

Gospel 10:25-37
from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think,

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proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel thoughts *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him. Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world.

Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. 'Who is my neighbor?' or 'Whom should I love?' becomes 'Who acts as a neighbour?' or 'Who shows love?'

The same Sunday that we reflect on the paradoxical nature of the ways of God, we are told that the law of God, which appears to be so lofty, is really very close to us, in our mouths and in our hearts. This too is an unusual claim. Following the law results in a way of living that is inspired and informed by love, love of God and love of others, even, and perhaps especially, those whom we are not inclined to love.

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

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First Reading 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 68

R/ Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.
2. As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving.
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
4. For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there.

Second Reading 1:15-20

from letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6.63

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!





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Fifteenth Sunday (Year C)

11 July 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:

The annual Diocesan Clergy in-service will be held during the week ahead. Fr Ronan has generously offered to look after the Parish during those days. Please note the Mass times for the week ahead.

Nowra Mon 7 ^{am}	Tues, Wed & Thurs 8 ^{15am}
Friday 7 ^{am} & 11 ^{30am}	Sat 9 ^{am}
Morning Prayer Wed 7 ^{50am}	Adoration Fri 10 ^{30am}
No Mass at Berry on Tuesday or at Culburra on Thursday	
Vincentia Mon, Thur, Fri 8 ^{am}	Tues, Wed 5 ^{30pm}
Shoalhaven Heads Community Centre:	Fri 3 ^{30pm}
Kangaroo Valley: Mon, and Sat 8 ^{am} No Mass in the Valley on Tues/Wed/ Thurs.	

Confession ~ Reconciliation

Nowra	Sat 9 ^{30am} -10 ^{30am} & 5 ^{pm} -5 ^{30pm}
Culburra Beach Sat 5 ^{30pm}	Berry Tues 6 ^{pm}
Kangaroo Valley	Sat 4 ³⁰ - 5 ^{pm}
Vincentia	Sat 5 ^{pm} - 5 ^{30pm}

We prayerfully remember the faithful departed. The recently deceased: **Effie Caffery, Kathleen Robertson, Colin Lazarus, Fred Ring, Gwen Paynter, Philip Brown** (Miranda – brother of Tony Brown), and **Doris Jones** (St Georges Basin – sister of Margaret Regan). Also **Colleen Kane, Val Warburton, Elsie Weston, Moya McCabe** and **Harold Leggo** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.



Nowra CWL will meet **Tues 13 July** in the Parish Centre. Morning Tea is at **9.30^{am} for a 10^{am} start.**

Spirituality in the Pub: Mon **12 July, 7.30^{pm}** in the Jamberoo Pub. The talk to be presented by Fr Edmund Campion, teacher of Catholic history, are “Saints - too many or too few?”

A very sincere welcome to Fr George

Condookala who has now taken up his appointment as assistant priest in the Nowra Parish. Fr George has had extensive missionary experience in India; and has ministered at St John’s Campbelltown over the past four years. I am confident that parishioners will receive Fr George very hospitably and be most supportive as he embarks on his new appointment.

“Come & See” Spirituality group meets **Wed 21 July, 7.30^{pm}** in the Parish Centre. Pat O’Gorman and Beth Riolo from the Catholic Education Office, Wollongong, will lead the evening. The theme, **‘Gazing into the Heart of God’** explores a way of praying with icons, an ancient practice that invites us to ‘see with the eyes of our heart’. It engages participants in a contemplative approach to spirituality with a focus on being in God’s presence rather than performing in God’s presence. Pat will lead the group through a sustained meditation on Andrei Rublev’s famous icon of the Holy Trinity. **All most welcome, bring a plate for supper. Contact Moira 4423 6077 or Liz 4422 1279.**

Disciples Today: All welcome to come to this talk to be presented by international speaker, Tracy Earl Welliver, **27 July 10^{am} – 12^{noon}, Sts Peter & Paul’s, Manning St, Kiama.** Refreshments follow. For further information **contact Shane Dwyer** at the Bishop’s Office | 4253 0822| shane.dwyer@woll.cath.org.au

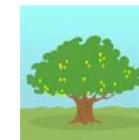
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Entertainment Centre Wollongong, **Sun 31 Oct, 2.30^{pm}.** A 30 minute musical interpretation of the spirituality of Blessed Mary of the Cross, performed by young people of the Diocese. Followed by Solemn Mass of Saint Mary of the Cross. Refreshments follow. **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.**



The Eucharist and Charity

Continuing last week’s reflection by Pope Benedict on the **‘Sunday Eucharist and the witness of charity’:** ‘The Eucharist requires us to become, and at the same time makes us capable of becoming, the bread broken for our brothers and sisters, meeting their needs and giving of ourselves. For this reason, a Eucharist celebration that does not lead us towards men and women where they live, work and suffer, to bring them the love of God, fails to express the truth it contains.’ (June 13th. 2010)



Young Adult Diocesan Retreat (ages 16-30): *“Planted and built up in Christ, firm in the faith”;* **July 30 – Aug 1,**The Hermitage, Old Southern Rd, Mittagong. Cost | \$110 | includes accommodation and meals. **Enquiries** | Loretta Brinkman 4253 0809. **Registration** | www.dow.org.au/youth

Planned Giving: Some Envelopes still remain uncollected at some Churches. A special thank you to parishioners who updated their Planned Giving. *Envelopes can be 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. Ph 4423 1 712.

Catechist News: Level 2 catechist training begins **19 July 10^{am} – 2.30^{pm}** in the Parish Centre. **BYO lunch. Ring Lyn 4423 1009 to enrol.**

Feastday: Thurs 15 July, St Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of the church.

Dates to Note:

- **Wed 28 July: First Reconciliation:** 2nd Meeting - **Parents only** - will be held in St Michael’s Hall Nowra at 7^{pm}
- **Wed 25 Aug:** Parent Evening for First Holy Communion (Nowra) at 7^{pm}
- **Sun 29 Aug:** Awareness Mass (Disabilities), at 6^{pm}
- **Sat 2 Oct:** Parish Retreat Day