



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 Easter (Yr C)

Vocations Sunday -April 29th 2007

Sunday Masses:

NOWRA : 6.00.Vigil 8.00am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
 BERRY 8.00am
 BOMADERRY 9.30am
 CULBURRA BEACH Vigil 6.00.p.m.
 VINCENTIA : Vigil: 6.00.p.m.,8.00am & 9.30am
 KANGAROO VALLEY 11.00am

MASSES DURING THE WEEK –

Nowra: Mon 7am; Tues. Wed. Thurs. 8.15am
 Fri. 7.00am and 11.30am; Sat. 9.00am.
Berry: Tues. 5.30pm,
Culburra: Thurs 5.30 p.m.
Bomaderry : 1st. Friday 5.45.p.m.- this Friday
Vincentia: Mon/ /Thur/Fri 8.00am Tue/ Wed 5.30pm.
Kangaroo Valley: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat : 11.a.m.
 (Divine Office 10.40.a.m.) Wed. 6.20.a.m..
Shoalhaven Heads Friday 3.30p.m.

Confession/Reconciliation :

Nowra: Sat 11.30.-12.30pm. 5.00 - 5.30pm.
Culburra: Sat. 5.30pm. **Berry:** Tues. 6.00pm.
Bomaderry: 1st Fri. 5.15pm.
Vincentia: Sat. 5.00-5.30pm.

Dates to note:

- First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Parish on 19/20 May.
- Diocesan Mass celebration 150th. anniversary of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan- Sun June 3rd. Cathedral- 2p.m.
- Missions annual Appeal Sun 17 June.
- Confirmation : Sunday 24 June.



We prayerfully remember, **Nell Warden** (Berry) **Jennifer Heffernan, Fred Hawkins and Diane Scott** (Brisbane), who died last week. Dr Warwick and Mrs Margaret Bennett (formerly of Berry) who died in New Zealand in recent months. Also **Karl Bernard Schaefer and Ella Bates** and all whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 08 – don't forget to look up the Diocesan Web Site – www.wyd08wooll.org for information about activities in the Diocese.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT 2007 Regional meetings have been held throughout the Parish this past week to inform parents and candidates about Confirmation. Attendance at one of those Meetings is an essential aspect of preparation. The remaining opportunities are:



St Michael's Church - 7.00.p.m Mon April 30th - Class (6B) (This includes State School candidates Nowra/B'derry). **Berry .** Tues. May 1st. 6.15.p.m.
 In the **Vincentia** region the options are either following the 6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass on April 28th or the 9.30a.m. Mass on Sunday April 29th.

MARRIAGE & RELATIONSHIP – Healthy Relationships- Monday May 7th. at St. Michael's Parish Centre - Presented by Roseanne Plunkett (Centacare) an initiative of the Young Adults Group – open to all

BAY & BASIN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will be participating in a Retreat at Berry Catholic Church Hall on 2 May commencing 10.00am. The Theme is 'Journey of Faith' presented by Sr Bridie O'Connell. Morning tea provided – BYO lunch.

NOWRA BAPTIST CHURCH - invite parishioners to an 'Indian Night' on 19 May at 6.00pm – an information & fund raising evening about the medical work in India with an Authentic Indian Banquet (& Aust. Meals).Information & booking Lee 4423 4117.

Mary Help of Christians Community Culburra, will be holding a Mothers' Day Stall following the Vigil Mass on Saturday May 5th. Donations of cakes, plants etc. would be greatly appreciated.

CATECHIST CORNER – Welcome back to Term 2. Our **Catechist Retreat Day**, led by Fr Ronan will be held on Fri. 4 May, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Berry Hall. BYO lunch, mug & a plate for morning tea to share.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS;

"..We can affirm that "Eucharistic love" motivates and founds the vocational activity of the whole Church, because, as I wrote in the Encyclical *Deus caritas est*, vocations to the priesthood and to other ministries and services flourish within the people of God wherever there are those in whom Christ can be seen through his Word, in the sacraments and especially in the Eucharist .." (from the message of Pope Benedict).

1ST SATURDAY MARIAN DEVOTIONS, Sat 5 May commencing with Reconciliation at 8.30am. Mass at 9.00am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary & Benediction at 9.30am. Morning tea will be available in the Parish Centre following devotions. **All most welcome.**

SHOALHAVEN CROSSROADS will next meet on Friday 11 May at the Nowra Baptist Church, on Old Southern Rd., Sth Nowra. St Michael's Nowra will be hosting the evening – if any parishioners would like to help on the evening (or for any meeting) you are most welcome.

ST MICHAEL'S P & F will be holding a Trivia Night on Fri 25 May in the Parish Hall – Cost \$15 per person (tables of 10), which includes nibbles throughout the night, tea & coffee. RSVP by 18 May. Please send money & names to the school office or Phone Barb 0428 632 898. (Forms available at the school office) Don't worry if you haven't got a full team we will put you on a table (with some winners of course!)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - a parishioner has indicated an interest in re-commencing Children's Liturgy during the 9.30am Mass in Nowra. To do this effectively there needs to a group involved. Resource activity sheets will be available through the Parish. If you would like to help in this very valuable Liturgical Ministry please contact Robbie at the Parish Office.