup>
- **Wed 25 Aug:** Parent Evening for First Holy Communion (Nowra) at 7<sup>pm</sup>
- **Sun 29 Aug:** Awareness Mass (Disabilities), at 6<sup>pm</sup>
- **Sat 2 Oct:** Parish Retreat Day
- **Sun 31 Oct:** Diocesan celebration for canonisation of St Mary MacKillop, 2<sup>pm</sup>, Wollongong

**First Saturday Marian Devotions on**

**3 July. Mass at 9<sup>am</sup>** followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction at 10<sup>30</sup>. Morning tea is available in the Parish Centre. Everyone is most welcome



**Pastoral Care Ministers:**

*St Michael's 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, living anywhere in the parish, who would like to be visited by a Pastoral Care Minister please phone the Parish Centre on **4423***

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