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**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 (Public Holiday):8.00am; 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 recently deceased  
:**Lisa De Rooy** (St John's-- Erowal Bay) and **Teresa Phillips** (Sanctuary Point). Also **Ray Owen, Marjorie Hay, Emilia Labrador, Marciano and Salvacion Cagnillo,** and **Erlinda Gatpatan** whose anniversaries occur. **May they rest in eternal peace.**



**FEASTDAYS:** Monday 13 June, **Anthony of Padua,**  
Sunday 19 June; **Trinity Sunday**



Holy Spirit Vincentia **Pentecost Sunday**  
**12 June (today); Church**  
**Community Feast Day**  
**Celebrations:** 9.30<sup>am</sup> Mass, and 11<sup>am</sup>

blessing of new Hall; followed by refreshments & entertainment; 12.30pm soup & slice luncheon. Invitation extended for parishioners throughout the parish to join us for the celebrations.

**St Michael's Youth Group:** Social Event. Sun 19 June.  
Meeting at 4pm at Shoalhaven City Lanes, followed by 6pm Mass. More info email [youth@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:youth@nowraparish.org.au)

**IMPLEMENTING THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE MASS** –Last weekend we began distributing brochures, prepared by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, which clarify and assist us to understand the new translation of the Order of Mass. This weekend we distribute **brochures numbered 3 & 4.** These brochures are in relation to the changes involving the congregation, and are to be taken home and read. *Please keep the brochures, there will be seven in total.*

**“Becoming One Body One Spirit in Christ”** This Tuesday, **14 June,** Fr Leo will present his final session on the significance of the new translation in the Order of the Mass (being introduced this weekend). Each session has addressed a different aspect of these changes, and participants are gaining a greater understanding and appreciation of the Mass. Everyone is welcome.



**Catechist Corner:** Needed asap **1 x 2A & 1 x 3B** series 3 Activity Books.

**Child Protection In-service Mon 27 June** at the Parish Centre. Ring Lyn 4423 1009 to enrol.

Continuing our theme on *“Spiritual Simplicity”* the **“Come & See” spirituality group** will meet on **Wed 15 June, 7:30<sup>pm</sup>** in the Parish Centre. The focus for the evening is “striving to have balance in our lives”. This practice involves choices and discipline – to be able to focus our energy and attention on what matters most. Everyone is most welcome to join in this opportunity for prayer, reflection and conversation. Please bring a plate for supper. For information contact Moira 4423 6077 or Liz 4422 1279.



**The celebration of Confirmation;** Sat. July 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Two sessions; 2.00.p.m. and 6.00 p.m.  
A reflection-Prayer time for all Candidates, and Parents at St Michael's Church- Wed June 22<sup>nd</sup>. at 7.00p.m.

**A Day of Religious Discernment Sat 25 June, 9.30<sup>am</sup>-4<sup>pm</sup>,** Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. This day of prayer and reflection will explore what is involved in vocation to Religious Life, Priesthood and Lay Commitment. A *donation is appreciated and accommodation available on request.* Ph 96031433 / [www.carmelite.com](http://www.carmelite.com)

**Dear Parishioners:**

*A new batch of **Planned Giving Envelopes** will be issued very soon and so it is timely to share a general review of current **Planned Giving** with you. Apart from special Appeals which take place during the year, and to which parishioners generously respond, we in fact rarely speak of Parish Finance. It is now 7 years since we last conducted what was a low key **Planned Giving Program** in the Parish. In August 2004- c780 parishioners pledged c\$7,500 per week in **Planned Giving.** Those figures were never realized. In fact the graph has consistently been a downward pattern.*

*Much has happened over that period; we are especially grateful for St Michael's Parish Centre, which is an asset serving the parish community far beyond our expectations. We also congratulate the Holy Spirit Community, Vincentia, who have worked enthusiastically over many years for their new Hall.*

*In terms of current **Planned Giving** the news is rather bleak. We are now in the same statistical situation that we were in in June 2004, and as you can appreciate in terms of to-day's costs and monetary value this does not present a very positive picture.*

*e.g. **2003/04 Envelope Users:** 659; **Weekly Average** in 2004, **Envelopes** = \$5233.00; **Loose** = \$1,352.00.*

***June 2011 Committed Givers:** 628. **Weekly average,** **Envelopes** = \$5,219.00; **Loose money 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** = \$1,594.00.*

*Some recurring items of expenditure: **Weekly break down** for 2010 - **Insurance** \$694.00; **Repairs and maintenance:** \$655.00; **Diocesan levy:** \$696.00. It is in the context of such factual information that we need to reflect on our financial commitment to the parish.*

*A significant number of faithful contributors have died over recent years; a sizeable number have gone into residential retirement; others have moved elsewhere; and of course the economic downturn has had a direct impact on others. I sincerely thank parishioners for your financial commitment to the upkeep of the Parish and your support of the various ministries within the Parish over the years.*

*Fr.P.J. Faherty (Parish Priest)*

**(further material next week)**



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**Pentecost Sunday (Year A)**

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**12 June 2011**

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE BIENNIAL  
DIOCESAN CONFERENCE. Saturday, 23 July  
2011, Edmund Rice College**, Mt Keira Road,  
Mt Keira. Commences with Mass at 10.00am in  
College Chapel. Guest speakers Jen Charadia,  
Barbara Davis (Kanga Schools, Sierra Leone)  
and Sr Jan Barnett rsj. Cost \$25.00 includes  
morning tea and lunch. **RSVP with payment by  
Friday, 15 July** to Anne Kelly 5/49-55 Cordeaux  
Road, Figtree 2525. Visit  
[www.cwlawollongong.org.au](http://www.cwlawollongong.org.au)

**NSW / ACT RCIA State Conference – W'gong 16-18  
Sept** How do we welcome people into our Church  
community who are either not baptised (Catechumens)  
or baptised into another denomination (Candidates).  
This is the focus for the NSW/ACT State RCIA  
Conference being held in the Diocese of Wollongong  
from 16-18 Sept 2011. The conference seeks to  
consider the variety of catechetical and pastoral needs  
of those wishing to become part of our faith  
communities. The conference will be an informative and  
valuable time for all those who minister in this area of  
Church life. Please see your parish priest for a  
registration form or visit [www.ozcatechumenate.org](http://www.ozcatechumenate.org).

Essential maintenance projects on the horizon :  
Painting and carpeting of St Michael's, interior  
painting of Kangaroo Valley, pier fortification  
underneath the Berry Church, external painting of  
Bomaderry Church.

In a parish such as ours ongoing maintenance will  
always be a significant cost. The consistency  
envisaged in planned Giving is of course crucial.. I  
encourage new parishioners and those not already  
committed to Planned Giving to consider making a  
regular commitment

Facilities, buildings and support services are an  
integral part of modern parish life. Each generation  
must strive to build on the faith, and generosity  
inherited from previous generations.

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS 2011.** If you are  
celebrating **25, 40, 50 or 60 years** of marriage this year  
and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated  
by Bishop Peter Ingham at **St John Vianney's Church,  
Fairy Meadow** on **Sunday, 7 August 2011** at **2.00pm**,  
please contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop  
and an invitation will be sent to you. Telephone 4253  
0934 or email [helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au)