



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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

- 22 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 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; **Roy Farnham** and **Stella Joan Aherns**
 Also **Catherine Brown** whose anniversary occurs.
May they rest in eternal peace.



FEASTDAYS:

Tuesday 24 May **Mary, Help of Christians**
 Thursday 26 May **Philipp Neri**, priest

Confirmation classes for candidates attending Government Schools continue: **Vincentia** on **Monday 23 May**, 3.45pm – 5pm, in the Holy Spirit Hall. At St Michael's Hall, **Nowra** on **Wednesday 25 May**, 4.-5.00pm.

Holy Spirit Auxiliary meeting, Sat 28 May, 1^{pm} in the hall. All parishioners are invited to attend. *This meeting is not for the committee only.*

The **Mass Count** requested by the Australian Bishops' Conference will be finalised this weekend. Thank you for your cooperation.

"Becoming one Body One Spirit in Christ"

Beginning this week on **Tues May 24 at 7^{pm}** in the Parish Centre, Nowra. Fr Leo will present a 4 week program regarding the **New Missal and a greater understanding of the Mass.** Everyone is most welcome.



First Saturday Marian Devotions 4 June. Mass at 9^{am} 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.*



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.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS: (Tuesday May 24th).

In 1844 the Catholic Church in Australia held its first official Synod (Meeting). Present there were three Bishops and 37 priests. It was decided at that Assembly to place the Catholic Church in Australia officially under the patronage of Mary, Help of Christians. The Pope eventually ratified the request to proclaim Mary Help of Christian Patroness of Australia. In fact Australia was the first country in the world to have as Patroness, Mary Help of Christians, the first to celebrate the feast on May 24th (1852); and the first country to have a mother-Cathedral under the same title.
 Mary Help of Christians, Pray for us

Dates for your Diary:

- *Holy Spirit Vincentia, **Church Community Feast Day, Pentecost Sunday 12 June.** Celebrations & Blessing of the Hall.
- **Pentecost Taize:** Fri 10 June 7.30^{pm} St Michael's Church. Please join us.

Catechist Corner: We are desperately in need of at least **6 new catechists**. If interested **contact** Lyn 4423 1009 Also, **.3 x 2A books** are required. *Thank you so much for all the work you do in the State Schools.*



Please support Catholic Mission Australia this weekend to reach out and assist 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 this week-end, you will help communities affected by hardship, disease and extreme poverty. Your ongoing support is gratefully appreciated.



A Reflection of Liturgy: "A constant refrain in the Constitution on the Liturgy (no.14) is that 'full, conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations is demanded by the very nature of

the Liturgy. Liturgy is more than words spoken and understood. The words and actions of the liturgy are to be engaged in, and that engagement should lead to participation in the life of God, in the living God here and now. The theological principle undergirding participation is the Incarnation – God came in human flesh so that we humans could become God (St. Augustine)..One of the tasks facing translators of *The Roman Missal* was to make the translations as accurate as possible for the sake of fidelity, not simply to a Latin text but to those elements of the Catholic theological tradition enshrined in these texts.

If in fact what we pray is what we believe then these texts should be as correct as possible. Words matter. Prayer matters. *The Roman Missal* matters very much. It is a principal means for us to 'hand on' to generations yet unborn what we ourselves have 'received' from countless generations before us."

What a ministry! What a privilege! What a challenge!

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.** .. Bookings and further enquiries: 8912 4818 or mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au



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POSITION VACANT. Regional Faith Education Officers, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine within the Diocese of Wollongong, with responsibility for working with a broad range of groups including parishes, schools, families, diocesan agencies, ecumenical groups, the NSW DET and other professional bodies in providing Special Religious Education to Catholic students in Government schools. An information package can be obtained by emailing jane.edwards@woll.catholic.org.au or by contacting Jane Edwards on (02) 4253 0900.

Applications close Fri, 3 June.