



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

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)
Vocation Sunday - 15 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 no Mass on Mon 16th**
 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; **Bernard Heptonstall, Kathleen Foster, Frank
 Gillis, David Dunn** (UK, brother-in-law to the Watts family),
and Kathleen Hanley –Casino-Brian's mother...
 Also the following whose anniversaries occur:
Alan McRea, Pat O'Leary, and Joan Ashby
May they rest in eternal peace.



"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

Catechist Corner: Needed 3 x 2A and 2 x 3A activity
 books as soon as possible. Thanks, Lyn.

"Becoming one Body One Spirit in Christ:
 Expressions of Interest were invited for a proposed 4 or
 5 week program regarding the **New Missal and a
 greater understanding of the Mass.** To-date there
 have been sufficient expressions of interest to commit
 to the programme, which will be presented by Fr Leo at
 the Parish Centre, Nowra from **Tues May 24 at 7^{pm}**
 Sheets are available at the Church doors at St
 Michael's to inscribe your name.



**Confirmation classes for candidates
 attending Government Schools:**
Vincentia commencing on **Monday 16
 May, 3.45pm – 5pm**, in the Holy Spirit Hall.
 At St Michael's Hall, Nowra on
 Wednesday 18th. at 4.-5.00 pm.

Bay & Basin CWL are attending **8^{am}
 Mass Friday 27 May** in honour of *Our
 Lady Help of Christians*. A light breakfast
 will be held at the hall following Mass and
 all are welcome to join us.



The **Mass Count** requested by the Australian Bishops'
 Conference continues this weekend and will be completed
 next weekend.



After many years **Voni Muller** will no longer
 be hosting "Australia Biggest Morning Tea",
 which supports Australia Cancer Council; and
 she would like to **thank everyone for their
 wonderful help and support over the years.** Thank
 you Voni for a job done so hospitably and so lovingly.

Date for your Diary:
 Holy Spirit Vincentia, **Parish Feast Day**, Pentecost
 Sunday **12 June**. Celebrations & Blessing of the hall.
 More details later.

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS You are very
 welcome to join the Taize style prayer which continues
 our south coast ecumenical pilgrimage This month
Cambewarra Union Church, Main Rd, Cambewarra
 will host the prayer service. **Friday 27 May at 7.30^{pm}**
Contact Pat Boniface, 4232 1034.



"We are the Australian arm of the
 Catholic Church's global mission
 aid agency in a worldwide network
 known as the Pontifical Mission
 Societies. For more than 185 years we have
 been working to achieve "Life for all" in more
 than 160 countries.



Next weekend (21/22 May) we will have the
 Annual Catholic Missions Appeal. The Appeal will
 focus on Peru. With the help of the Church, missionaries in
 Peru and around the world reach out in Christ's name to help
 communities affected by hardship, disease and extreme
 poverty. Your ongoing support is gratefully appreciated..

On behalf of the Parish as a whole and the Kangaroo
 Valley Community in particular we offer
 our prayerful and sincerest
 congratulations to Fr Ronan for his forty
 years of dedicated and zealous priestly
 ministry. The Nowra Parish is greatly
 indebted to Fr Ronan for his generosity and availability
 in ministering throughout the parish over the years, and
 in responding with great pastoral care to many needs.
 He has admirably witnessed to his love of the Good
 Shepherd, his love of the priesthood, and his love of the
 people of God and His Church.. "Ad multos annos"
 (Fr Pat Faherty- Parish Priest)

**An Extract from Pope Benedict's message for
 Vocation Sunday 2011- (Good Shepherd Sunday).**
 "Dear brothers and sisters, your commitment to the
 promotion and care of vocations *becomes most
 significant and pastorally effective when carried out in
 the unity of the Church and in the service of
 communion. For this reason, every moment in the life of
 the Church community – catechesis, formation
 meetings, liturgical prayer, pilgrimages – can be a
 precious opportunity for awakening in the People of
 God, and in particular in children and young people, a
 sense of belonging to the Church and of responsibility
 for answering the call to priesthood and to religious life
 by a free and informed decision. The ability to foster
 vocations is a hallmark of the vitality of a local Church.*"



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You are invited to a **Prayer Morning with Mary MacKillop**, Wed, 25 May, 10.30^{am}–12.30^{pm}, at Mary MacKillop Place, 7 Mount St, Nth Sydney, (entry via museum reception) **Cost \$15 | Concession \$10**. This month's topic: *Jesus' disciples in the Josephite tradition* – Virginia Bourke rsj. You are most welcome to stay for the 1^{pm} Mass in the Chapel,. Bookings and further enquiries: 8912 4818 or mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au

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.