



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

First Sunday of Lent, Year B

Website: nowraparish.org.au Incorporates the Church Communities of St Michael, Nowra; St Patrick, Berry

26 February 2012

Sacred Heart, Bomaderry; Mary, Help of Christians, Culburra; St Joseph, Kangaroo Valley; Holy Spirit, Vincentia.

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: Tues 7.50am; ... **Holy Hour:** Fri 10.30am

Berry: Tues 5.30pm..... **Culburra:** Thurs 5.30pm

Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00am... Tues/Wed 5.30pm

Shoalhaven Heads:Friday 3.30pm Community Centre

Kangaroo Valley:..... Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 8.00am

Confession ~ Reconciliation

Nowra:.....Saturday: 9.30. - 10.30am. & 5.00- 5.30pm

Culburra:..... Saturday 5.30pm

Berry:..... Tuesday 6.00pm

Kangaroo Valley:..... Saturday 4.30–5pm

Vincentia:..... Saturday 5.00 – 5.30pm

Stations of the Cross: Vincentia, after 8am Mass each Fri of Lent.

MINISTRY TRAINING. Training for the ministries of Acolyte, Adult Server and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. The training will be led by Bishop Peter Ingham, Fr Sean Cullen, Paul Mason and Noel Meddows on **Saturday 10 March, 10.00am – 2.30pm** at **St Michael's Parish Hall, North St, Nowra..**

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased:
Patricia Conroy, Nell Jarman and Olive Black
 (Vincentia), Also **Terence Cleary, Ramon Petilla, and Molly Basha** whose anniversaries occur.
May they rest in eternal peace.



First Sat Marian Devotions 3 March. Mass at 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary & Benediction at 10.30am. Fr Duane will address the group. Morning tea in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Culburra Family Group's next function will be a **BBQ & swim** at Doon Fraser's home (5 Becroft Pde, Currarong) this Sunday 26 Feb at 3.00pm (**not 5.00pm as previously advised**).

CARITAS: First Sunday of Lent: Your support for



Project Compassion gives expression to the Gospel imperative to pursue justice and help those suffering from poverty and disadvantage. Thanks to your solidarity with the poor, thousands

of conflict-affected families like Flabiana's in Timor Leste are working towards a more just, peaceful and prosperous future. **Please collect Project Compassion envelopes/boxes in Churches today.**

St Michael's Youth Group meet Fri 2 Mar, 6.30 – 8pm in the Parish Centre. Please bring supper to share.

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH'S 150th ANNIVERSARY, will be celebrated throughout the parish in 2013. If you have historical **PHOTOS and Newspaper clippings** that might be of interest to many others, we would be most appreciative if you would **either** – scan and forward the photos to the parish on secretary@nowraparish.org.au or post/deliver to the Parish Office where the photo will be scanned and returned to you. Whilst all photos can't be used in the book they will be preserved in parish data as historical references/records.



Catechist Corner: *Congratulations on a successful start to the Catechist Year.* A catechist/helper is needed on Wednesdays at Berry, 9.10am – 10am. Also it is government census time. Could Coordinators please phone Lyn (4423 1009) with numbers of children in each class/grade. **Activity Books Needed:** 2 x Yr 2 (1B) 3 x Yr3 (2A); 8 x Yr4 (2B); & 2 x Yr5 (3A). Also 1 x Yr5 (3A). **Teacher's Manual**

Reflective silence is emphasised as integral to prayerful Liturgy. While conversation, parish and social exchange are a precious aspect of parish life and most commendable when we gather for Mass, there is need to observe **a spirit of prayerful quiet within our Churches before and after Mass.** This is also a time to respect the sacred space of others. Perhaps this could be a special Lenten exercise..

World Day of Prayer: Fri 2 March

Nowra 2pm at St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Kinghorn St, Nowra. Afternoon tea follows. All welcome.

Culburra:10am at Mary Help of Christians Please join us.



Bay and Basin CWL – next meeting will be held in the Holy Spirit Hall on Thursday 1st March with BYO lunch at 12 midday and meeting at 1pm. All welcome – phone Eileen 4443 8008.

32 year old male, single, chef, new to area, regular Mass-goer, looking for shared accommodation. Contact Vivian on 0423685593.

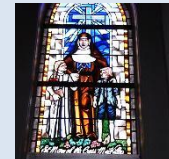
Lenten Groups: Please note Paul & Melanie Brodie's group has changed from Tuesday to **Mondays at 7pm.**

Piety Stall: The St Vincent de Paul Shop, Berry St Nowra has religious items available for sale. Items can also be ordered from the catalogue.

St Joseph's Church, Kangaroo Valley, will be closed from **Mon 5 March to Sun 25 March** for interior painting. Daily Mass will continue to be held *in the Chapel on church grounds.* However, Sunday Mass is unable to be held in the chapel, and parishioners will be required to make alternative arrangements.

Dates to Note:

- **Parents Afternoon Tea**, hosted by CWL, Tues **6 March**, 2.30pm at the Parish Centre
- **Unite in Praise & Worship:** Sat, **3 March**, 3pm S'Ihaven Entertainment Centre. An Ecumenical service organised by Shoalhaven Awakening. Tickets \$10 (to assist with costs); Ph 1300 788 503 or www.shoalhavenentertainment.com.au
- **St Patrick's Day Vigil and Blessing of the Mary MacKillop window** will be held at St Patrick's Church, Berry on Fri **16 March**, 6:30pm. Supper will follow.
- **CWL Fashion Parade Sat 17 March** 2.00pm St Michael's Hall. Entry \$8, includes Afternoon Tea & Lucky Door Prizes.
- **Movie and luncheon** –Sun **1 April** 1pm at the Huskisson Cinema. Tickets on sale \$15 includes entry - see Sr Val





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Accommodation Needed: young woman from Coonamble is studying speech therapy & is doing a placement in Nowra from 26 March to 1 June. Prepared to pay \$70/ wk or negotiable. Ph: 0409 985 959.

Lenten Renewal: “Starting Afresh from Christ”, Tues, 6 March, Campbelltown Catholic Club, 10.00am – 1.00pm followed by lunch. Professor van Thanh Nguyen SVD will be the keynote speaker and will reflect on our role to evangelise in light of St Paul's approach to mission. Fr Nguyen is an internationally acclaimed biblical scholar, assistant Professor of New Testament Studies and Chair of the Catholic Theological Union. **RSVP IS ESSENTIAL.** To register please contact Jane Edwards on 4253 0899 or email jane.edwards@woll.catholic.org.au **by Mon, 27 Feb.**

KICK OFF RALLY

40 Days for Life

Date: Tuesday, 21st February 2012

Where: St Peter's Catholic Church
235 Devonshire St. Surry Hills

Mass: At 6pm with Bishop Julian Porteous, followed by candle light procession to Preterm abortuary.

Conclude: with Benediction, and pancake supper

Contact: Sue Hill 4441 3197 or Family Life International (Aust)

(02) 9519 9111 www.fli.org.au

ASH WEDNESDAY: 22 February. A Day of Fast and Abstinence.