



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.

Fourth Sunday (Year A)

30 January 2011

Sunday Masses:

Nowra Vigil 6^{pm}; 8^{am} 9.30^{am} & 6^{pm}
Berry 8^{am}
Bomaderry 9.30^{am}
Culburra Beach Vigil 6^{pm}
Vincentia Vigil 6^{pm} & 9.30^{am}
Kangaroo Valley 11^{am}.

Weekday Masses:

Nowra Mon 7^{am} Tues, Wed & Thurs 8.15^{am}
 Friday 7^{am} & 11.30^{am} Sat 9^{am}
Berry Tues 5.30^{pm} **Culburra** Thurs 5.30^{pm}
Vincentia Mon, Thurs, Fri 8^{am} Tues, Wed 5.30^{pm}
Kangaroo Valley Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat 8^{am}
 Wed 6.15^{am} Divine Office is prayed 15 mins before Mass.
S'haven Heads: recommencing this Fri (4 Feb) at 3.30^{pm}

Confession ~ Reconciliation

Nowra Sat 9.30^{am}-10.30^{am} & 5^{pm}- 5.30^{pm}
Culburra Beach Sat 5.30^{pm} **Berry** Tues 6^{pm}
Kangaroo Valley Sat 4.30 – 5^{pm}
Vincentia Sat 5^{pm} – 5.30^{pm}

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Paula Schlick, Sr Mary Gerada** of Missionaries of Mary – (Malta, cousin of Salvina Pulis) and **Cedrick Robinson** - Sydney (father of Warwick -St Georges Basin) Also those whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.



Feastdays:

- Mon 31 Jan, **St John Bosco**, priest
- Wed 2 Feb, **Presentation of the Lord** – Candlemas Day
- Sat 5 Feb; **St Agatha**, martyr.



First Saturday Marian Devotions 5 February. Mass at 9^{am} is followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary, and Benediction at 10.30. Morning tea is available in the Parish Centre. Everyone is most welcome.

Nowra CWL members meet on **Tuesday 8 February** in the Parish Centre, beginning with morning tea at 9.30^{am} and the meeting starts at 10^{am}.

Bay & Basin CWL will meet on **Thursday 3 February** in the Holy Spirit Hall for a BYO lunch at 12 noon, with the meeting beginning at 1^{pm}. New members are most welcome. **Contact Eileen 4443 8008.**



Vincentia Catechists will meet to commence the year on **Thursday 10 February, at 10^{am}** in the Hall.

Nowra Catechists will commence the year with a meeting at the Parish Centre, **Monday 7 February**, starting with morning tea at 9.30^{am}

Dates to note:

- Ash Wednesday : March 9th
- Confirmation: July 2nd. (Saturday)
- First Reconciliation: Early September.
- First Holy Communion; November 20th. Feast of Christ the King.

St Michael's St Vincent de Paul Conference: envelopes are in the foyer of the Church for ongoing donations towards the **Flood Victims' Appeal.**

The Beatitudes: Matthew is the evangelist who is most concerned to relate the Christian community to its Jewish heritage. ..For Matthew, Jesus does not sweep away the Torah but 'brings it to fulfilment' (5:17).. As the Jewish community has in the Law of Moses, the Torah, that shapes its life, so the Christian community should find in the Sermon on the Mount the Torah that is to shape and characterise its life.

To live in this way, according to these values, makes supreme sense if God truly is as Jesus reveals God to be. It is only in the context of faith in such a God that living according to the Beatitudes makes sense and is, in fact, the supreme wisdom..(from the commentary of Fr Brendan Byrne SJ.)



Lenten Program 2011 *Rediscovering God* We are once again following the Wollongong Diocese Program which will commence on the week beginning 7 March. We would still like to hear from anyone else willing to lead or host a group. Phone **Peggy 4421 3417** or **Francene 4421 5962.**

Contacts confirmed for outlying areas:

Berry / S'Heads: Sr Patricia 4421 2260

Callala Joyce Buttel 4446 5569

Culburra Beach: Jean Helliwell 4447 3018

Contact numbers for other areas will follow.



Volunteering Opportunity – Community Visitors Scheme:

Volunteers are trained to offer friendly, regular visits and companionship to residents of aged care facilities who may not receive any other visitors. If you can spare 1 hour a fortnight to visit someone in an aged care facility near you, please phone Julianne, CatholicCare, 4424 5604



New Diocesan Mass Setting Workshop:

A new musical setting of the Mass has been chosen for use throughout the Diocese. This setting will replace the Mass of Jubilation which has been in use since 2003.. All musicians, singers and anyone interested in Church music are encouraged to attend a workshop to present the new setting **Saturday, 19 February** at **Fairy Meadow Parish Hall, 10.00^{am} - 3.00^{pm}**. RSVP on 4253 0900 or email reception@woll.catholic.org.au

Parenting Workshops:

CatholicCare Family Relationship Education Courses are for parents of young children and teenagers, and are designed to enhance family life and help parents feel more confident and secure about parenting. The courses offer practical 'hands-on' approaches to parenting and are facilitated by professional educators. Call 4227 1122 to book into a course or go to www.catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au to see what courses are being offered in 2011.



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CatholicCare St Patrick's Race Day Fundraiser

Saturday 12 March, Kembla Grange Racecourse. For more information or to book tickets contact Trish Cooney on 42549318 or email trishc@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au or www.catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au

All proceeds go towards helping families with a child with a disability and children in foster care.

Catching the Flame – Sacramental Preparation Forum.

Join with NSW clergy, religious and lay workers to identify guiding principles in sacramental preparation. Participate in workshops featuring a variety of parish approaches. **Keynote speakers:** John Frauenfelder, Lecturer BBI, and Kathy Horan, RE Coordinator, author of sacramental preparation resources and practitioner. Tues 1 March; 10.00^{am} – 4.30^{pm}. St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Marist Place, Parramatta. \$20 - includes morning tea and lunch. This day is hosted by the NSW Association of Pastors and Parish Associates. Please RSVP to Greg Byrne on forstertuncurryparish@gmail.com