

## Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

## First Reading - A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.  
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,  
who keeps strict account of sin.  
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.  
If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?  
Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?  
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?  
Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.  
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;  
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults **(R.)**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

## Second Reading - A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Jn 13:34**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel - A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

## Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



**First Holy Communion and Confirmation** will go ahead in Term 4 this year! If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year, and they do not attend the Catholic Schools, you **must** register through the Parish Office by the end of Term 3.

To Register for weekend Masses in *Nowra, Culburra, Berry and Bomaderry*

please call **0477 427 396** (Mon to Fri between 10:00am & 3:00pm)

To register for Mass at **Kangaroo Valley**, please email [ronankangaroo1@gmail.com](mailto:ronankangaroo1@gmail.com)

To register for Mass at **Vincentia**, please call 0435 862 156 or email [holyspiritvincentia@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritvincentia@gmail.com)

**\*\*\* IF YOU HAVE REGISTERED FOR MASS AND ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE CALL TO CANCEL YOUR BOOKING.\*\*\***



## SEASON OF CREATION

This coming month marks the commencement of the **Season of Creation**, commencing with a world day of prayer on 1 September and concluding with the feast day of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. Join with

Christians around the world in joyful celebrations, prayer, formation and activities that focus on our common home at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>



We prayerfully remember the recently deceased **Roy Seal** and those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially **Ray Abood, Bishop Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Cabe, Bishop Geoffrey Mayne** and **Malachy Frawley**. We pray also for all who have died from Covid-19 in Australia and worldwide. May they rest in peace.

### Confessions / Reconciliation

**Nowra:** Saturday: 9.30 – 10.30am  
**Berry:** Tuesday following 5.30pm Mass  
**Culburra:** Saturday prior to Vigil Mass at 5.00pm  
**Bomaderry:** following Friday Mass at 5.30pm  
**Vincentia:** Saturday 4pm



## St. Michael's Parish, Nowra

Incorporating the Catholic Communities of St Michael's, Nowra - St Patrick's, Berry - Sacred Heart, Bomaderry - Help of Christians, Culburra – St Joseph's, Kangaroo Valley - Holy Spirit, Vincentia

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

13th September 2020

### CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

### Catholic Social Justice Statement September 2020:

**To Live Life to the Full:** Mental health in Australia today. *"People living with mental ill health are part of the Body of Christ - us and not them -and share equally in Jesus' promise of the fullness of life."* You are encouraged to download the Statement from the Australian Bishops website for your reflection and conversation:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/07/03/social-justice-statement-2020-21/>

*A small group of parishioners have expressed interest to meet and share some reflection on this statement from the Bishops. Feel free to register for either group by phoning the parish and leaving contact details. (Max 8 people in meeting room.)*

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Sept**

**1.30 - 2.45 p.m. Parish Office**

**Repeat session: Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Sept**

**7.30 - 8.45 p.m. Parish Office**

**Facilitators: Bernadette Pullen & Sue Barker**



### An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving

We respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure COVID-19 imposes on our parish. Please contact the parish office for more details

or download the direct debit form -

<https://www.nowraparish.org.au/docs/Parish/DirectDebitRequestForm.pdf>

Please contact the Parish Office 4423 1712.