

but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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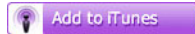
### Gospel thoughts *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

**A**lthough the gospel is a report of ministerial commissioning, it contains elements of discipleship in general. Most obvious is the disciples' dependence on Jesus. They are not independent missionaries; they are followers. Furthermore, there is a communal dimension of discipleship. While there is certainly a personal relationship between Jesus and each disciple, discipleship itself is not a singular privilege that one hugs to oneself to the exclusion of others.

Disciples minister to the needs of others, whatever those needs may be and with whatever abilities the disciple may possess. There are various kinds of healing: a friendly smile, a word of gratitude, a soothing touch. We can teach the lessons of life in classrooms, in playrooms, in kitchens, in boardrooms. There are many ways that we can cast out the demons that hold our world by the throat; demons of poverty and oppression, demons of addiction and slavery, demons of disdain and neglect, demons of hatred and violence. If they are not cast out by us, then by whom?

The life of discipleship is not an unmixed blessing. Because disciples are marked by the sign of the cross, they must expect suffering. Because they do not live according to the standards of the world, disciples will be judged as fools. Some of them will be subjected to even greater suffering. Still, the disciple proclaims that true fulfilment is only found in God! In reality, it is the world that is upside down, not the life of discipleship. And it is the cross that sets things right.

Fr Richard M Healey's homilies (Audio files and occasionally a written transcript) are available via his 'blog' which can be found at [www.rmh.id.au](http://www.rmh.id.au). You can also subscribe to his Podcasts through iTunes via the same website.



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# Parish Life

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4 July 2010

Season of the Year - Sunday 14 (Year C)

### First Reading

66:10-14

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord:

Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap.

Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you.

And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass.

To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65

**R/** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men.

3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might.

4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me.



### Second Reading

6:14-18

*from letter of St Paul to the Galatians*

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Col 3:15

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

### Gospel

10:1-12,17-20

*from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is rich



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**Fourteenth Sunday (Year C)**

**4<sup>th</sup> July 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 <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 9 <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: **Lionel Barry** ;( S'haven Heads), **Maureen McGaughey** (Vincentia) **Juana Petilla**, (Philippines) also those whose anniversaries occur: **Emilia Labrador**, and **Ron Nelson**. May they rest in eternal peace.



**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.**

**Beginning Theology: Last call for names.**

Are you interested in a formal adult faith course? The course format consists of modules for personal study in your own home. Cluster Groups then meet 3 times per module at a time and place arranged to suit group members. Contact Shane Dwyer for more details on 4253 0822.



**Planned Giving:** Some Envelopes still remain uncollected at some Churches. A special thank you to parishioners who updated their planned Giving as we came to the end of the Financial Year, and also to parishioners who have become new subscribers. As I mentioned in last week's Bulletin 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. The ongoing Repairs and Maintenance of six Churches, Halls, and Residences within the Parish is costly last year this item alone totalled \$77,000. 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.

**Date Claimer: DIOCESAN CELEBRATION FOR CANONISATION OF ST MARY MACKILLOP**, WIN Entertainment



Centre Wollongong, **Sun 31 Oct, 2.30<sup>pm</sup>**. This celebration will take the form of a 30 minute dramatic musical interpretation of the spirituality of Blessed Mary of the Cross, performed by young people of the Diocese. This will be followed by Solemn Mass of Saint Mary of the Cross. After Mass, refreshments will be served. **This diocesan celebration will be the principal opportunity for the Church of the Diocese - the laity, religious and clergy - to claim St Mary of the Cross as our own.**

**CLERGY APPOINTMENT**

Fr George Condoakala, at present assistant priest in Campbelltown, will commence his appointment as the new Assistant Priest to Nowra mid-week.



**Hard Work and Generosity:** St John's High School students, parents, friends and teachers donated \$4000 to St Vincent de Paul, together with approx. 40 magnificently crafted woollen blankets. These generous gifts, which were presented to Peter Delaney during the Naidoc Week liturgy and Assembly, will assist people in need as part of the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. A very big thank you to all who helped achieve this outstanding contribution.



**Diocesan Pastoral Planning:** On Saturday 26 June, some 320 people gathered at our first pastoral planning plenary session at St Mary Star of the Sea College, Wollongong. I personally found it a moving and inspiring experience to be with so many people who have such a strong faith and desire to support the Church in our Diocese.

During the day, those present prioritised the issues which have emerged from 65 consultations with 2000 people across our Diocese. They then offered descriptions of draft goals to address the most important emerging issues. Please continue to pray for our Diocese as this process moves forward, that the future we plan will be the future God promises us. (Bishop Peter Ingham)

**The Eucharist and Charity**

On June 15, Pope Benedict XVI spoke of the 'Sunday Eucharist and the witness of charity': 'When we receive Christ, the love of God expands inside us, radically modifying our hearts and making us capable of actions which, by the contagious power of goodness, can transform the lives of people around us. For the disciples of Jesus, witness of charity is not some passing sentiment; quite the contrary, it shapes their lives in all circumstances.' (to be continued)



**To-date the recent Mission Appeal has totalled \$12,108.00. A very sincere thank you to all who contributed.**