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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 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  
K Valley: Mon, Tues, Thurs 8.00am. Wed.: 6.15am

**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:** A final word of invitation and encouragement! 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 **Sat 10 March, 10.00am – 2.30pm at St Michael's Parish Hall.. Please RSVP to the Parish Centre, 4423 1712 by Mon, 5 March. Morning tea provided. PLEASE BYO LUNCH.**

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased. Also those whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



The Ante-room at Bomaderry Church (set aside for reconciliation) now contains a small box of toys for the use of parents who feel the need to occupy their children for a short time during Mass. Please avail yourself of this facility if you see the need

**Shoalhaven Crossroads** meets **Fri 9 March** 7.15–9.15<sup>pm</sup>, **Nowra** Baptist Church. **Enquiries** Beth 4421 8137.

**CARITAS: Second Sunday of Lent:**

Your donations to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion support long term partnerships for justice and transformation. This week we meet Khin, 10, one of an estimated two million people who have fled poverty, violence & instability in Burma. **With your ongoing support, together we will continue to advocate for all children's right to education.**



**Parent Evenings in relation to the Sacraments:**

**1st Reconciliation** –Wed next March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.p.m. Parish Hall, Nowra.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion** – Wed. March 14<sup>th</sup> 7.p.m. Parish Hall Nowra.  
(Candidates for **Confirmation** and parents are being advised by note as there are options.)



**Passion (Palm) The Parish Commemoration of the Paschal Meal, Sun 1 April: 7<sup>pm</sup> for 7.30<sup>pm</sup> in the Parish Hall.** This simple Liturgy combines the Christian Last Supper & the Old Testament Passover.

It is not necessary to be part of a Lenten Group. Come & join us especially children!. *Final numbers are due Mon 26 March.*  
**Contacts:** Maree 4421 8516, Francene 4421 5962, Tina 4422 9250 or Bernie 4421 2968.

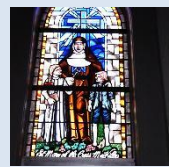
**Choir for the Easter Ceremonies** will be on **Thurs 8, 15, 22 & 29 March**, 5-6.30pm in St Michael's Church. All singers and musicians are most welcome. Even if you are unable to attend each day of the Triduum please feel free to come.

**Catechist Corner:** A catechist/helper is needed on Wednesdays at Berry, 9.10 – 10am. Also, it is government census time. Could Coordinators please phone Lyn (4423 1009) with numbers of children in each class/grade.

**COMPASS** - last weekend 35 parishioners from the Compass group went camping, swimming, kayaking, & bushwalking at Booderee National Park, culminating in a beautiful Mass under the stars celebrated by Father Duane. *Like to know what our next event is or meet the Compass group?* Join us on **Sun Mar 18** after 6<sup>pm</sup> Mass for a Come and See.

**Dates to Note:**

- **Parents Afternoon Tea**, hosted by CWL, Tues **6 March**, 2.30pm at the Parish Centre
- **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 **29 April** 1pm at the Huskisson Cinema. Tickets on sale \$15 includes entry - see Sr Val



**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.

**ST MICHAEL'S PARISH'S 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 2013.** Historical **Photos & Newspaper clippings** would be most appreciated if you would **either** – scan and forward the photos to the parish on [secretary@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:secretary@nowraparish.org.au) or post/deliver to the Parish Office where the photo will be scanned and returned to you. **The next Meeting will be Monday March 12<sup>th</sup>. 7.00pm at the Parish Centre.**



**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.  
**Triathlon raffle tickets** on sale outside Vincentia Church. **1<sup>st</sup> prize – Toyota Yaris.** Tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5, book of 20 costs \$34. All proceeds to loan for Vincentia Hall. Please return unsold tickets by Easter.



**Spirituality in the Pub:** Theme for 2012 – 'On the Threshold' **Mon 12 March 7.30<sup>pm</sup>** Jamberoo Pub *People versus Profit – Ethics, Media and the GFC.*  
**Speakers:** Dr Edward Spence & Damian Grace. Eileen Radford 4232 3121. Meals available

from 5.30<sup>pm</sup>



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**Catalyst for Renewal Mission Statement:** *We are believers who are attempting to establish a forum for conversation within the Catholic Church of Australia. Our aim is to prompt open exchanges among the community of believers, mindful of the diversity of expression of faith in contemporary Australia.* Further info:

**VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD.** Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? For help in discerning whether this is for you, visit [dow.org.au/diocese/vocations-to-priesthood](http://dow.org.au/diocese/vocations-to-priesthood) or contact [priesthood@dow.org.au](mailto:priesthood@dow.org.au)

**SPIRIT ALIVE! DIOCESAN MINISTRY FESTIVAL – SAVE THE DATE!** You are invited to join the Diocese on Saturday, 26 May 2012 at John Therry Catholic High School, Rosemeadow to celebrate the many gifts and opportunities we have to participate in the life of the Church. This festival day with rides for the kids, 100+ stalls, music, keynotes, showcases and a whole array of food from the many cultures in our Diocese, promises to be a wonderful witness to the life and vitality that exists within our Catholic community. So save the date in your calendars now! If you would like to participate on the day with a food stall, music or a stall showcasing your ministry, contact Darren McDowell on 4253 0985 or [darren.mcdowell@woll.catholic.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@woll.catholic.org.au)

**SENIORS' WEEK 18-25 MARCH 2012.** Who are the seniors in your family and in your parish? Seniors are acknowledged by our community to be anyone over 65 years of age. Some of our seniors are living longer, healthier and more fulfilled lives while others may have a disability, may be frail, isolated and lonely. This week can be a time for us as a Parish community to find ways to acknowledge, celebrate, value and support the lives of our seniors. For further information on supporting our seniors contact Carmen Karauda, Diocesan Aged Care Advocate on 4640 8515 or [carmen.karuda@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au](mailto:carmen.karuda@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au)

**LENTEN CONCERT. Experience The Journey** on Sunday, 18 March 2012 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 193 St Andrews Road, Varroville from 3.00pm – 5.00pm. Admission: Adults \$15;

Pensioner/Concession \$10; Child \$8, Family \$40 and APMN Members: \$10. Includes refreshments, tea, coffee and snacks at intermission. For bookings contact Connie on 0426 541 628 or email [lentenjourney@hotmail.com](mailto:lentenjourney@hotmail.com)

**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..

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**n relation to the Sacraments:**