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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:.. Sat. : 11.00-11.30.am. & 5.00 – 5.30pm

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

St Joseph's Church, Kangaroo Valley, is to re-open for Sunday Mass on Palm Sunday , 1st April

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased;
John Mullaney (Culburra) , **Lorraine Gilligan**
(Sydney – sister of Garry Gilligan), **Fr John Krewenka**.- who for 40 years was Diocesan Chaplain to the German community, and **Sr Joan Curtis SGS – formerly of Wollongong**) Also **Kevin McBeath**, **Alexsandra Garnuszek**, **Peter McRae** and **Catherine Cooke** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastday: Mon 19 March, **St Joseph**, spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary

Compass – Do you enjoy dinner parties, bushwalking, animated discussions, space for quiet reflection, fun, laughter & friendship? *Then Compass may be for you!* **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 0427 607 310



Choir practice for the Easter Triduum will be on **Thurs 22 & 29 March**, 5-6.30pm in St Michael's Church. All singers and musicians are most welcome. Your support in this regard is essential if the Liturgy is what it ought to be for Holy Week and Easter.

Mother Ruth Scholarship Fund: Theatre Gala; Wed 21 March "Eurobeat Almost Eurovision", Nowra Players Theatre, Bomaderry, Adults **\$35**, Not for Children. **Contact** Denise 0419 248 889 or 4423 2299. Tickets need to be paid to guarantee a seat.

CARITAS: 4th Sunday of Lent:

This week we meet Bae Lisa from the Philippines, one of over 300 indigenous leaders engaged by Caritas Australia's partner to work towards peace and human development in Mindanao's fractured communities, where over two million people have been displaced since the 1970's. **Please support Project Compassion this Lent to provide humanitarian relief for those most marginalised by conflict and hunger.**



Catechist Corner: Books on back-order should arrive this week. Thank-you for your patience.

Positions Vacant: Two teams of generous people are needed to clean St Michael's Church for the 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month. **Contact** Carmen 4421 5993 if you can help. This task may seem very ordinary, and it something that can easily be taken for granted, but cleaning and appropriately maintaining our places of worship, is a magnificent expression of love and reverence for God and all that is sacred.

Our **Paschal Meal** will be held on Palm Sunday, 1 April, 7pm for 7.30pm, in the Parish Hall. *Everyone is welcome.* Lenten Group Leaders are reminded that final numbers are due **Mon 26 March** to Maree 4421 8516. Helpers are needed to set up the Hall on Palm Sunday morning at 10.30am. Other enquiries to Francene 4421 5962.



Is God Calling You 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

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



St Michael's Children's Liturgy will be held next Sunday, **March 25** at 9.30am Mass.

Dates to Note:

- **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.
- **Movie and luncheon –Sun 29 April 1pm** at the Huskisson Cinema. Tickets on sale \$15 includes entry - see Sr Val
- **Musicians' Workshop – additional Mass settings**, will be held **Sun, 29 April**, 1.00–4.00pm at **St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.** It is recommended that parishes begin to introduce additional settings to complement the Diocesan Mass setting, the *Glendalough Mass*, so that people will be able to participate in Masses with people outside the Diocese. **RSVP essential to Helen Bennett on 4253 0934 or email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au**



Project Compassion – St John's High School. Students and staff are focussing this year's Project Compassion on enabling access to fresh drinking water. The campaign is led by McCabe House whose core values are *love, forgiveness and service.* Each morning students collect from Pastoral And Learning Support (PALS) groups. Results are tallied in House Groups & represented by wells displayed on a wall. Each well represents \$30 donated. Each House Group aims to raise \$600 to establish one water well. Donations so far tally \$3,842.90.

Seniors' Week: 18-25 March. Seniors are acknowledged by our community to be anyone aged over 65 years. For more info on supporting our seniors contact Carmen, Diocesan Aged Care Advocate on 4640 8515 or carmen.karuda@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au

Stations of the Cross at St Michael's : Fridays 23rd and 30th of March at 7.00p.m.



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Triathlon raffle tickets on sale outside Vincentia Church. **1st 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.

• **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

The Journey: A Lenten concert that invites you to take a journey of life through a collection of beautiful music performed by:

- ❖ Concettina Gangemi
- ❖ John Charadia
- ❖ Jen Charadia
- ❖ Paul Mason
- ❖ Qestra Mulqueeny
- ❖ Natalia Raspopova
- ❖ Jessica Day

Seven musicians will create a musical story using their voices or instruments. Come and listen to: Ave Maria; Panis Angelicus; The Lord is My Shepherd; There Where You Are; Crucifixion: Stillness; Emptiness; and many more. Sun, 18 March 3.00-5.00pm (includes refreshments). Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Varroville (193 St Andrews Road) Adult \$15 | Pensioner/Concession \$10 | Child \$8 | Family \$40 | APMN Member \$10. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** Connie 0426 541 628 | Email lentenjourney@hotmail.com | Varroville Parish Office 9603 7373

TIME TO START AFRESH FROM CHRIST? The Australian Bishops are inviting the Catholic Church in Australia to start afresh from Christ. We are all encouraged to get involved in a Year of Grace starting in May. A new website has been launched which offers us ways to reflect on our life in Jesus Christ and how God is present in our lives. The website will offer hundreds of ways for individuals, families and parish and school communities to engage in “grace moments” – ways of experiencing God in the ordinary. How will you start afresh from Christ? Register today at www.yearofgrace.catholic.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



“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.

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH'S 150th Anniversary, 2013. **The next Meeting will be Monday March 12th. 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 or post/deliver to the Parish Office where the photo will be scanned and returned to you.

