



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

Monday 19th Feast of St Joseph
Second Rite of Reconciliation (Confession) at St Michael's on Thursday 22nd at 7.00p.m.

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased:
Lorna Narelle Hewett. Also, those whose anniversaries occur; **Francene Devoy, Leigh Collin, John O'Shaughnessy, Alexandra Garnuszek, Peter and Jacki Fossey, Reg and Mary Houghton, John Thomas Fryer, and Antipas Rojas.** May they rest in eternal peace.



St Michael's Parish Retreat – Sat 19th May at 9:30am. St Michael's School Hall. More details available in the coming weeks.

Nowra-Bomaderry Choir Rehearsals for Lent and Easter seasons **Sun 18th March** after 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Bomaderry

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

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.**



"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 Taizé 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."*

Youth Group for young people from Year 5 to Year 8: Next Sunday 25 March (Palm Sunday), 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! About 25 young people came along, 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, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

Craft on Wednesday: 9:30ish -12:00 St Michael's Parish Centre. Come and have a cuppa, chat and a laugh. Make new things, new friends, learn a skill. The last few weeks we've tackled *watercolour cards* and *spinning* thanks to the cleverness of some of our members. Come along and be surprised.
Louise 0438 218 728 or Karen 0408 214 031

Culburra Family Group: Morning tea and visiting Joan & Greg at Berry on **Sun 25th March.** Contact Marg/Paul 4446 4117 to confirm a lift. Meet at Arch-gate Cnr Coonemia Rd & Culburra Rd at 9:10am.

Barefoot Bowls – Tues 20th March, from 4:30pm at Bomaderry Bowling Club. The evening is guaranteed to be a lot of fun. There is no need to book, simply meet with the group at the club. Play in bare feet or wear a pair of soft soled shoes and bring \$5 for registration. Contact **Sylvia Palmer; 0437 267 245** for further details.

Sunday Roast – Sun 25th March at North Nowra Tavern from 12 noon. Come with a friend or on your own and meet up with fellow Parishioners to enjoy a roast dinner in great company. *All welcome!* Cost \$12. Call **the Parish Office, 4423 1712** for further information or to arrange transport.

Mass at the Farm: This Monday 12:30pm, followed by lunch, at Jim Da Silva Farm. All welcome!

"ALPHA": Mondays from April 30th at 6:30pm at St Michael's school hall. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions open to anyone who wants to come and freely explore deeper questions about life and what Christianity has to offer. We share a meal, watch a video and have a chat in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Over 27 million people around the world have explored the big questions of life on Alpha. ***Who among your family, friends, workmates, and others may you invite along? Would you like to experience it for yourself? Would you be willing to help with catering?*** See sign up sheets in Church foyers or call the Parish office on 44231712. Please pray for Alpha!



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

5th Sunday of Lent (B)
18th March 2018

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



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



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

The Journey Catholic Radio Program – Airs weekly. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can subscribe to weekly shows.

Parish Staff – Parish Office: 4423 1712

Fr Patrick Faherty: Parish Priest, Nowra

Fr Duane Fernandez: Assistant Priest, Nowra:

Fr Leo Duck: Vincentia; 4441 5571

Fr Ronan Kilgannon: Kangaroo Valley.

Deacon Peter Preside - Chaplain to Corrective Services

Sisters Beverley Caffrey and Sue Barker SGS.

Mrs Frances Fairs: Catechist Coordinator, 4423 1712

Mrs Liz Nimmo: PT Parish Secretary 4423 1712

Mrs Melissa Mazzo: PT Parish Secretary 4423 17