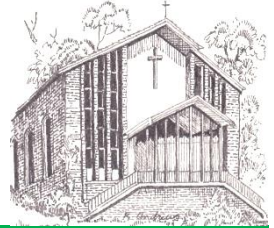




# Welcome to the Parish of St Michael Thirroul and Wombarra




**6 / 7 JULY 2019**  
**14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✦ YEAR C**  
**VINNIES WINTER APPEAL ✦ NAIDOC WEEK**

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Jesus sent seventy-two disciples out to prepare each town he would visit. He gave his famous instructions about shaking the dust from their feet.

Isn't it our duty to go out and spread the good news of the kingdom too? This Sunday we concentrate on that calling. Not a flat duty imposed by guilt or command, but by gratitude. Liturgical spirituality would say that it is in return for the great goodness of God to each of us and all of us.

Remember last week? Jesus was recruiting. He used tough language ("Let the dead bury their own dead," etc.), and now he is giving army-like instructions as to how the seventy-two should act when they journey to the towns ("Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals"). Do we find ourselves ready to be sent out when we see, as far back as Good Friday, just how much God is willing to do in order to love us and share our lives?

When someone loves you and stays with you, isn't it normal to respond with gratitude?

What was it that Jesus himself experienced that made him so grateful, that made him act with self-giving and surrender on the cross? We want to know because we are to imitate him.

One answer could be a theoretical one about the Trinity, about Jesus being the Second Person, close as close can be to the Father of love. But on Sunday we will have very earthy images that fill out that answer.

Take a look at the First Reading. It is a beautiful welcome home to a people who had been exiled from Jerusalem, who had hung up their harps because they did not want to sing in captivity.

The Lord tells them to "suck fully of the milk of [Jerusalem's] comfort, that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast. ... You shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you."

Maternal images, immediate, utterly compelling.

Peace flows from this motherhood of God. Our wild and woolly lives emerge from it and somehow always go back to it.

Jesus had been nurtured at Mary's breast. She was the mother who bore him and loved him and raised him. Through her and with her he was nurtured, and as well, at the breast of the Holy Spirit. His physical self had needs like everyone else, but his divine nature was ✨ ✨

## Remembering



🔗🔗 now fulfilled, at all times, in the tender union that is the Trinity.

When he threw out his arms on the cross he asked the God who suckled him that most terrible of all questions, “Why have you forsaken me?” Even then, even in agony of soul and body, he remembered somehow the love that cradled him. His hope-against-hope let him stay on the cross.

You and me: when we forget the fond love God for our wriggling, snotty, childlike selves, we can still recognize that we knew such love in the past. And that we will know it again. We need to wait and pray, and, yes, suffer.

God is the crux of our lives. God sends us forth gracefully into the world. When someone loves us and stays with us, don’t we keep learning to lovingly respond?

In Luke’s account of the life of Jesus, we are at a turning point. Jesus is beginning his journey to Jerusalem to meet his fate; and he is instructing the followers who must carry on his mission. He has already sent his chosen twelve out on mission. Now he sends out ‘seventy two others’. The numbers are symbolic. The mission of the apostles is to the twelve tribes of Israel – since the immediate concern of Jesus was to call the nation back to faithfulness. Seventy two was the number of the pagan nations, according to the traditions of the Old Testament – ultimately the mission of Jesus is universal. The ‘seventy two others’ represent all of us, his followers in every age, called to share in his mission to bring the Good News of God to all people. ‘Evangelisation’, being bearers of the Good News, is a basic theme in the Church’s teaching today. ‘The labourers are few’, Jesus tells us, and we tend to think he is referring to the ‘professionals’, clergy and religious. But today’s gospel tells us that it is that not only those who carry on a leadership role like that of the apostles, but all followers of Jesus who are called to carry forward the Church’s mission in the name of Christ.

The Lord’s instructions to the seventy two are for us too. He invites us to learn what it is to be an evangeliser. The first requirement is that we have truly found joy in the meaning faith gives to our lives. These disciples ‘came back rejoicing’; and today’s liturgy, in its choice of the reading from Isaiah, underlines this first characteristic of authentic bearers of the gospel message – with its expressions of boundless joy in the blessings of God. True evangelisers must have a faith commitment that is strong: the disciples are told that they must be single-minded – their greatest treasure should be the message they bear; it will be this personal conviction that leads others to share in what they have found. True evangelisers are bearers of peace: the disciples are told to be aware of the healing and reconciliation their message should bring to their hearers. Jesus sends the disciples out ‘two by two’: because the example of a community that lives by Christ’s teaching is an essential part of authentic evangelisation. And finally, Jesus warns against the spirit of self-importance that can spoil the work of the evangelist: all that should matter is their own relationship with God.

Clearly, it is not clever presentation, or anything of that order, that will make us good evangelisers, but the quality of our own response to the call of Jesus, to share in all that he stands for – especially in the ordinary situations of our lives, in the midst of our families and our ordinary life relationships.

Scholars who have studied Luke’s mind tell us that the program he sets out here is realised in the life of the early Church as he describes it in the Acts of the Apostles. And today’s reading from Paul to the Galatians reminds us of that great evangeliser, whose labours, as he spread the Good News, are a magnificent illustration of the message of today’s gospel.



# NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC 2019: the theme is **Voice - Treaty - Truth**.

The reforms set out in the Uluru Statement from the Heart can be expressed in three key goals: **Voice – Treaty - Truth**. NAIDOC Week 2019 takes inspiration from these three aims which represent the hopes and dreams of First Nations Australians. During NAIDOC, we remember in our thoughts and prayers the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of our country and celebrate their rich cultures and inspiring contributions to Australia.



This Sunday is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, and the theme is **“Peace to this house and all who dwell within”**. The theme is drawn from Luke 10:1-12. In our busy lives, we are often bombarded with competing priorities, distractions, worries and concerns about ourselves and others, which can cause us to forget to take the time to stop, look around, reflect and look for peace in our lives. We celebrate the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the Australian Catholic Church.

Throughout his AFL career, Adam Goodes stood unbowed in the face of racism and discrimination. Check out where you can see the film documentary *The Final Quarter*.

## VINNIES WINTER APPEAL – THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT



The Annual Vinnies Winter Appeal continues this weekend, **6-7 July**.

This winter, thousand of Australian like Ruby will struggle to make ends meet.

Nothing prepared Ruby for the changes that she would go through later in life. Losing a husband and going on the pension didn't just mean she had limited means ... it left her with no social connections.

If you're too broke to go out, or you've felt isolated from people, then you've felt the pain of poverty. After paying for food, Ruby cannot even afford to leave the house and faces days of complete isolation.

Thanks to the generosity of Vinnies supporters, she has made a step toward ending her pain of poverty. Your donation will help provide food, housing an support to people in need. Vinnies are very grateful for your

generous support of past appeals. **Thank you for your generosity.**

**ONE NON-PERISHABLE ITEM PER FAMILY EACH WEEK  
TO HELP THE NEEDY IN THE LOCAL ILLAWARRA AREA**

## WE ARE MOVING – TEMPORARILY, THAT IS

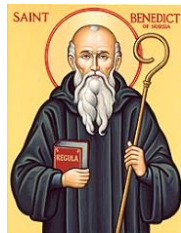
The inside of our church is to be repainted – not a small job. So, **from 8 July** for three weekends, we will celebrate the Eucharist: **on weekdays in the Parish Common Room, and on weekends in the McCarthy Centre within our Parish School grounds**. Parking can still take place within the Parish Church grounds. *Help will be needed each weekend.*

## CLERGY INSERVICE FOR OUR DIOCESE 9-11 JULY

Because of the Clergy In-Service at Campbelltown, 9-11 July, this **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** there will be Liturgy of the Word with Communion **in the Common Room.**

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7 July</b>	<b>Start of NAIDOC Week</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9 July</b>	Clergy Inservice; Liturgy of the Word 5:30pm <b>CWL Luncheon Thirroul Bowling Club noon</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10 July</b>	Clergy Inservice; Liturgy of the Word 9:00am
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11 July</b>	Clergy Inservice; Liturgy of the Word 9:00am <b>St Benedict, abbot</b>
<b>Weekend</b>	<b>13/14 July</b>	<b>Masses in the McCarthy Centre usual times</b>



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE JULY LUNCHEON

The Catholic Women's League will meet at **12 noon** next **Tuesday, 9 July** at the **Thirroul Bowling Club** for their annual *Christmas in July Luncheon*.

## SCARF HIGH TEA SUNDAY, 21 JULY 3PM

SCARF [Strategic Community Assistance to Refugee Families] helps refugee entrants to build a sense of belonging and navigate the practical and personal challenges of starting a new life in Australia. People from refugee backgrounds have often experienced trauma, significant upheaval, loss and months or years of uncertainty before arrival in Australia. Once settled in a host country, refugee entrants are finally safe. But settlement isn't an immediate 'happily ever after' – so much in their new home is unfamiliar: culture, customs, language, social norms. By creating connections and generating opportunities, SCARF helps individuals and families to establish a sense of belonging, experience social and economic inclusion and access the tools for self-empowerment and independence. **Please come along or support** this initiative: **Thirroul Railway Institute Hall** – Platform 1 Thirroul Station, 11 Railway Parade, Thirroul, **Sunday, 21 July, 3pm. Tickets \$30.** ☎ **0405 027 250.**



### THIS Sunday's Readings *on our website*

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year C**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Isaiah 66:10-14  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Galatians 6:14-18  
**Gospel** Luke 10:1-12,17-20

### NEXT Sunday's Readings *on our website*

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year C**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Deuteronomy 30:10-14  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Colossians 1:15-20  
**Gospel** Luke 10:25-37

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**Church of St Michael • Thirroul**  
 Saturday – **5:30pm** • Sunday – **8:00am**  
**Bulli • Sunday 8:30am and 5:30pm**  
**Corrimal • Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9:30am**

### LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>Wombarra</b> [ <i>Liturgy</i> ]	<b>Monday</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
<b>Thirroul</b> [ <i>Liturgy</i> ]	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
	<i>Liturgy</i> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
	<i>Liturgy</i> <b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>

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**Tuesday, Wednesday Friday**

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