



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.

Eighteenth Sunday, Year A

31 July 2011

Sunday Masses:

NOWRA6pm 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 recently deceased:
Claire Rogers (Vincentia). Also **Shirley Rigney,**
Sid Sweeny, Colleen Baker, John, Laurie and
Hilda McBeath whose anniversaries occur. *May*
they rest in eternal peace.



FEASTDAYS:

Mon 1 Aug, **Alphonsus Liguori**, bishop
 Thurs 4 Aug, **John Vianney**, priest
 Fri 5 Aug, **Dominic**, priest
 Sat 6 Aug, **Transfiguration of the Lord**

Holy Spirit Vincentia **Spring Fair only 5 weeks to go!!** Raffle Tickets on sale after masses. If you prefer - take a book & return weekend before Fair. **Calling volunteers** approx 100 needed over the day for various tasks- Are there any ways **YOU** can help? Please add your name to list in foyer.



First Saturday Marian Devotions 6 Aug. Mass at 9am 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.*

CARITAS APPEAL FOR EAST AFRICA



“The magnitude of the East Africa food crisis touches all our hearts. The Bishops’ Conference is launching an appeal this weekend (30-31 July) through Caritas which I heartily endorse.” (Bishop Peter Ingham)

“Our brothers and sisters in East Africa are in the grip of a grave humanitarian crisis. As prolonged drought and extreme food insecurity threaten the lives of millions, we must be steadfast in our compassionate support,” said ACBC President Archbishop Philip Wilson.

“In the giving of alms to Caritas Australia’s East Africa Crisis Appeal, you will help Caritas alleviate human suffering in what has been described as the greatest humanitarian crisis on Earth today.”

“Children are literally starving to death which is very difficult for us to comprehend. Two million children have been described as acutely malnourished and close to 11 million people in eight countries have been identified as at risk.”

“As Catholics, we cannot simply stand by and allow these communities to endure such dehumanising suffering. As expressed by the late Father Pedro Arrupe SJ: *‘If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world.’*”

“Our faith in Jesus Christ leads us to follow in his example of compassion for the poor. The Australian Catholic Bishops wholeheartedly support this essential work of the Church that takes place through our International Aid and Development agency Caritas Australia.” **All loose money in the 2nd Collection next weekend will go toward the African Appeal.** Caritas Australia, PO Box 1015, Wollongong

Annual Marriage Anniversaries Mass 2011. If you are celebrating **25, 40, 50** or **60** years of marriage this year & would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham at **St John Vianney’s Church, Fairy Meadow** on **Sun, 7 August** at **2pm**, please contact Helen Bennett on 4253 0934 or email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au

Catholic Women’s League Diocesan Mass

to celebrate the **Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop** Sat, 6 Aug, 11am at Ss Peter & Paul Parish, Manning St, Kiama. Lunch to follow.



Office of Disability: Parish Disability Connections’ volunteers & parents of children or adults with additional needs are invited to a program **Conversations for Nurturing Independence** in the Parish Centre, Wed **10 Aug, 11.30^{am} –1.30^{pm}** (lunch included). If you can manage only half an hour or an hour, please still feel welcome. **RSVP Sister Jeanie 4654 8709.**

Dedication of St John Vianney Church, Fairy Meadow now designated as Co-Cathedral of the Diocese. **Mass commences at 7.30^{pm} on Fri, 5 August.** Supper afterwards. All are welcome.



St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal:

Nowra Conferences will be conducting a doorknock in the Nowra/ Bomaderry areas, between 14 & 28 Aug. We will need all the help we can get from parishioners -for doorknocking, sitting in shopping centres etc- so please keep these dates in mind.. We will be appealing later for names, and if anyone would like to volunteer in advance, please call 4421 0929, 4421 0717 or 4422 1129.

Dates to note:

20 Aug Sat World Youth Day flavour *Madrid Encounter* \$10 Ph 4253 0809 or visit www.dow.org.au/youth
3 Sept, Sat 1pm: Nowra CWL Spring/Summer Fashion Parade St Michael’s Hall
15 Sept Thurs 12noon Mass for Victims of Suicide: Mater Dolorosa Church, Balgownie
29 Oct Sat **Diocesan Liturgy Festival** Formation & celebration of our liturgical ministries. All acolytes, servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, children’s liturgy teams, hospitality teams, musicians, singers and liturgy committee members are invited. St Mary Star of the Sea College, Harbour St, W’gong. Keynote presentation & workshop **“Liturgical Theology – Eucharistic Spirituality.”**



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Diocese of Wollongong Liturgy Festival: Sat, 29 Oct.

This day is set aside for celebration and ongoing formation of our liturgical ministries. All **acolytes, servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, children's liturgy teams, hospitality teams, musicians, singers and liturgy committee members** are invited to gather at St Mary Star of the Sea College, Harbour St, W'gong. The keynote presentation and workshop is on "**Liturgical Theology – Eucharistic Spirituality**." In the afternoon there will be workshops for the various ministries. The festival includes resource stalls and will conclude with Mass with the Bishop at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. **Please mark your diary.** Further details soon.

MASS FOR VICTIMS OF SUICIDE to be held on the Feast Day of Mary, Mother of Sorrows at **Mater Dolorosa Church, Balmoral St, Balgownie** on **Thursday, 15 Sept at 12noon**. Refreshments will be served in the Church meeting room following Mass.

First Reconciliation (Confession)

lessons for State School children:

Berry Tues 4-5pm;

Nowra Wed 4-5pm;

Culburra Thurs 4-5pm.



Gospel Reflections: Free e-Book Fr Ted Tyler, Parramatta Diocese, has written Gospel reflections for lay people for each day of this liturgical year **Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-1** (Dec'10 to Nov'11) This can be downloaded (in PDF or DNL format) free onto your computer, e-reader or i-phone, free from www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

MACKILLOP DVD: To commemorate St Mary MacKillop's Feast Day, the MACKILLOP Musical is now available on DVD starring opera soprano Joanna Cole as Mary. The DVDs are \$25 each including postage. Order online via www.mackillop.info or Ph 0410 51 3056 or Post a Cheque for \$25 with your name, address & phone no. to "Artes Christi", 408/1 Missenden Rd, Camperdown NSW 2050.

Volunteer Workers wanted for Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service. Broome Diocese needs volunteers

to help the local Church on Aboriginal missions. **Tasks:** administration, building, gardening & vehicle maintenance. Placements are for a period of 6 mths – 2 yrs, with possible extension. **For info & an application form contact** Jo & Kevin Bell 089192 1060, email volunteers@broomedioocese.org or mail PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725.

MADRID ENCOUNTER. While some are soon to jet off to celebrate World Youth Day in Madrid, many more of us have not been able to attend, but we can still enjoy some of the flavour and excitement of World Youth Day. On Sat, 20 Aug the Diocese of Wollongong, in association with the Wollongong Youth Mission Team and the Verbum Dei Missionaries, will be presenting „Madrid Encounter“, a day-long event filled to the brim with all the things that make World Youth Day the amazing event it is, including **Catechesis** with Sr Hilda Scott OSB, a dramatic **Way of the Cross, Reconciliation, a Spanish Fiesta, Mass** followed by a **Youth Festival**. We also hope to get some live updates from our pilgrims direct from Madrid, Spain. All this for the special price of \$10, which includes all meals. Pre-registration is essential for catering purposes. Head to www.dow.org.au/youth for more information and to register. For more information contact Loretta on 4253 0809.