



**St Michael's Parish,** Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: [office@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:office@nowraparish.org.au)

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**Twenty Fourth Sunday, Year A**

**11 September 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

**Clergy Retreat Week, note Mass times:**

**Nowra:** Mon and Tues 7.00am; Wed/Thurs 8.15am  
Friday 7.00am and 11.30am; Sat 9.00am  
**Morning Prayer:** Wed 7.50am; **Holy Hour:** Fri 10.30am  
**No Mass at Berry: Tues or Culburra: Thurs**  
**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 **Athol Henry** who died this week **Requiem Mass Monday 10.30.a.m. Nowra.**

Also **William John Wilson** and **Vic Schutz** whose anniversaries occur. **May they rest in eternal peace.**



**FEASTDAYS:** Tues 13 Sept, **John Chrysostom**, bishop  
Wed 14 Sept, **Triumph of the Cross**  
Thurs 15 Sept, **Our Lady of Sorrows**  
Fri 16 Sept, **Cornelius**, pope, martyr and **Cyprian**, bishop, martyr

**Religious gifts** are available for sale at the Piety Stall in the St Vincent de Paul shop, Berry St, Nowra Orders can also be placed from the catalogue. Ph 4421 7244.

**First Holy Communion lessons for Vincentia** commence **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept,**

3:45pm – 5pm, in the Vincentia Hall. Parents will be advised about a parent meeting at a later date.

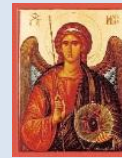


**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Catholic Development Fund.**

The General Manager extends an invitation to all past and present clients, & parishioners in general, to attend Mass at St Michael's Church, Nowra, on **Fri, 16 Sept** at 11.30<sup>am</sup>, followed by light lunch in the Parish Centre.

**ST MICHAEL'S FEASTDAY:**

All parishioners are invited to gather together at the Nowra Golf Club, **29 Sept**, 6.30<sup>pm</sup> for 7<sup>pm</sup>, to celebrate our Parish Feastday. There will be a guest speaker. Meals are available to be ordered from the menu. Please indicate your interest by inscribing your name on the sheet at the Church door, or calling the Parish Centre on 4423 1712 to book.



**EAST TIMOR COFFEE** will be on sale at all Masses at St Michael's, the weekend of **17/18 Sept**. **Cost** \$9/packet or \$16 for two. The Carmelite Missions Office funds many projects through the sale of this organic coffee such as: *mobile health clinic van; purchase of 2nd hand computers; & computer training for local students.* **Contact** Moira Anderson 4448 7391 for information.



**Nowra CWL** monthly meeting, Tues **13 Sept**. morning tea 9.30am, followed by meeting at 10am, in the Parish Centre. Contact Judy 4421 8565.

**COME & SEE spirituality group** next meets on **Wed 21 Sept**, 7:30<sup>pm</sup> in the Parish Centre. *Everyone is most welcome to join in this opportunity for prayer, reflection and conversation.* Please bring a plate for supper. For information contact Moira 4448 7391 or Liz 4422 1279.

**Be Still and Know that I am God:** A Retreat Day for all has been organised by the Compass group, **Sun 25 Sept**, following 9.30<sup>am</sup> Mass to 4<sup>pm</sup>, in St Michael's Parish Centre. Facilitated by the Missionaries of God's Love sisters. Child minding for K-6. Cost: by donation. BYO lunch. Contact Jody 0427 607 310 [jodyedwards@yahoo.com](mailto:jodyedwards@yahoo.com) for bookings.



