

me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

"Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

"The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine

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riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel thoughts *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.

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Season of the Year - Sunday 25 (Year C)

19 September 2010

First Reading

8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112

R/ Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore!

2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth?

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people.

Second Reading

2:1-8

from first letter of St Paul to Timothy

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he



wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to life their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel

16:1-13

from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: "There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw



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Twenty Fifth Sunday (Year C)

19 September 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 Valley11^{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.

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: **Grant Morris** (Taree, formerly Nowra); and **Gary Lee** (Katingal, son-in-law of Badia Loadman) and **Tim Ioannou**. (who died tragically on Sunday last.) Also **Ray Abood, Sarah Le Ban** and **Antoni Garnuszek** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.



Inclusion Mass: This Sunday (19 Sept) at 6^{pm}, St Michael's Parish Hall. Parishioners are invited to attend this special parish event, in support of those with special needs. Refreshments will be served after Mass.



CatholicCare, Community Visitors Scheme. Volunteers with CatholicCare's Community Visitors Scheme are trained to offer friendly, regular visits and companionship to residents of aged care facilities who may not receive any visitors. If you can spare 1 hour a fortnight in Nowra, please phone Julianne, 4254 9352.

Parish Retreat Day, 2 Oct, St Michael's Hall. The



theme is 'Undaunted Australian', a reflection on the life of Mary MacKillop, by Srs Joan Goodwin & Margaret Paton.rsj **Mass at 9^{am}**; Retreat starts 10^{am}, an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be provided, Closing with Evening Prayer and Benediction at

2.30^{pm}. BYO lunch. **Hosted by Nowra CWL.**

St Vincent de Paul Society - Recruitment 2010.

"Faith without good works is dead". One way to put our faith into action is to become a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Our Mission Statement says in part, "The Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, justice, hope and joy". **Next weekend there will be a direct appeal to parishioners in Nowra and Bomaderry to give some of your time to the Society, the Society that really needs YOU.** Anyone needing more information before then can ring 44221505, 44218565 or 44210053.



To celebrate the **Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul**, the **Holy Spirit Conference** invites parishioners to Morning Tea, **Sun, 26 Sept**, after 9.30^{am} Mass at Vincentia,

Dates to Note:

Wed 22. Year 12 St John's Graduation Mass- 6.30.p.m.

- **Sun 31 Oct: Diocesan Celebration for Canonisation of Mary MacKillop**, 2.30^{pm} W'gong Entertainment Centre. A bus will run from the Parish. For planning purposes, *those intending to take the bus are asked to write your details on the sheet at the Church door at each Mass Centre.*
- **14 Nov, Diocesan Mass for Significant Marriage Anniversaries** (25, 40, 50 or 60 yrs): 2pm, St John Vianney Church, Fairy Meadow. **Contact Helen Bennett now on 4253 0934 to register.**



The **Diocesan Liturgical Commission** is holding an education session to introduce the new translation of the **Missal** to be implemented in all Parishes during 2011. All parishioners are invited.

Sat 25 Sept, 10am – 1pm, Parish Centre, 20 North St. Nowra. To register, please phone 4253 0934 or email helen.bennett@wooll.catholc.org.au. Or ring the Parish

HOLY SPIRIT SPRING FAIR. Final meeting will be held on **Sun 26 Sept 11^{am}** (1/2 hr meet). Stall Coordinators & interested people please note.

Holy Spirit, Vincentia, AUXILIARY MEETING SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER 1pm



Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman (1801-1890) Pope Benedict

will beatify Cardinal John Henry Newman at a special Mass at Crofton Park, Birmingham this Sunday Sept 19th. John Henry Newman was born on Feb.21st1801. He was ordained an Anglican priest in 1824. He was a great scholar, writer and educationalist and a leading member of the Oxford Movement. He converted to Catholicism in 1843, and was ordained in Rome in 1847. Pope Leo X111 created him cardinal in 1879. His motto was "Cor ad loquitur" **Heart speaks to heart.** Two well known hymns associated with J.H. Newman are **Lead kindly light**, and **Firmly I believe**. Archbishop Vincent Nichols said that his hope for the Papal visit to Britain is: "To show that Faith in God is not a problem to be solved, but a gift to be rediscovered" The inscription in Latin on Cardinal Newman's tomb reads: **"Out of shadows and images into truth"**.

FEASTDAYS: Mon 20 Sept, **St Andrew Kim Tae-gon**, priest and martyr; Korean Martyrs, Tues 21 Sept, **St Mathew**; Thurs 23 Sept, **Padre Pio**.

Coles 'Sports for Schools' Program: From Thurs 2 Sept until 31 Oct, every \$10 spent at Coles Supermarkets will help **St Michael's school** earn new sporting equipment. Just ask the cashier for your vouchers and drop them into the collection box outside the school office. Please help us to collect as many vouchers as possible.