



St Michael's Parish | 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

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}, Fri 7^{am} & 11.30^{am}
 Sat 9^{am} Morning Prayer of the Church, Wed, 7.50^{am}
 Berry Tues 5.30^{pm} Culburra Thurs 5.30^{pm}
 Vincentia Mon, Thurs, Fri 8^{am} Tues and Wed, 5.30^{pm}
 Kangaroo Valley Mon, Tues, Thurs Sat: 8^{am} Wed: 6.15^{am}
 Shoalhaven Heads: Fri, 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.p.m after Mass and Sat April 16th. 9.00-10.a.m.
 Kangaroo Valley Sat 4.30 – 5^{pm}
 Vincentia: Sat 11-11.30am (during Lent) & 5^{pm} – 5.30^{pm}

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Vincentia after 8am Mass each Fri of Lent
 Nowra Friday April 8th and 15th. at 6.30^{pm}
 Kangaroo Valley Fridays 5^{pm}

Stations of the Cross at Shoalhaven Heads-

Wednesday April 20th at 3.00.p.m. in the Community Centre. No Mass at the Heads on Friday April 29th

PARISH STAFF

Fr Patrick Faherty: Parish Priest, (02) 4423 1712
 Fr George Condookala: Assistant Priest (Resident in Nowra)
 Fr Leo Duck: (Resident in Vincentia): (02) 4441 5571
 Fr Ronan Kilgannon :(Resident in Kangaroo Valley)
 Mrs Liz Nimmo: Parish Secretary: (02) 4423 1712
 Mrs Cath Elton: Parish Secretary Thurs, Fri.
 Sr Patricia Lawless, SGS: Parish Sister (Nowra)
 Sr Margaret Prendergast, SGS: School Liaison, (Good Samaritan Sisters, Nowra (02) 4421 2260)
 Sr Val Green, RSC: Sister of Charity, Vincentia: (02) 4441 7035
 Mrs Lyn West: Catechist Coordinator, (02) 4423 1009
 Catriona Nunan: Youth Minister: 0422 201 054

Choir for the Holy Week Ceremonies. Final practice will be held Thurs 14 April, 5.30-6.30^{pm} in **St Michael's Hall**. All singers and musicians most welcome.

THE CHRISM MASS will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong on Wednesday 20 April, 7.30^{pm}. All parishioners are invited. This is a most significant Mass for the entire Diocese.

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased. Also **Peter Garratty** and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in peace.*



2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION:

Thursday 14 April – 7pm. St Michael's Church Nowra – 4 priests will be available for the Sacrament. Parishioners are encouraged to avail of this opportunity to prepare sacramentally for Holy Week and the Feast of Easter.



Passion Sunday 17 April – PARISH COMMEMORATION OF THE PASCHAL MEAL. 7 FOR 7.30PM in St Michael's Hall.

Everyone is welcome! Come & join in this simple celebration that reminds us of the connection between the *Christian Last Supper* and the *Old Testament Passover*. Join a group or form your own group. Lenten group leaders are reminded that **final numbers are due Mon 11 Apr**. Contacts: Maree 4421 8516, Francene 4421 5962, Peggy 4421 3417 or Tina 4422 9250. Helpers (especially some younger ones) desperately needed to set up the Hall Sun 17 April, any time after 9^{am}.



HOLY WEEK and EASTER CEREMONIES – St Michael's Nowra – all ceremonies will be celebrated in the Parish Hall to facilitate the increase of people attending.

HOLY THURSDAY – at the end of Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be taken in procession to the Altar of Repose in the side chapel for a time of prayer until 9^{pm}.

A Roster Sheet is available in Nowra for Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, volunteers for washing of the feet during the Holy Thursday mass.

Practice Times for Holy Week & Easter Liturgies at St Michael's:

- Mon April 11: 6.30^{pm} for Holy Thursday & 7.15^{pm} for Good Friday, in the Hall.
- Tues April 12, 6.30^{pm} for the Easter Vigil, in the Hall.

Those practices refer to: Acolytes, Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, washing of the feet, and parishioners wishing to have some participatory role

St John the Evangelist High School Reunion 2011 for Classes 1995 & 1996, will be held at Worrigeer House on Sat, **30 April, 5-10pm. Cost:\$60pp. Dress: Semi Formal. RSVP Susanne Hayward 0412 630 339**



stjohnsreunion2011@live.com.au

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

2012: Enrolment packages are available from **St Michael's Catholic Primary School**, 28 North St, Nowra, and *applications are now being accepted*. Ph Sue on 4421 3630. Email: info@smndow.catholic.edu.au
Website: www.smndow.catholic.edu.au



ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS May, 2011 with the School Principal Mr Paul Croker & Parish Priest Fr Pat Faherty.