**St Vincent de Paul Society,** Nowra Conferences sincerely thank all who took part in our recent winter doorknock appeal. 21 parishioners assisted with the doorknocking, including 7 students from St John's HS. A further 13 parishioners assisted in Shopping Centres. A first was a bucket collection at Albatross, which was very successful. A special thank you to the gentleman who, during his daily walking exercise for a week knocked on doors and brought in \$1,345! A total of **\$11,212** was raised, nearly \$1,000 up on last year. *Due to the very high incidence of need in this area, Nowra Conference will spend this in about 4 weeks!*

**BUILDING BRIDGES, NOT WALLS: Social Justice Sunday is on 25 Sept.** This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: *'Building Bridges, not Walls: Prisons and the justice system'*. The Statement asks Catholics to think about conditions in our prisons; who is sentenced to prison and why?. Rates of imprisonment in Australia have risen sharply although levels of crime have remained steady. In our parishes and our communities, let us consider how we can make a difference for those in prison and seeking bridges to a new life. For further details, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call (02) 8306 3499.

Bishop Peter Ingham will launch the statement at **St Michael's Parish, Nowra at 9.30<sup>am</sup> Mass, Sun 25 Sept**, as Nowra is the site of the newly opened South Coast Justice Centre. Following Mass, the Catholic chaplain of the prison, Deacon Peter Presdee, will lead a discussion on the Statement based on his own experience.

**Holy Spirit Vincentia: Spring Fair:** Many thanks for the support received from local & other businesses; from the hard working Volunteers (over 90 on the day); and from our wonderful Parish community. We give thanks to God for a lovely Spring day, and a successful & happy community event. **Please Note: final fair meeting Sun 18 Sept** after 9.30<sup>am</sup> Mass.

**St John's Students Support East Africa:** On 1 Sept, Benedict House led students in raising money for the *Caritas East Africa Appeal*. They hosted a sausage sizzle & home-made muffin sale. The money collected from this, and our mufti day totalled **\$1,900**. *It was an outstanding effort.*

**Upcoming Events:**

**Wed Sept 21<sup>st</sup>:** Yr 12 Graduation Mass St John's 6.30<sup>pm</sup>  
**Tues Oct 18<sup>th</sup>:** Feast of St Luke: Mass and anointing of the Sick – St Patrick's Berry-11.00.a.m.  
**Sat Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Parish Retreat Day at St Michael's  
**Sunday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.** – Social Justice Sunday.



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**Oct 29<sup>th</sup> (Sat):** Mass at 10.30.a.m. for significant Marriage anniversaries, followed by a light lunch- St Michael's

**Nov.5<sup>th</sup>. (Sat)** – Liturgy at Worrigeer Cemetery.

**Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. (Sun)** – St Michael's School Fete.

**Nov 20<sup>th</sup>- The Feast of Christ the King – First Holy Communion.**

**eCONFERENCE: CONVERSATIONS WITH ISLAM.** Fri, **16 Sept.** 10<sup>am</sup> – 12<sup>pm</sup>. **Where:** Catholic Church Offices, 86-88 Market St, Wollongong (Ground Floor Conference Room). **RSVP** to Jane Edwards on 4253 0899 or email [jane.edwards@woll.catholic.org.au](mailto:jane.edwards@woll.catholic.org.au) .

**CatholicCare Art Show Fundraiser**, Fri **23 Sept**, 7<sup>pm</sup> (official opening), **Sat 24 Sept & Sun 25 Sept** at the Kembla Grange Turf Club. Browse artworks by Australia's finest artists on sale all weekend. Kids activities on Sun. All money raised helps strengthen families of children with a disability. For info or to book for the Fri night opening contact Trish Cooney on 42549318 [www.catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au)

**Chevalier College Peer group 1981: 30 Year Reunion.** If you were in Year 12 in 1981 please contact Anne-Maree Doyle (nee Hogan) at [trsdapto@bigpond.net.au](mailto:trsdapto@bigpond.net.au) . A reunion will be held at the end of October and the college would love to see as many old faces as possible.

**Diocese of Wollongong Liturgy Festival: Sat, 29 Oct.**

This day is set aside for ongoing formation of our liturgical ministries. All **acolytes, servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, children's liturgy teams, hospitality teams, musicians, singers & 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.*