



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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary time [Year C]
Social Justice Sunday
30 September 2007

Sunday Masses:

NOWRA 6pm Vigil; 8am, 9.30am & 6pm
BERRY 8.00am
BOMADERRY 9.30am
CULBURRA BEACH 6pm Vigil
VINCENTIA 6pm Vigil; 9.30am
KANGAROO VALLEY 11.00am

MASSES DURING THE WEEK –

Nowra: Mon 8.00am(Public Hol) Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am
 Fri. 7.00am and 11.30am; Sat. 9.00am.
Holy Hour: Friday 10.30am
Berry: Tuesday 5.30pm **Culburra:** Thursday 5.30pm
Bomaderry: First Friday only 5.45pm (this Fri)
Vincentia: Mon, Thur, Fri 8.00am Tue, Wed 5.30pm.
Kangaroo Valley: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat 11am
 (Divine Office 10.40am) Wed. 6.20am.
Shoalhaven Heads Friday 3.30pm.

Confession/Reconciliation :

Nowra: Sat 11.30.-12.30pm. 5.00 - 5.30pm.
Culburra: Sat. 5.30pm. **Berry:** Tues. 6.00pm.
B'derry: 1st Fri. 5.15pm.; **K Valley:** Sat. 4.30 - 5pm
Vincentia: Sat. 5 - 5.30pm.

Priests of the Parish:

Nowra: Fr Pat Faherty, Parish Priest. 4423 1712
 Fr Richard Healey (Away 3-28 Sept) 4423 1712
Vincentia: Fr Leo Duck 4441 5571
Kangaroo Valley: Fr Ronan Kilgannon

We prayerfully remember **Silvana Sirola, Mary Harrison and Lorna Beaton** who died recently. Also **Des Rutherford, Marie Longhurst** (1st Anniv), **Sarah Le Ban and Helen Power** and all whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace

1st SATURDAY MARIAN DEVOTIONS – Nowra, Sat 6 Oct.: Reconciliation at 8.30am followed by Mass at 9.00am. Exposition with Rosary and Benediction at 9.30am. Morning tea will be available in the Parish Centre after devotions. All Welcome.

NOWRA CWL next meet Tues 9 Oct at 9.30am (morning tea) for 10.00am start. All ladies welcome.

WORLD YOUTH DAY –The Journey of the Cross & Icon –is scheduled for the Shoalhaven March 30-31st. '08 There is an acute need for expressions of interest especially from the 16-35 age bracket. The next meeting will be Mon. Oct 22nd 7.30.p.m. at the Parish Centre - email Amanda alloyd@stmichaels.woll.catholic.edu.au - if you have any input but are unable to attend.



- ❖ **Local Information** sheet available at all Mass Centres this weekend – take a copy home!
- ❖ **Activ8 – diocesan wyd08 retreat** – get spiritually and practically prepared for WYD. 12-14 Oct 2007 at The Venue, Cawley St., Bellambi. The weekend is for those between 15-35 years. Cost \$80. Download a brochure from www.wyd08woll.org



SISTER MARGARET is celebrating a significant birthday. So we are going to celebrate with a **'birthday bash afternoon tea'** in the Parish Centre on Saturday 6 October from 2pm until 4pm – so please drop in (bring a plate of finger food to share if you can).

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – will meet at Greenfields Beach Picnic Area on Mon. Oct. 1st at 10.00am for the **White Sands Walk** – an easy walk, 4km return.

"COME & SEE" Prayer/Spirituality time – commencing **17 Oct** and running each 3rd Wed of the month from 6.30pm – 8.00pm at the Parish Centre – followed by supper (please bring a plate to share). The program (for **men and women**) is aimed to promote self awareness of one's own spirituality needs through a variety of contemplative prayer experiences – the focus for October will be **"Spring Meditation"**. For information ring Moira Anderson 4423 6077 or Liz Nimmo, 4422 1279

A PARISH RETREAT DAY will be held at **St. Patrick's Berry** – **Sat. 13 Oct** from 10.a.m. - 3.30.p.m.

Social Justice Sunday. To mark this occasion, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has produced the 2007 Social Justice Sunday Statement, ***Who Is My Neighbour? Australia's role as a global citizen.*** It is a call for us Australians to act more in the interests of people who do not share our prosperity and security and to reconsider the way we live and act as individuals and as a nation. Copies @ 50c or downloaded from the websites of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (www.acbc.catholic.org.au)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – on this Social Justice Sunday the Society reminds parishioners about the year round work of our parish conference assisting people in the local community who are disadvantaged. By visiting people in their homes the Society aims to help families break the cycle of poverty. **Why not attend a meeting to find out what happens! No obligation to join**, you will be welcomed as a visitor. Contact Mary 4423 4393 to find out when & where the meetings take place.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:
Sat 13 Oct – Retreat Day 10.00 – 3.30pm – Berry
Wed 17 Oct-7.30pm, Parent evening – 1st Reconc.
Oct 27/28 – Catechist Appeal
Tues 30 Oct –CWL International Day, Berry, 10.30am
Sat 3 November – Liturgy for Faithful Departed, Worrigeer Chapel, 10.00am

CATECHIST NEWS – thank you all for your dedicated work during this term – looking forward to seeing you refreshed & energised for Term 4 on your return. Please return all resources a.s.a.p.

Parents interested in re-commencing **Children's Liturgy at St. Michael's at the 9.30.a.m. Mass**, are invited to contact the Parish Office... We would need six-eight parents who are prepared to make a commitment in this regard.

Feastdays this week

Mon 1 – Teresa of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor
Tues 2 – Guardian Angels
Thurs 4 – Francis of Assisi



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“THINKING ABOUT DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD”

will be held at St Patrick's, Berry Hall on 19-20 Oct (Fri night & Sat). No cost. **A time to consider the possibility of a priestly vocation.** Conducted by the W'gong Vocations Office. Contact Fr Richard 4423 1712 or 0401 621 591 or Fr Mark 4271 1068.

DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR TO SPARE? Why not become a **Community Visitor**? You will be introduced to a resident in an Aged Care Facility who is lonely or isolated or would like to have a friend. A big heart & a big smile are all the qualifications you need. Contact Audrey at Centacare 4254 9352.