



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

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

5th Sunday of Lent (Year B)
2nd April 06

SUNDAY MASSES:

Nowra: ...Vigil 6.00pm, 8.00am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
Berry: 8.00am
Bomaderry:..... 9.30am
Culburra:..... Vigil 6.00pm
Vincentia:.....Vigil 6pm & 9.30.am.
Kangaroo Valley:..... 11.00am

Masses this Week

Nowra: Mon 7.00am, Tues/ Wed/Thurs 8.15am, Fri. 7am & 11.30am. Sat. 9am.

Holy Hour: Fri. 10.30am **Rosary:** Tues. 10am
Berry: Tues 5.30pm | **Culburra:** Thurs.- 5.30pm
Bomaderry: (1st Friday : 5.45pm)
Vincentia:..Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8.00am; Tues/Wed: 5.30pm
K/Valley: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Sat 11.00am (Divine Office 10.40am) Wed. 6.20am.
Shoalhaven Heads: Fri. 3.30pm.

Confession/Reconciliation:

Nowra: Sat 11.30 – 12.30pm. 5.00 – 5.30pm
Culburra: Sat. 5.30pm.
Berry: Tues. 6.00pm **Kangaroo Valley:** Sat 4.30
Vincentia: (Extra time during Lent): Sat. 11.30a.m. 12.00, and 5.00 – 5.30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Nowra : Fridays of Lent – 7.30.p.m.
Culburra : Tues. April 4th. 11.00a.m.
Vincentia: Fridays of Lent following Mass at 8.00am

Y **YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (20-40 years):** next meet in the **Parish Meeting Room** from 8pm – 9.30pm on 3 April. Refreshments provided. contact Jodi 4422 3318 or Frances 4422 7791.

VOCATIONS CONGRESS – YOUTH MASS – 9 April (Palm Sunday) – Mass for young people on International World Youth Day, 2006. St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong at 5pm. Supper follows the Mass. BYO food to share. More information on this & other events available on the website – www.dow.org.au/vocations

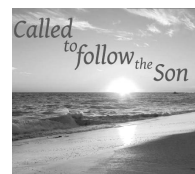


SACRAMENTAL MEETINGS :

Parents (only) of First Holy Communicants
Meeting: Nowra: Wed. 5 April 7.30pm
Vincentia: Thursday 6 April 7.00pm

CALLED TO FOLLOW THE SON – week 5 of the Lenten Programme. ALL are invited to celebrate **The Commemoration of THE PASCHAL MEAL** on Sun 9 April, assembling at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start in the Parish Hall.

YOU NEED NOT HAVE ATTENDED A LENTEN GROUP. The meal is a simple ritual (and a joyous social Parish gathering). The list of items for each table is on the notice board in St Michael's Church foyer.. Children of all ages are welcome. Would all Group leaders and anyone else wanting to attend please advise Maree 4421 8516 or Peggy 4421 3417 of numbers attending. **NB:** Group leaders note that we will need some helpers including several able-bodied males (think grandsons & sons) to set up the hall on the morning of 9 April.



PROJECT COMPASSION –

The Lord urges us to seek peace and reconciliation in our every day relationships. This week we go to Papua New Guinea where Caritas is providing practical and emotional care for families living with HIV and AIDS. Your support ensures Caritas continues providing support for people living with HIV.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS at ST MICHAEL'S –

Do you have a gift for arranging flowers and would like to be a member of monthly Roster? The Parish will supply the flowers, or you can bring your own. If you are interested please contact Robbie at the Presbytery.

The Lydian Singers, present MUSIC ON PALM SUNDAY, Bach, Williamson & Dubois to be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Nowra – Sunday 9 April 2.30pm. Entry \$5 at the door.

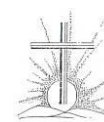
THE HOLY WEEK and EASTER timetable for the Parish is now available at all Mass centres. Please collect a copy. We would be most grateful if parishioners could leave some copies at local Motels and Caravan Park. Proprietors and visitors are almost grateful.

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated at St Michael's on Friday evening - **7 April at 7.30pm.** Parishioners are encouraged to avail of this Sacramental opportunity as a most appropriate communal preparation for Holy Week and Easter. There will be four priests present for Confession.

IN PREPARATION FOR THE HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS at St Michael's there will be practices for a small 'schola /choir' group on 27/3, 3 & 10 April from 5pm – 6pm. If you can participate in a small lead-group please come.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY have a range of religious good available at their Plunkett Street Store, in particular items suitable as gifts for 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you want anything they haven't got, ask to see the brochures and they will order it in for you.

PARISH DISABILITY CONNECTIONS – unfortunately the date for the next meeting has had to be changed. Please note the date – **Wed 5 April** in the Parish meeting room (demountable near Presbytery) 2.00 – 3.30pm **OR** 7.30 – 9.00pm



We prayerfully remember Margaret Finlay (G'well Pt.) who died last week.: Also **Ronald Bowden, and Trudy Rae Chalker** whose anniversaries occur at this time - **May they rest in eternal peace.**

MOTHER RUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND THEATRE GALA – Wed 21 June. "Caught in the Net" at the Nowra Players Theatre, Bomaderry. Adults \$25, Students \$20. Contact Denise Jones 0419 248 889