

after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good
News.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

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Reflection

by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community. Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from those who preceded him.

The Living Word

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 October 2010

First Reading Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only;

eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;

if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look

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Twenty Seventh Sunday (Year C)

3 October 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 8^{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, Thurs, 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 ValleySat 4.30 – 5^{pm}
Vincentia..... Sat 5^{pm} – 5.30^{pm}

We prayerfully remember the faithful departed. The recently deceased **Catherine Dillon, Reginald Fife** (Bomaderry) and **Cecilia Zalewski**. Also **Maria Longhurst, Daphne Fossey, Monica Hudson, Tony Russell, Charles Portelli, Des Rutherford, Annie Weeks, Peter Walsh** and **Helen Power** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.



VINCENTIA SPRING FAIR: Over \$11,000 was raised despite the upheaval due to weather. A great effort! **Congratulations & thanks to all workers & members of the community.** Our new Hall is coming closer to reality. A Community 'thank you' BBQ, 7 Nov - details later. - **Remaining Vouchers** donated for the Fair (Dolphin Cruise/Dinners) will be **raffled** at Masses on the weekend 16/17 Oct. Prizes drawn 11^{am} Sun.

Holy Spirit AUXILIARY MEETING: Sat, 16 Oct, 1^{pm}. Not just a committee meeting - all are invited to attend and contribute to general affairs of the community.

Celebrate MARY MACKILLOP CANONISATION.

WIN Entertainment Centre, **Sun 31 Oct, 2.30^{pm}**. There will be a 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. This celebration will be the principal Diocesan Event to mark this great occasion. For seating purposes, those wishing to attend are requested to **register** through the Parish Centre on 4423 1712 by Mon 11 Oct. **Anyone with special needs will need to notify when they register.** If you would like **bus transport**, this weekend is the final opportunity to write your name on the list in the church foyer.



St Michael's Nowra Youth Group

Fri 8 Oct, 11am-1pm, Rope Park, Hawke St, Huskisson. *Please bring your own lunch or money to buy lunch; sport and or beach equipment; hat; sunscreen etc.* Friends and Family are welcome. If **transport** is needed please email youth@nowraparish.org.au by Wed 6 Oct.

CWLA Nowra Branch, Monthly Meeting has been brought forward to **Tues, 5 Oct,** starting with morning tea at 9.30^{am} in the Parish Centre, Nowra. The monthly meeting will be followed by lunch, and the **Annual General Meeting** at 1^{pm}.



Shoalhaven Crossroads is a Christian Fellowship for people with a disability. The next meeting is on **Fri 8 Oct, 7.15 – 9.15pm,** Nowra Baptist Church. Enquiries Beth 4421 8137.



St Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank all who responded positively to our appeal for membership last weekend. Please remember the **Information Evening** on **Tues, 5 Oct, 7^{pm},** in the Parish Centre. Anyone at all interested, but who may not have recorded their name last weekend, are also still very welcome to attend. If you **would like transport**, please ring 44221505 or 44210053.

Dates to Note:

- **Tues 19th Oct.** Mass including Anointing of the Sick – Berry – 11.00.a.m.
- **Sun 31 Oct: Diocesan Celebration for Canonisation of Mary MacKillop.** The Bus leaves Nowra at 12.30.p.m.
- **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.**



A Memorial Liturgy for the Faithful Departed will be held **6 Nov, 10^{am}** in the Worrigeer Chapel. Everyone welcome.

October the month of the Rosary:

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary has its origins in the 1571|victory of Lepanto, Greece, when Pope Pius V attributed the preservation of the Christian world to the recitation of the Holy Rosary.



Pope Paul VI referred to the Rosary as "**the compendium of the entire Gospel**". As a Gospel prayer, centred on the mystery of the redemptive Incarnation, the Rosary is a prayer with clearly centres on Christ. Pope John Paul said: *I also renew this appeal today, underlining at the same time that the Rosary is the contemplation of Christ in his mysteries, in close union with the Blessed Virgin Mary. And who, better than Mary, can accompany us in this journey of the mind and heart? May a constant prayer for peace rise in the Church with the praying of the Rosary, both by individuals and by communities, keeping our gaze fixed on Jesus Christ, our peace..” ...* **ANGELUS Sunday, 14 October 2001.** The Rosary will be prayed each **Tuesday at St Michael's at 8.00a.m.before Mass**

FEASTDAYS:

- Mon 4 Oct, **St Francis of Assisi**
- Thurs 7 Oct, **Our Lady of the Rosary**

St Mary MacKillop of the Cross Prayer Cards available at the Churches. Take the number you wish.



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'**BLUEPRINT FOR A BETTER WORLD**' exhibition is coming to **Lysaght Room, WIN Entertainment Centre** from **Wed 13– Tue 26 Oct**, 9^{am}-5^{pm} weekdays and Sundays 10^{am}-4^{pm}. A free interactive, multimedia exhibition by Caritas Australia in partnership with the Australian Govt's aid agency, AusAID. The Blueprint is an opportunity to engage with the Millennium Development Goals and the promise of Governments throughout the world to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by 2015.

MEN ALIVE BREAKFAST, Sat, 30 Oct, 7.30^{am} at Illawarra Leagues Club, Wollongong. Guest speaker Fr Ken Barker MGL. Invitation to join in fellowship with other men from 16 to 60+ for a hearty breakfast and inspiring presentation. Enquiries Jeff DeBattista 0423 183 627, Phil Dowdell 0434 894 589, Vince Fitzwilliam 0417 249 741 or Peter Veerhuis 0418 123 824.

Anointing Mass, St Patrick's Berry, **Tues 19 Oct 11^{am}** for Healing of the Sick. Please bring a plate to share for lunch in the hall afterwards.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS 2010:

If you are celebrating, 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham at St John Vianney's Church, Fairy Meadow, on Sun 14 Nov, 2^{pm}, please contact Helen Bennett 4253 0934 or email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au



COLLECTION AT THE CELEBRATORY MASS FOR ST MARY MACKILLOP

There will be a collection before the Final Blessing at this Celebratory Mass for the following purposes: The global works of Catholic Mission and especially the missionary Churches of East Timor and Africa; Caritas appeal for the 20 million

people affected by the floods in Pakistan; and the recovery of some costs by the Diocese of Wollongong for diocesan ceremonies associated with the Canonisation of St Mary MacKillop. You are asked to give generously. The collection will be shared equally between Catholic Mission, Caritas and the Diocese of Wollongong.

- **Mon 11 Oct, 9.30-1.30, Catechist Smartboard Inservice** for computer literate catechists. CEO, W'gong. **Contact Lyn** to register: 4423 1009.

