



St Michael's Parish NOWRA – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: office@nowraparish.org.au

Website: nowraparish.org.au Incorporates the Church Communities of St Michael, Nowra; St Patrick, Berry Sacred Heart, Bomaderry; Mary, Help of Christians, Culburra; St Joseph, Kangaroo Valley; Holy Spirit, Vincentia

4th Sunday of Lent (B)

11th March 2018

SUNDAY MASSES:

Nowra: Vigil 6:00pm, 8:00am, 9:30am & 6:00pm

Berry: 8:00am **Bomaderry:** 9:30am

Culburra: Vigil 6:00pm

Vincentia: Vigil 6:00pm & 9:30am

Kangaroo Valley: 11:00am

Weekday Masses

Nowra: Mon. 7:00am/Tues/Thurs 8:15am

Fri 7:00am & 11:30am **and** Sat: 9:00am

Berry: Tues: 5:30pm

Culburra: Thursday – 5:30pm

Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8:00am, Tues/Wed 5:30pm

Kangaroo Valley: Tues/Wed/Thurs 9:00am

Shoalhaven Heads: on Fridays 3:30pm

Confession -- Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 9:30am- 10:30am & 5:00-5:30pm

Culburra: Sat 5:30pm

Vincentia: Sat 5:00pm–5:30pm



St Patrick's Day Vigil Mass – Our annual St Patrick's Day celebration: Mass & supper, at St Patrick's Berry, will be held on **Fri 16th March**. Mass will begin at 6:30pm, followed by fun, fellowship and supper in the hall. Please bring food to share.

Dates to Note:

- **First Meeting of Confirmation Candidates and Parents: Wed March 21st at St Michael's at 7:00pm. Children in Yr 6 & upward who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist are eligible for Confirmation. It is essential that candidates & parent(s) attend this meeting.**
- **Second Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for Holy Week and Easter; Thurs March 22nd at 7:00pm.**

Next Youth Group for young people from Year 5 to Year 8: Sunday 25th March, drop off and sign in at **St Michael's school hall 4pm**, leading in to **6pm Youth Mass** at the Church. The first Youth Group last month was a great success with about 25 young people coming along. They all felt welcomed and included, enjoyed games, activities, pizza, and music, and reflected on the Sunday Gospel together. They then stayed for the Youth Mass where young people helped in various ways. This will now happen every month, thanks to the Parish Youth Team. If you'd like more info or would like to support this new initiative, contact the Parish Office

Jamberoo Spirituality in the Pub - At the first gathering for Jamberoo SIP for 2018, well known theologian Dr John Honner will explore the topic 'A World transformed through the Grace of Children'. **Mon 12th March**, 7:30pm at Jamberoo Hotel. All Welcome

Invitation to The Chrism Mass – Wed 28th March 7.30pm. Each year during Holy Week the Chrism Mass is celebrated at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. During the Mass, the Priests of the Diocese renew their commitment to priestly service. Everyone is warmly invited to join Bishop Brian and our clergy to celebrate this significant event in the life of the Church.

Arise Sisterhood National Catholic Women's Conference - 16-18th Mar at Stanwell Tops Helensburgh. The Sisterhood conference aims to empower women to return to their own parish, community, family and work-place to make a difference. For more information and registration visit www.sisterhood.org.au

Minutes of the Meetings of Holy Spirit Parish Auxiliary - If you would like a copy of the Minutes, please send your email address to sharonfelicityjohnson@gmail.com

Mass with a Difference will be held on Sat 7th April in St Michael's Hall at 6pm.

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Fr. Peter McGrath**, Founder of the Passionist Family Group Movement, (Sydney) and **Elsie Collins**. Also, those whose anniversaries occur; **Peter Dell**, **Robert Aitken** and **Joseph Chummar**. May they rest in eternal peace.



Nowra Branch CWL – monthly meeting, **Tues 13th March**, 9:30am morning tea, followed by meeting at 10am in the Parish Centre. **Contact Judy Thompson on 4421 8565.**



CWL Bay & Basin Branch would like to invite our Parish community to our St Patrick's Day celebration to be held at Paradise Beach, Sanctuary Point on **Fri 16 March at 11am**. BYO everything - BBQ facilities supplied. For more info, contact Robyn: 4443 9701



“Come to me all Ye who labour and are heavy burdened and I will give you rest.”

An opportunity to respond to this invitation using the songs and prayers from Taize is offered this Lent. The evening will take place at St John's School chapel, on **Fri 23rd March** at 7:30pm. Bring a friend and come and see what all the quiet is about. *“Take my yoke and learn from me.”*



Visual Aids Workshop - Mon 12th March, 9:30am – 12:30pm. Sr Joan Goodwin will lead a workshop for those wanting to use visual aids, such as puppets, felt boards, toys & posters to create effective & interesting lessons. This workshop is a part

of the level 1 course, but is open to all Catechists, Classroom Helpers and Children's Liturgy Leaders. Please RSVP to this workshop. Contact Frances 44231712 or catechist@nowraparish.org.au

Project Compassion material is now available at all churches in our parish. We encourage parishioners to support this worthy and well proven aspect of our Lenten observance



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CatholicCare Wollongong – Free Anxiety Awareness presentation for Parents/Carers & Teachers **Mon 26th March** at 25 – 27 Auburn St Wollongong 6:00 – 7:30pm.

CatholicCare will be holding a Small Steps anxiety awareness presentation discussing the types, as well as the signs and symptoms of anxiety disorders and how they can affect children. RSVP or for more info contact Kath Walsh: 42549332 / kathw@catholiccare.dow.org.au

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Fr Patrick Faherty: Parish Priest, Nowra
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Mrs Frances Fairs: Catechist Coordinator, 4423 1712
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St Michael's Playgroup - runs each Monday during the school term from 9:00am–10:30am in foyer of St Michael's School Hall. Parents, grandparents, carers, all welcome! Please bring your child's snacks & gold coin donation.



Craft-Tea Characters - Wednesdays 9:30am-12:00pm, in the Parish Centre. There's more to it than craft you'll see; like coffee, laughs, community, conversation & more, if you'll just walk in the door. Give it a go & then you'll know all you need to do is show. **Enquiries: Louise 0438 218 728**



CAtHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts & recipes for free from their website www.cathfamily.org.

Don't miss Catkins, weekly interactive experience with a two-minute animated reflection on the Sunday reading. Families in the Diocese of Wollongong are encouraged to utilise these resources at home to share faith with kids

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