



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

**Third Sunday of Lent, Year B**  
**11 March 2012**

**Website: [nowraparish.org.au](http://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.

**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.

**St Joseph's Church, Kangaroo Valley**, will be closed until **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.

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased. Also **Jim Dempsey** and **Alexandra Garnuszek** and those whose anniversaries occur. **May they rest in eternal peace.**



**Feastday:** Saturday 17 March, **St Patrick**, bishop

**COMPASS** – Do you enjoy dinner parties, bushwalking, watching DVD's, animated discussions, space for quiet reflection, fun,, laughter and friendship? *Then Compass may be for you!* On **Sun Mar 18** join us after the 6pm youth mass for a **Come & See** event. Share a BBQ or a coffee and find out about our 2012 events! Contact: Jody [jodyedwards@yahoo.com](mailto:jodyedwards@yahoo.com) 0427 607 310



**ST MICHAEL'S PARISH'S 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 2013.**  
**The next Meeting will be Monday March 12<sup>th</sup>. 7.00pm at the Parish Centre.**

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.



**CARITAS: Third Sunday of Lent:**  
Zimbabwe was once known as the 'breadbasket of Africa', yet enduring conflict & prolonged drought reversed this prosperity.. This week we meet Colletta who was once bedridden but is now able to work to support her elderly mother and children. *Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps create the just and compassionate world that God desires.*



**Parent Evening in relation to 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion –**  
Wed. **March 14<sup>th</sup>** 7pm, Parish Hall Nowra.  
The Meeting is Intended for all parents intending to present their children for First Holy Communion



**Choir practice for the Easter Triduum** will be on **Thurs 15, 22 & 29 March**, 5-6.30pm in St Michael's Church. All singers and musicians are most welcome.

**St Patrick's Day Vigil and Blessing of the Mary MacKillop window** will be held at St Patrick's Church, Berry on Friday next **16 March**, 6:30pm. Supper will follow; a cordial invitation to all parishioners



**St Michael's Youth Group** meet **Fri 16 March**, 6.30 -8pm, in the Parish Centre. Young people are invited to bring their friends along & bring some supper to share. **Contact:** Catriona [youth@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:youth@nowraparish.org.au)

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

**Youth Mass:** In 2011 the Parish introduced a Monthly Youth Mass which takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at St Michael's at 6pm. Mass is followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre & games/activities. Youth are encouraged to be involved in the Youth Mass through music, singing, welcoming, reading, offertory and hospitality. The next Youth Mass in on **18 March**. **Contact:** Catriona Nunan [youth@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:youth@nowraparish.org.au)

**Choir for Chrim Mass at the Cathedral, Wed, 4 April, 7.30pm.** A choir rehearsal will begin at **6.30pm prior to the Mass**. Choristers from parishes are asked to RSVP to Helen Bennett on 4253 0934. *Sheet music will be emailed in the next week or two so that choristers can be prepared for the rehearsal.*



**CWL Fashion Parade Sat 17 March 2.00pm** St Michael's Hall. Fashions supplied and modelled by Illawarra Machine Knitters. Entry \$8, includes Afternoon Tea & Lucky Door Prizes

**Our Parish Liturgy of the Paschal Meal is Sun 1 April**, 7pm for 7.30pm, Parish Hall. It is not necessary to be part of a Lenten Group; form your own table, and we welcome children. *Final numbers are due Mon 26 March* to Maree 4421 8516 or Francene 4421 5962.



**Dates to Note:**

- **St Michael's Children's Liturgy** will next be held March 25 at 9.30am Mass.
- **Reasons for Hope Retreat** for people aged 15-35, **Fri 16 - Sun 18 March**, Chittick Lodge, Gerringong. (time for prayer, sport, talks, entertainment & great company). Bishop Peter Ingham will be present for the Opening Mass. Visit [www.reasonsforhope.net.au](http://www.reasonsforhope.net.au) for more information and registration details.



**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Penance) will be celebrated at St Michael's on Thursday Evening March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.00p.m. There will be four priests present for the Sacrament. This is a most appropriate communal preparation for Holy Week and Easter.



- **Appin Massacre Memorial Ceremony** to remember the Dharawal people killed in the massacre of 1816, **Sun, 15 April**, 12noon-3.30pm, Cataract Dam picnic area. Sausage sizzle lunch provided. The ceremony involves a short walk to the site so appropriate footwear, hats, sunscreen & bottled water are recommended. **Contact** Aunty Muriel Brandy 9605 4540, Uncle Ivan Wellington 0447 581 306 or Sr Kerry Macdermott 9605 1838
- **Movie and luncheon** –Sun **29 April** 1pm at the Huskisson Cinema. Tickets on sale \$15 includes entry - see Sr Val

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

**Vocation to the Priesthood.** Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? For help in discerning whether this is for you, visit <http://dow.org.au/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)

**“ALWAYS BE JOYFUL IN THE LORD”** – head to St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Harbour Street, Wollongong on **Sunday, 25 March 2012 at 5.00pm** and celebrate World Youth Day 2012 with young people from across our Diocese as we begin our journey to Rio, Brazil for the next

gathering of young people from around the world in July 2013. For more information contact Loretta on 4253 0809 or at [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.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)