

I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

‘Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, “Lord, open to us” but he will answer, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will find yourself saying, “We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets” but he will reply, “I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!”

‘Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

‘Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.’

The Gospel of the Lord.



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Gospel thoughts *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

The vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. The passages from both Isaiah and Luke are astounding in their inclusivity. They show that God's saving grace is unbounded. It reaches out to those whom the people of God may not only distrust but sometimes even despise. There is something very dangerous about being smugly convinced of one's own salvation. When we are so sure of ourselves, we can easily fall into the error of being as sure of the moral failure of others as well. The gospel warns us against such judgment.

Women and men are gathered into the community of the saved, primarily because others have been sent out to get them. The psalm refrain is the command to go out to the whole world. The first reading describes God sending fugitives back home to get their relatives. People come from all over because someone is sent to get them. Today that command is directed to us. We are the ones who are being sent out to bring others to God. Unfortunately there are many people who do not believe that they are fit to be evangelisers. They may think that the work that they do or the lives that they live do not lend themselves to the task of spreading the good news of the gospel. They do not realise that all Christians are called and sent. This is not an option; it is a responsibility.

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Season of the Year - Sunday 21 (Year C)

22 August 2010

First Reading

66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116

R/ Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!
2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever.

Second Reading

12:5-7,11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there



ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel

13:22-30

from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, ‘Sir, will there be only a few saved?’ He said to them, ‘Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because,



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Twenty First Sunday (Year C)

22 August 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^{am} Tues, Wed & Thurs 8.15^{am}
 Friday 7^{am} & 11.30^{am} Sat 9^{am}
Morning Prayer Wed 7.50^{am} **Adoration** Fri 10.30^{am}
Berry Tues 5.30^{pm} **Culburra** Thurs 5.30^{pm}
Vincentia Mon, Thur, Fri 8^{am} Tues, Wed 5.30^{pm}
Shoalhaven Heads Community Centre Fri 3.30^{pm}
Kangaroo Valley Tues, Thurs 8^{am}
 Wed 6.15^{am} Divine Office is prayed 15 mins before Mass.
****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE. THERE ARE NO MASSES IN KV ON THE OTHER WEEKDAYS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE****

Confession ~ Reconciliation

Nowra Sat 9.30^{am}-10.30^{am} & 5^{pm}- 5.30^{pm}
Culburra Beach Sat 5.30^{pm} **Berry** Tues 6^{pm}
Kangaroo Valley Sat 4.30 – 5^{pm}
Vincentia..... Sat 5^{pm} – 5.30^{pm}

We prayerfully remember the faithful departed. The recently deceased: **Marjorie Pulbrook, Rita Leicht** (Tamworth – Sue Shanahan's mother), **Christine Couch**., and Myra Smith. Also **Joe Basha, Douglas Courtney** and **Cheryl Leary** (nee Courtney) whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.



FEASTDAYS:

Tuesday 24 Aug: **St Bartholomew, Apostle**
 Friday 27 Aug: **St Monica** Sat. , 28 Aug: **St Augustine**
Robert Galea Concert: St Paul's Parish Church, Albion Park. Sat 4 Sept, after 6pm Vigil Mass(approx.. 7.30pm) and finishing with supper. Cost \$10 adults, \$5 concession, \$20 family. Tickets available in advance or on the night. More info on youth@stpaulsparish.org.au

A young lady who grew up in the parish and has returned to the district, and is now employed in Nowra, is **seeking accommodation** within the region. **Contact** Vanessa 0401 633 685

Annual Spring Fair, Holy Spirit Community: **Sat 4**



Sept, 8.30^{am} - 1.30^{pm}. ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!! ONLY 2 weeks to go! Lots of entertainment -KIDS ZONE (fire engine, a band, face painting, jumping castles, merry go round, and games). Sausage Sizzle; Chocolate Wheel - GREAT

PRIZES; luscious International Food Stall; Devonshire Teas; Books, Plants, Cakes, Jams etc. Paintings donated by parishioner for sale. **Flyers ready for letter box drop** -See Ron D'Souza at Masses this weekend if you can help deliver! Would you like to help on a stall on Fair Day? Please see/ph Michael King 4443 7732 or Judy Lenehan 4441 7456.

St Vincent De Paul Doorknock

happens this Sat & Sun (21/22 Aug); and also next weekend (28/29 Aug). Anyone with a couple of hours to spare on any of these days is asked to phone Mary Dunn 4421 0717 or Margaret Perkins 4423 2029; OR you can just turn up at the Parish Centre, North St Nowra, from 8.30am on any of the 4 days . **Any help you can give would be most gratefully appreciated.** A special word of appreciation to the significant number of senior students from St John's High School who are assisting with the Door-knock.



From the Youth Minister: The big moment has arrived- a **Youth Ministry Team** is about to start! A number of people are interested in being part of this team. A meeting will be held **Wed 8 Sept, 11am**, in the Parish Centre. If you are interested in learning more about a Youth Ministry Team or would like to be involved please **contact** Catriona on 0422 201 054 or youth@nowraparish.org.au.

St John's High School Senior Students are holding their **Senior Creative Arts Evening**. **Dates:** Thurs **26 Aug** HSC Visual Arts Exhibition, 5.30 – 6.20pm, rooms V1 & V2. HSC Drama & Year 11 Music Performances, 6.30 (sharp) - 8.30pm, room N8. Tues **7 Sept** Year 11 Visual Arts Exhibition, 5.30 – 6.20pm, rooms V1 & V2. HSC Music performances, 6.30 (sharp) – 8.30pm, room N8. *Light supper follows* – gold coin donation. **All invited.**

St Vincent de Paul Society Both Nowra Conferences are having a recruitment drive at the end of September. ".....you must love your neighbour as yourself....", Paul to Romans 13:9. The Society is one way to put this into action. *Ivor Davies (for St Michael's & Sacred Heart Conferences).*



Congratulations to **Margaret and Ron Sharpe** who are celebrating their **Golden Wedding** this week. May God bless you as you celebrate this milestone.

Caritas Australia is calling for donations to assist in providing *desperately needed emergency relief* to the 14 million people affected by **flooding in Pakistan**.



All loose money from today's 2nd collection will go to **Caritas Australia South Asia Floods Appeal - Pakistan**.

Disability Parish Connections: Luncheon Meeting and Planning Day for Inclusion Mass, **25 Aug 12-1.30^{pm}**, Parish Centre. **RSVP** Sr Jeannie 4654 8709

Invitation to attend the 2nd Pastoral Planning Plenary session, Sat 18 Sept, 10am – 2.30pm, St Patrick's College Campbelltown, 4 St John's Rd. Morning tea and lunch provided. **Purpose:** to develop actions for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Check out the website www.journeyahead.org.au for more info and read the September issue of Journey magazine – due out soon. **RSVP** to Jane Edwards at pastoralplanning@wooll.catholic.org.au or 4253 0899.



MANY CULTURES – MASS & FESTIVAL. Sunday, 29 August 2.00pm at St John Vianney's Church, Fairy Meadow. Come and celebrate the wonderful cultural diversity of our Diocese with Bishop Ingham and our many cultural communities. The annual Mass and festival is a great opportunity to experience the breadth of cultures within our Diocese.