



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

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**Second Sunday of Easter (Year A)**

**1 May 2011**

**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  
 Friday 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  
**Vincentia:** Mon/Thur/Fri 8.00am..... Tues/Wed 5.30pm  
**Shoalhaven Heads:** Friday 3.30pm Mass will resume  
 on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Community Centre.  
**Kangaroo Valley:** ..... Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 8.00am  
 Wed 6.15am. Divine Office is prayed 15 mins prior to Mass.  
 No Mass on Fridays.

**Confession ~ Reconciliation**

**Nowra:** ..... Sat 9.30-10.30am & 5.00- 5.30pm  
**Culburra:** Sat 5.30pm. .... **Berry:** Tues 6.00pm  
**Kangaroo Valley:** ... Sat 4.30 – 5pm  
**Vincentia:** ... Sat 5 –5.30pm

We prayerfully remember the faithful departed :  
 recently deceased; **Roger Brauze, Patrick Ryan, Ray Wiseby** and **Joyce Newman**. Also  
 the following whose anniversaries occur:



**Michelle Christian, Donald Allen, Francis Court** and  
**Bernard Court**, *May they rest in eternal peace.*

**FEASTDAYS**

**Mon 2 May: St Athanasius**, bishop  
**Tues 3 May: Sts Philip and James**, apostles

**Divine Mercy Devotions:** will be held in Holy Spirit  
 Church, Vincentia, Sun 1 May (this weekend), at 2.30<sup>pm</sup>;  
 Devotions with Benediction followed by afternoon tea.  
 (Mass is not included)

**Date to note:** 22nd May will be the Annual Mission  
 Appeal Sunday for our parish. The money supports the  
 many works of the Catholic Mission Society.



**The Beatification of the late Pope John Paul 11- Sunday May 1st.- Divine Mercy Sunday..** Decree of his Beatification notes, "Since the beginning of his pontificate, in 1978,

John Paul II often spoke in his homilies of the mercy of God. This became the theme of his second encyclical, *Dives in Misericordia*, in 1980. He was aware that modern culture and its language do not have a place for mercy, treating it as something strange; they try to inscribe everything in the categories of justice and law. But this does not suffice, for it is not what the reality of God is about."

**Nowra CWL** monthly meeting, **Tues 10 May.** 9.30<sup>am</sup> morning tea, followed by meeting at 10<sup>am</sup> in the Parish Centre



**Shoalhaven Crossroads** is a *Christian Fellowship for people with a disability*. The next meeting is, **Fri 13 May**, 7.15–9.15<sup>pm</sup> <sup>Nowra</sup> Baptist Church. **Enquiries:** Beth 4421 8137.



would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes, **please**



**bring them back next week.** *Together we are making a real difference in the struggle against poverty.*

**OFFICE OF DISABILITY: Parish Disability Connections'** volunteers and parents of children or adults with additional needs are invited to the Parish Centre on **Wed 11 May** for a program entitled *Conversations for Nurturing Independence* from 11.30<sup>am</sup> – 1.30<sup>pm</sup> with lunch included. If you can only manage a half hour or an hour, please still feel welcome. This is an opportunity to share your experience with other parents and to learn from them. **RSVP** Sister Jeanie 4654 8709.

**Culburra Family Group:** The next function is a Minnamurra Rain Forest walk this **Sun, 1 May**. We meet prior to the walk at 12<sup>noon</sup> at the picnic spot near the car park entrance. Please bring lunch to share. For more details, **contact** Marg or Paul Casey on 4446 4117.

In compliance with the Australian Bishops' Conference request, a **count of those attending Mass** will be undertaken at each Mass centre, beginning this weekend and continuing over the following three weekends.



**First Saturday Marian Devotions, 7 May.** Mass at 9<sup>am</sup> followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction at 10.30<sup>am</sup>. Afterwards all are cordially invited to morning tea at the Parish Centre.

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2012:** Enrolment packages are available from **St Michael's Catholic Primary School**, and *applications are now being accepted*. Phone Sue on 4421 3630. Email:



[info@smndow.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@smndow.catholic.edu.au)  
 Website: [www.smndow.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smndow.catholic.edu.au)

**ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS** May, 2011 with the School Principal Mr. Paul Croker & Parish Priest Fr.P Faherty  
**OPEN DAY children welcome** Tues 3 May 9.30 – 11<sup>am</sup>  
**OPEN EVENING** Wed 4 May 7 – 8<sup>pm</sup>

**Who is Jesus to me?** It depends on who I am, what I am, at a given moment; because I am not always the same. Some times:

1. I am a camel crossing the desert, suffering from thirst. Here Jesus Christ is the oasis. Everything else – wealth, power, pleasures of the world – form the mirages in my life.
2. I am a sheep estranged from his flock. Then he is the good shepherd who, leaving all his other sheep comes and rescues me. He leads me to green pastures and to quiet streams.
3. I am a little child, one of the "children of God". Then he is my elder brother who cares for me and looks after me lovingly.
4. I am the woman in "The Song of Songs". Then Jesus Christ is the man, my beloved, for whose company and for his love and affection I am longing. (by Fr Tom Kottackal, Bellevue Hill.)

**Found:** a fork, probably from Luxford's table at the Pascal meal. Can be claimed at the Parish Office.

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



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**Men Alive breakfast.** You are invited to join in fellowship with other men from 16 to 60+ for a hearty breakfast and inspiring presentation by Kelvin Simon (worked in social welfare for homeless & drug dependent populations in Kings Cross, & as a child protection investigator for NSW Gov't agencies. Member of the Disciples of Jesus Community). **Sat, 14 May, 7.30<sup>am</sup>**, Illawarra Leagues Club, Church St, W'gong. **Registration** is important. **Cost:** \$15.00. **Contact** Jeff De Battista 0423 183 627, Phil Dowdell 0434 894 589 or Vince Fitzwilliam 0417 249 741.



Join with Catholic Mission this weekend to reach out and support missionaries in Peru and 160 countries around the world. Every day, missionaries like Australian Father John Andersen, Father Raymundo Portelli and Gabriela Filonowicz reach out to meet the need of communities in the diocese of Iquitos, Peru. By making a gift to the Catholic Mission Church Appeal today or by becoming a **Friends in Faith Partner** with a monthly gift, you will help communities affected by hardship, disease and extreme poverty. We can all do something beautiful for God. **Freecall: 1800 257 296**  
**[www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au)**



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*Envelopes are now available* for parishioners and visitors wishing to make a donation toward the **St Mary of the Cross, MacKillop Stained Glass window** commissioned for St Patrick's Church Berry. Envelopes may be placed in the Sunday Collection bag, at the Parish Office, or to Barry McAndrew, or a member of St Patrick's Community Group. All contributions will be confidentially recorded by the Parish.

