



**St Michael's Parish**, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: [office@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:office@nowraparish.org.au)

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter [Year A]

Vocations Sunday

13 April 2008

**Sunday Masses:**

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

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

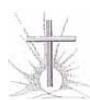
**Nowra:** Mon 7.00am, Tues/ Wed./Thurs 8.15am,  
Fri 7.00am and 11.30am, Sat 9.00am  
**Morning Prayer:** Wed 7.50am; **Holy Hour:** Fri 10.30am  
**Berry:** Tues 5.30pm..... **Culburra:** Thurs 5.30pm  
**Bomaderry:** First Friday only 5.45pm  
**Vincentia:** Mon, Thur, Fri 8.00am, Tues /Wed 5.30pm  
**S'haven Heads;** Friday 3.30.p.m.  
**Kangaroo Valley:** ..... Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 8.00am;  
Wed 6.15am. Divine Office is chanted 15 mins prior to  
Mass. No Mass on Fridays.

**Confession/Reconciliation**

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

**NOWRA CWL** extends an invitation to mothers and grandmothers of the Parish to a Mother's Day afternoon tea on Sat 3 May at 2pm in the Parish Centre. **RSVP** (for catering purposes) by 27 April 2008 to Marie 4448 5347 or Judy 4421 8565

**BAY & BASIN CWL** invite parishioners to a reflection day led by Sr Bridie on 7 May at Berry Church Hall commencing 9.30am for morning tea.



We prayerfully remember; **James Nash, and Barbara Muir** (Sydney- sister of Beryl Lloyd). Also **Jennifer Heffernan, Fr Peter Hill, Stefan Pajak, Joseph Trotter and Douglas**

**Griffin** whose anniversaries occur at this time.  
*May they rest in eternal peace.*

**THE NEXT YOUNG ADULTS** meeting will be Mon 28 April at 8pm – a JCI Experience sharing night – so bring along your photos, video footage, stories & memories of the Journey through the Parish.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**, 11 May, marks the introduction of the **revised General Instruction of the Roman Missal throughout Australia**. Over the coming weeks some of the minor changes that will affect the congregation will be mentioned.

- At present, after the conclusion of the Preparation of the Gifts, the priest invites us to pray: "Pray, brethren that our sacrifice...and we reply "May the Lord accept the sacrifice..." And then we stand. **From 11 May** we are asked to stand **before** we make our prayer in response to the priest's invitation. Standing is traditionally the most appropriate posture for participating in the main prayers of the Mass.
- From Sun 11 May there will be a change throughout Australia in the way we show reverence before we receive Holy Communion. The Bishops recognise that, due to age or health, not everyone is able to genuflect. Most people can show reverence to the Eucharist by a **simple bow** and this maintains the dignity of the Communion procession. The bow should not interrupt the flow of the procession and needs to be done immediately before stepping up to the minister, and may be done while the person in front of you is receiving Holy Communion.

**"COME & SEE" Spirituality Program** - for men and women - meet Wed 16 April, 7.30pm - Parish Centre - followed by supper (please bring a plate of finger food to share). The focus for April is "Humour in Contemplative Life" - guest speaker, Les Ambrus. Contact - Moira 4423 6077 or Liz 4422 1279. **Please note new commencement time, 7.30pm.**



**AN INVITATION TO GROW.** An opportunity to share with others the heart of the Gospel by word and deed awaits you in the St Vincent de Paul Society. The Nowra conference meet weekly on Tues. alternately from 10.30am or 7.00pm for an hour. Conference members also visit (in pairs) people requesting assistance in our local community. Full training is provided. Contact Pat 4421 2767 or Anne 4422 1395 for inform. or attend an Information Event on 29 April at 7pm in the Parish Centre. We are all called to holiness. This may well be God's call to you!

**VOCATION SUNDAY** – please pray the 'Prayer for Vocations' on the back of this bulletin – that the Spirit will open the hearts and minds of men and women to look at a life in the Church as their vocation.

**IF YOU MISSED THE LIGHT OF THE CROSS FESTIVAL** last Friday night you missed an amazing event of *Excitement, Colour, Light and Movement*. The organisers and performers are to be congratulated on a truly spectacular event – not one for just the youth but for all.

**ATTENTION ALL MEN!!** – single, married, religious, clergy, father, grandfather & uncle of whatever denomination. You are invited to hear guest speaker **Maurice Williams** on **Prayer for Men**, Mon 28 April – a breakfast session at 7.30am in the Parish Centre. Breakfast/refreshments provided. Gold coin donation appreciated. Enq. Kim (Diocesan Parish Services Team) 4253 0985 or [kim.mannix@dow.org.au](mailto:kim.mannix@dow.org.au)



**THE PARISH RECIPE BOOK** – containing many delicious recipes by many Parishioners is on sale this w/end for **\$6.00** at all Mass Centres or at the Parish Office. Please purchase a copy to support fundraising to assist young parishioners to attend WYD08 in Sydney.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR 2008:**  
**Fri 25 April - Anzac Day Mass- 8.00am**  
**Missions' Annual Appeal - Sunday 1 June**  
**Confirmation – Sunday 22 June**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion – w/end of 25/26 October**

**CATECHISTS – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- **Fri 23 May** – 9.30am – 2.00pm – Retreat day at Bellambi – topic Christian Meditation. To register ring Lyn 4423 1009.
- Please return any surplus stock - have a happy holiday.

*Feastday this Week*

**16 April - St Bernadette Soubirous**



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**CENTACARE – ROLLERCOASTER** – an 8 week program to assist children experiencing parental separation, divorce or parents who have re-partnered. 8 Mon a/noons 4pm – 5pm 12 May to 30 June. Cost \$5 per session. Bookings essential 4421 8248.

**JOURNEY OF THE CROSS & ICON recording the journey.** If you would like to record your reflections on the Journey in the Parish – to be possibly included in the next edition of the Diocesan Newsletter – please forward them to the Parish Office.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** The Parish Web site has the proposal and Activ8 or get a copy from the Parish office – an opportunity for all generations to look at the options – contact Grant Gleeson on 0411 039 941 or send an email [ggleeson@mh.com.au](mailto:ggleeson@mh.com.au) or contact Robbie at the Parish Office. A meeting date will be advised.



**MOTHER RUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

– **Theatre Gala** – Wed 4 June – “**The Happiest Days of Your Lives**” – Nowra Players Theatre, B'derry. Adults \$25,

Students \$20. Contact Denise Jones 0419 248 889 or 4423 2299(bh), Tickets need to be paid for to guarantee seat.