OPEN DAY children welcome Tues 3 May 9.30–11^{am}. **OPEN EVENING** Wed 4 May 7 – 8^{pm}



Nowra CWL monthly meeting, **Tuesday 12 April**, 9.30^{am} morning tea, followed by Meeting at 10^{am}, in the Parish Centre.

Nowra CWL invite all Mothers & Grandmothers to a **Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea** on Saturday 30 April at 2pm in St Michael's Hall. Entertainment by "Trilogy". All very welcome.

Reminder Culburra Family Group meet this **Sunday, 10 April, 10^{am}** at Callala Beach RSL, for bare foot bowls followed by a shared picnic lunch at Bicentennial Park. For more information, please contact Margaret or Paul on **4446 4117**.

Project Compassion Our Christian faith and compassion motivates us to offer practical and spiritual support for those whose lives have been affected by disasters, sickness and tragedy. This week we meet Kose, a young man whose family home was destroyed in the 2009 Samoan tsunami. Your donation offers hope and ensures that before, during and after the headlines, Caritas is there delivering life-saving assistance and capacity to respond to the future.



Lost in the Parish Centre **Saturday 2 April** small Canon Digital camera in Grey case. Please contact **4423 3330** or **0408 233 330**.



Catechist Corner: Thank you so much for all your hard & dedicated work during this term. Wishing each of you a well earned break & a truly blessed Easter.

St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall: a range of religious items are available for sale, or can be ordered from the catalogue, at the St Vincent de Paul shop, Berry St, Nowra. Phone 4421 7244

ANZAC DAY – Monday 25

April 2011 (Easter Monday).

8^{am} Mass at St Michael's.

"ANZAC day this year falls on Easter Monday. It is fitting to reflect on the connection between the suffering and death of our service men and women in war, and the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus. The message of Easter is clear: death and defeat are not final. Jesus Christ has triumphed over sin and death and, as the Prince of Peace, Jesus is alive amongst us through his Holy Spirit." – *Bishop Peter's Pastoral Letter- Lent 2011*



Catholicism: A Liturgical Tradition

How we pray in terms of rites, symbols, rituals and gestures and *what we say* when we pray in terms of the proclaimed Scriptures and the composed prayers of the liturgy (e.g., Collect, Preface and Eucharistic Prayers) are in effect acts of theology and are filled with theological meanings. Liturgy is enacted theology. In and through the Liturgy God *acts* among us through signs symbols, words and actions. Liturgy is an experience, an occurrence of God among us – particularly to save and redeem us.



Liturgy is a ritual event in that by its nature it is a structured, repeated, patterned way of praying to God. We do not 'make it up as we go along'. Rather what we do in liturgy is to repeat what has been given to us; we see the words, rites, symbolic engagement and gestures as things to be probed for the theological insight they reveal about God, the Church and the particular liturgical action taking place. The structures of the liturgy trace their roots as far back as the Judaism of Jesus' day (e.g., Passover, Sabbath, Synagogue, Temple sacrifices). These shaped the earliest forms of the Christian liturgy. They are the roots of what we celebrate today in the reformed Catholic liturgy.

Our understanding of the liturgy today is guided in large part by the Church's liturgy itself and by official documents, particularly the **Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy from the Second Vatican Council**. This document is supremely important because its promulgation in 1963 caused a major restructuring of all the liturgical rites of the Catholic Church. What it says about principles for understanding and appreciating the liturgy in general (nos. 1-14) the directives for the reform of the Liturgy itself (nos. 21-40) and about the Eucharist in particular (nos. 47-58) are especially important and are recommended for further study, reflection and discussion.

DIOCESAN MASS to launch the new musical setting of the Mass. A diocesan Mass to launch the new musical setting to be sung throughout the Diocese will be held on **Sunday, 15 May at 3.00pm in St Thomas Aquinas Church, Bowral**. Bishop Ingham will be the main celebrant. The Mass, composed by Irish priest, Fr Liam Lawton incorporates the new translation of the Mass and was introduced with critical acclaim at a Diocesan workshop in February. Parishioners from around the Diocese are invited to attend this Mass to hear how the Mass will sound with full choir and orchestra. Following the Mass food and drink will be served in the parish grounds. Anyone wishing to sing in the choir at this Mass is asked to attend a practice on **Wednesday, 4 May at 7.00pm** in the **Parish Meeting Room, St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong** or on **Thursday, 5 May at 7.00pm** in **St Paul's Church, Camden**. To register attendance for the choir practice please contact the Diocesan Offices on 4253 0900.