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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.: 6.15a.m

**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 on Friday  
**Stations of the Cross at St Michael's: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of March at 7.00p.m.**

**Reconciliation at Berry on Sat next March 31<sup>st</sup>: 9.00-10.00.a.m.**

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased; **John Mullaney** and **Frank Parker** (late of Vincentia). Also **Desmond McDevitt** and **Peter Garratty**. whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**Feastday:** Mon 26 March, **The Annunciation of the Lord**,

**CARITAS:** In this week's story we meet Judy, whose shanty town in Peru bears little resemblance to God's vision of a just world, with high tuberculosis and malnutrition rates, no running water, no sewage and next to no employment. Since 2004, your donations have supported programs here. Today, Judy imagines a brighter future. **Please donate to Project Compassion to allow Caritas Australia to continue such development work.**



**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Penance) will be celebrated at St Michael's this 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 & Easter. Parishioners are encouraged to avail of this opportunity**

The **Paschal Meal: 1 April**, 7<sup>pm</sup> for 7.30<sup>pm</sup>, in the Parish Hall. *All welcome.* Final numbers to Maree McMillan, 4421 8516, are due on **Mon 26 March**. Helpers are needed 1 April at 10.30am to set up the Hall. If you have a name tag, please wear it. Enquiries to Francene 4421 5962.



**Choir Practice for the Easter Ceremonies** will be on **Thurs 29 March, 6.00–7pm** in St Michael's Hall. 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.*

**Vincentia Meetings for the Sacraments:**

- A **Confirmation** enrolment meeting will be held this **Sun 25 March**, after 9.30<sup>am</sup> Mass, in the Holy Spirit Hall, Vincentia. Anyone wanting to be confirmed must attend for the enrolment.
- **Mon 26 March**, 3.45pm in Holy Spirit Hall: This is a parent and child meeting and enrolment for those preparing for their first **Reconciliation**.
- **Mon 2 April**, 3.45 in Holy Spirit Hall. This is a parent and child meeting for those preparing for their **First Holy Communion**.

**Contact** for all of the above: **Sr Val 4441 7035**

**St Vincent de Paul Society.** The month of May each year has now been designated 'Recruitment Month' for the Society throughout the Diocese. All 6 Conferences within our parish need more members. Think about it and **Watch This Space**.



**St Michael's April/May roster is now available in the Church.**

**St Joseph's Church, Kangaroo Valley**, will re-open on Sunday next Palm Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April

**St Michael's Youth Group** will meet Friday **30 March** in the Parish Centre, 6.30-8.00pm. Students from Years 5 & 6 and High School Students are invited to bring their friends along and some supper to share.

**Holy Spirit Community Auxiliary Meeting Sat 31 March**, 1pm Holy Spirit Hall, Vincentia. Are you interested in events affecting our church community? *All parishioners welcome to attend.*

**Bay & Basin CWL** meeting will be held in Holy Spirit hall, Tues **3 April**. Morning tea at 10am & meeting at 10.30<sup>am</sup>. All welcome. Contact Eileen 44438008. **Please note the change of meeting day for this month.**

**Church cleaners needed** : Two teams of generous people are needed to clean St Michael's Church for the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. **Contact** Carmen 4421 5993 if you can help. This is an important work.

**Dates to Note:**

- **Chrism Mass at St Francis' Cathedral, Wed, 4 April, 7.30pm.**
- **Movie and luncheon** –Sun **29 April** 1pm at the Huskisson Cinema. Tickets on sale \$15 includes entry - see Sr Val

**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 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](http://www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au)

**New Missals:** It is hoped that **Australian Version of the new Sunday Missal** will be available shortly after Easter – cost \$39.95. It is anticipated that the Australian version of the **Weekday Missal** will be available later in the year – cost \$79.95. Pre-orders can be placed now by email [shop@christiansupplies.com.au](mailto:shop@christiansupplies.com.au) or through the Parish Office (Please note: no facility for card payments is available at the Parish Office).





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- **Musicians' Workshop – additional Mass settings**, will be held **Sun, 29 April**, 1.00–4.00pm at **St Francis Xavier's**

- **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

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**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)

**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.

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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.

**Triathlon raffle tickets:** Please return money, ticket butts and any unsold tickets before Easter. **.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.

- **iSTAND Generation: School Holiday Camp Wed 11 - Fri 13 April** Are you aged between 14-18?. For further details, contact Youth Ministry Team W'gong Mngr, Christopher Brennan on 4284 1635 or 0433 636 359 or [wollongong@ymt.com.au](mailto:wollongong@ymt.com.au)
- **Prayer Around the Cross**, drawing inspiration from the prayers and music of Taize in France to be held on **Fri, 27 April** at St Paul's Parish, Albion Park from 7.00pm.
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