



St Michael's Parish, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: office@nowraparish.org.au

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Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)
MOTHERS' DAY **8th 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 6th at Community Centre.
Kangaroo Valley: Please note there will be no
weekday Masses from Mon 9 May until Tues 17 May
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; **Joseph Reminis.** Also the
following whose anniversaries occur: **Kevin
Robinson, Ted Armstrong, and Patrick
Firmstone** (formerly of St Georges Basin) *May they rest in
eternal peace.*



FEASTDAY

Saturday 14 May, **St Matthias**, apostle
Francene, Maree, Peggy and Tina extend a most
appreciative **Thank You** to all those wonderful
parishioners who helped to make our Lenten Program
and Paschal Meal a truly worthwhile undertaking.

“Come & See” spirituality group resumes **Wed 18
May, 7:30^{pm}** in the Parish Centre. The theme for this
year is “*Spiritual Simplicity*” with the focus for the
evening being “*Simplify your life – Cut the Clutter*”.
Everyone is most welcome to join this opportunity for
prayer, reflection and conversation. Please bring a plate
for supper. Contacts: Moira 4423 6077 or Liz 4422 1279

**The New Missal and a greater understanding of the
Mass:** We are being encouraged within the Diocese this
year, which is focusing on the Liturgy, to prepare for the
reception of the New English translation of the Missal by
enriching our understanding and appreciation of the
Mass based on an excellent DVD resource “**Becoming
one Body One Spirit in Christ.**’ Fr Leo conducted a
five week program drawing on this resource at Holy
Spirit Church, Vincentia, during Lent, which was very
much appreciated. Fr Leo is happy to present a similar
program at St Michael’s in approximately three weeks
time, provided there is sufficient interest. We propose
that the Sessions begin on Tuesday May 24th at
7.00.p.m. (4 or 5 sessions). However before we commit
to presenting this program we are calling for
expressions of interest from parishioners. Sheets are
available at the Church doors at St Michael’s where you
can inscribe your name as an expression of your
intention to participate.

**An Evening for all Confirmation
Candidates** and parents this Wed
Evening **11 May, 7^{pm}** at St Michael’s
Hall -**Signs and Symbols**- an essential
part of the preparation Programme.
Catechists, please remind state school children.



Fr Ronan will add a prayer of thanksgiving
at **11^{am} Mass at St Joseph’s Kangaroo
Valley next Sunday (15th May)** to mark
the 40th Anniversary of his
Ordination. There will be a garden party
following, weather permitting. *You are most welcome to
attend.*
We offer our prayerful and sincerest congratulations to
Fr Ronan for his forty years of dedicated and zealous
priestly ministry.

Catechist Corner: There is a desperate need for a
catechist for Berry School Yrs Kinder /1 on Wednesdays.
Please contact Lyn 4423 1009.

Nowra CWL monthly meeting, **Tues 10 May.** 9.30^{am} morning
tea, followed by meeting at 10^{am} in the Parish Centre

Prayer to St. Monica Patron of Mothers:



St Monica patron of Mothers, you
perseveringly pursued your wayward son
Augustine, with prayerful cries to heaven.
Intercede for all mothers in our day, may
they find joy and fulfilment in their
children; enable them to draw their
children to God. Teach them how to
remain close to their children, even the prodigal sons
and daughters who appear to have gone astray.
Amen

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



Final reminder to please return any Project
Compassion boxes or envelopes to enable
the parish to finalise our contributions. To
date a generous \$11,266 has been contributed.

Parish Disability Connections Wed 11 May, 11.30^{am}
– 1.30^{pm} (lunch included) in the Parish Centre.
Volunteers and parents of children or adults with
additional needs are invited to a program entitled
Conversations for Nurturing Independence This is an
opportunity to share your experience with other parents
and to learn from them. **RSVP** Sister Jeanie 4654 8709.

Dialogue within the Mass

A common greeting in the Mass in Latin is ‘*Dominus
vobiscum*’ with the response ‘*Et cum spiritu tuo*’. We usually
say: ‘**And also with you**’.
A more accurate translation of the Latin is ‘**The Lord be with
you**’ with the response ‘**And with your spirit**’. The Church is
reclaiming an ancient greeting used in a number of instances
in Scripture. This matches the response already existing in
most other major languages including Italian, French, Spanish
and German. In the early Church this was a common greeting.
For example St Paul writes to the Galatians ‘May the grace of
our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit’ 6:18. We find similar
greetings in the Letters to Timothy, (2 Tim 4; 22) and
Philippians (4:23). This greeting expresses a desire that the
Holy Spirit be present in the priest and in the community
as they gather for worship



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The Church now wishes to reclaim this part of our scriptural tradition in English, and so the response will be **“and with your spirit.”**

Jamberoo Spirituality in the Pub 7.30^{pm} Mon 9 May
Speaker: Fr Kevin Burke, pp from Victoria.
Topic: ***Clinging to History or Grasping the Future***
Venue: Jamberoo Pub
Meals are served from 5.45^{pm}
All welcome – Marie Milne ph 4232 1535

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

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.

Kangaroo Valley: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 8.00am
Wed 6.15am. Divine Office is prayed 15 mins prior to Mass.
No Mass on Fridays

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.



Join with Catholic Mission this weekend to reach out

