

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Ez 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to 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.)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Rom 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. ‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. ‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed. Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we must be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all our responsibilities.

<i>Mass Times</i>		<i>Sunday Mass Times</i>			MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Saturday Vigils</i>		Nowra	8:00 am	9:30am	5:00 pm	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am
Nowra	5:00pm	Berry	8:00 am			5:30 pm			11:30 am
Culburra	5:00pm	Bomaderry	9:30 am				5:30 pm		
Vincentia	5:00pm	Vincentia	9:00 am	10:15					5:30 pm
	6:15pm	Kangaroo Valley	11:00 am		8:00 am	5:30 pm	5:30 pm	8:00am	8:00 am
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The Diocesan Committee for the Aged is a volunteer committee that meets at least quarterly and online with other diocesan stakeholders.

- It provides support and advice to the Bishop in the Ministry to the Aged. Members bring experience and knowledge of the welfare or have other areas of expertise of the ageing people.

We are inviting expressions of interest from parishioners to be part of this committee for a term of 3 years.

If this interests you, please contact Jane Hollier Parish & Community Liaison Officer at Catholic Care Wollongong on 0417018152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au to get an information pack including position description posted or emailed to you.

Blessing Prayer for Fathers

Lord God, who is Father of all,
send your blessing down on these fathers before us
and those who cannot be with us.

For those who in the night worry for their child,
grant them your comfort.

For those who in the day work and struggle to provide for their child,
send them your strength.

For those who mourn a child,
hold them in your love.

For those who play, laugh, sing and dance with their child,
you share in their joy.

Lord God, who is Father of all,
walk with these fathers, in the light times and the dark.

Bless them, and may they each be a living symbol of your fatherly love;
a symbol to their children and all who they encounter.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



We prayerfully remember Marcus McGuire (Mary Ford's brother) recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Christopher Delaney and Clara McManus. We pray also for all who have died from Covid-19 in Australia and worldwide. May they rest in peace.



St. Michael's Parish, Nowra

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6th September 2020

Happy Father's Day

Praying for all our father's living and deceased.

A Message of Thanks and Appreciation.



As you are well aware by now I retired as Parish Priest of St Michael's parish on Sunday August 30th. It was a very significant decision for me, but inevitable, having been ordained over 54 years ago. Many of you have had to make a similar decision. I will still reside in Nowra but not at the Presbytery. My hope is to be of pastoral assistance in so far as I am needed. Having ministered in the Nowra parish for a total of thirty-three years, (1970-75; 1992-2020), I came to know parishioners well, in many instances I have known 4 generations within families.

I thank you most sincerely for the good, faithful, prayerful, and supportive people that you are, and have been, over the years. Together we have shared joys and sorrows, success and challenges.

As our parish history says in its title, you are indeed **A Faithful People**. I have been deeply moved and grateful for so many expressions of prayer and good wishes. I will offer a Triduum of Masses for your needs and intentions. I pray God's blessing and guidance on Fr Leo, as he takes on the responsibility of parish Administrator.

May the Lord continue to bless and protect you, your families, and all near and dear to you.

Peace and God Bless.

Fr Pat