



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

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Fourth Sunday in Lent (Yr C)
18th March 2007

Sunday Masses

Nowra: Vigil 6pm 8am, 9.30am & 6pm
Berry: 8am
Bomaderry: 9.30am
Culburra: Vigil 6pm
Vincentia: Vigil 6pm and 9.30am
Kangaroo Valley: 11am.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Nowra: Mon 7am Tues, Wed, Thurs 8.15am
Fri 7am and 11.30am, Sat. 9am
Morning Prayer: Wed 7.50am; **Holy Hour:** Fri 10.30am
Berry: Tues. 5.30pm,
Bomaderry : 1st Fridays only 5.45pm
Culburra: Thurs. 5.30pm (Rosary before)
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00am/Tues/Wed. 5.30pm.
Kangaroo Valley: Mon/Tues/Thurs and Sat. 11.00am (Divine Office 10.40am), Wed Mass 6.20am (Lauds at 6am)
Shoalhaven Heads (Community Centre) Fri. 3.30pm

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

Nowra: Sat 11.30am – 12.30pm, 5.00-5.30pm
Culburra: Sat 5.30pm, **Berry** Tues. 6.00pm
Vincentia: Sat 11 - 11.30am and 5 – 5.30pm

2nd. Rite of Reconciliation at St. Michael's- Friday March 30th – 7.30.p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Nowra: Fridays 7.00pm.
K.Valley: Fridays 5.00pm.
Vincentia: Following 8.00am Mass each Fri of Lent
Culburra : Tues. March 20th. 11.00.a.m.

CLERGY OF THE PARISH

Fr Patrick Faherty PP VG 4423 1712
Fr Richard Healey (Nowra) 4423 1712
Fr Leo Duck (Vincentia) 4441 5571
Fr Ronan Kilgannon (Kangaroo Valley)

CULBURRA FAMILY GROUP. On Sun 25 March at 10.00am a walk, beginning and ending at the picnic area of Currarong's 'Bosom Beach' (near the creek) has been organised. If you do not wish to walk, please join us for a picnic lunch at 1.00pm. (Contact Paul & Marg Casey 44464117)

THANK YOU BBQ for Triathlon volunteers & raffle supporters (Holy Spirit Vincentia) on Sun 18 March at 12 noon at 115 Naval Pde., Errowal Bay. Bring a salad to share, drinks, plates, chair etc., other food provided by the auxiliary..



OPEN WIDE THE DOORS TO CHRIST – week 4 – “Welcoming the Stranger”. We are called to welcome and love all people....one meaning of ‘catholic’ is ‘all-embracing’...we are called to be truly catholic...we cannot simply wait for others to come to us, but must seek to reach out

to the stranger first”

All parishioners and friends are invited to take part in the **PASCHAL MEAL COMMEMORATION** – Sun 1 April assembling at 7pm in the Parish Hall; children of all ages are welcome. Either form your own group; give your name to a Lenten Group leader or contact Peggy 44213417 or Francene 4421 5962.

LENTEN GROUP LEADER A reminder to organise your groups for the Paschal Meal . Numbers should be given to Maree McMillan 4421 8516 or Peggy or Francene by Mon 26 March.

Note: We urgently need some helpers to set up the hall on the morning of 1 April.

YOUNG ADULTS – on Mon 19 March, **Fr Ronan** will be guest speaker – topic ‘**The Carthusian hermits**’ All welcome. For information please contact Jody 4422 3318 or Frances 4422 7791.



HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR DATE WITH THE POPE? World Youth Day 2008 is coming! It will be a huge spiritual event involving over 600,000 people of all ages. Come to ‘**Get with the Spirit**’, a gathering to introduce you to **WYD08**, 7.30 – 9.00pm here in **our Parish on 22**

March for people of **all ages** and discover how you can get involved. Pick up some flyers from the back of the Church to help spread the word.

PARISH DISABILITY CONNECTIONS VOLUNTEERS are invited to attend an a/noon or evening session on Wed 28 March at the Parish Centre, 30 North St from 2 – 3.30pm OR 7.30 – 9.00pm. For further details contact Sr Jeanie 0405 158 763

You are invited to the SOLEMN MASS OF ST JOSEPH at the Church that bears his name in Kangaroo Valley, on his Feastday, Mon 19 March at 11.00am, followed by a shared garden luncheon.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER LITURGY Is the **responsibility of All Parishioners!** In last week's Bulletin we sought to link the Diocesan Lenten Programme with our Holy Week and Easter Liturgical preparation. This 3rd Session speaks of the importance of Parishioners accepting **greater responsibility of ‘co-hosting the community celebration of the Eucharist’** if we are to address declining Church attendance in some meaningful way. Parishioners need little reminding of how important the Liturgy of Holy Week and Easter is to the spiritual vitality of a Parish. On that basis we appealed to Parishioners to attend a preparation session on Tuesday Evening last. The fact that only two parishioners- came along, both Organists already fully committed to Parish Liturgy, surely must present each of us with obvious food for thought. Most disappointing!! The Liturgy presents both an opportunity and an invitation to share something of our Time and Talents with God, as stewards of His mysteries. (Fr. P. Faherty)

The next choir practice will be on Tues 20 March from 5.30pm – 6.30pm approx. (to accommodate those on their way home from work.)

Food as basic human nourishment is central to this week's Project Compassion story. In this story we encounter the hardships of local communities in Jucul, Peru who are struggling to survive on a subsistence existence. Your donation to **Project Compassion** will ensure communities such as Adolpho's have food security and can look forward to the future with confidence and hope.



We prayerfully remember **:Ellen Bethe, Noreen Lumsden** who died recently. Also **Frances Danswan and James Thomas Fryer** and all whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.

MOTHER RUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND – THEATRE GALA – Wed 21 March – “**The Kidnap Game**” at the Nowra Players, B'derry. Adults \$25, Students \$20 which includes Champagne on arrival and extended interval supper. Contact Denise 0419 248 889 or 4423 2299 (bh). Money must be in to ensure the seat is yours.



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SHOALHAVEN BEREKAH GROUP will next meet on Mon
26 March at 6.30pm in St Michael's Parish Hall foyer for
dinner reflection and conversation. Please bring a plate to
share, wine optional. For information or to advise coming
please ring Hetty 0405 136 110 or Karen 4423 4676