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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

Holy Week Programme:

Nowra: Mass: Mon 7.00am; Tues/Wed/ 8.15.am.
Berry: Tues 5.30pm **Vincentia:** Mon 8am; Tues /Wed 5.30pm
K Valley. Mon/Tues : 8.00.a.m.
Stations of the Cross: Shoalhaven Heads; Wed 4th. 3.00pm.

The **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated by the Bishop and the Clergy of the Diocese in the Cathedral on Wednesday Evening: **4 April** at 7.30.p.m.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Nowra, and Berry - 7.00.p.m. Culburra Beach: 6.p.m;
Vincentia: 6.00pm and **Kangaroo Valley:** 5.00pm,

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross:

Bomaderry: 8.30am;
Nowra, Kangaroo Valley & Vincentia; 10.00am

Solemn Passion of the Lord:

Nowra, Berry, Culburra Beach & Vincentia: 3.00pm

Easter Masses:

Vigils; Culburra Beach: 6.00pm;
Nowra, Vincentia & Berry: 7.00pm

Easter Sunday:

Nowra: 8.00am, 9.30am and 6.00pm
Berry: 8.00a.m. **Bomaderry:** 9.30.a.m.;
Culburra Beach: 8.00am & 9.30am; **K Valley** 11.00am
Vincentia: 8.00am and 9.30am.

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased; **Gizella Horvath**, and **Sydney Zammit** (Melbourne). Also **Maud Crossingham** and all those whose anniversaries occur. **May they rest in eternal peace.**



First Saturday Marian Devotions: 7 April.

Mass at 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction at 10.30am. Morning tea available in the Parish Centre. *Everyone most welcome.*



OPPOSING THE RE-DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE:

Bishop Peter Ingham. "Currently there are critical inquiries being conducted by Federal Parliament regarding attempts to redefine marriage. These inquiries are a likely pre-cursor to votes on Bills that will attempt to recognise same-sex unions as marriage. The consequences of such a profoundly radical step – changing the legal definition of marriage – are very serious. I want to ask you, our Catholic people, to make a stand to protect the traditional understanding of marriage. Information is available on the website <http://dow.org.au/news/news-and-media/item/protecting-marriage>

Paschal Meal: Sunday 1 April, 7^{pm} for 7.30^{pm}, in the Hall. Please wear a name tag if you have one. Helpers needed to set up after the 9.30am Mass.

Vincentia Meeting for First Holy Communion: 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:** Sr Val 4441 7035.

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

Culburra Family Group's next outing will be on **Thurs 12 April,** 10:00 am, at the Big Foot, Coolangatta. **Cost:** \$20 per person. Enquiries to Margaret 4446 4117.

St Michael's Youth Group Holiday Activities:

Wed 11 April: Movies at the Roxy Cinema. Time TBC
Thurs 12 April: Picnic at Rope Park Huskisson from 11am. (If Bad weather a Games afternoon will be held from 1:30pm-4:30pm at the Parish Centre)
Fri 13 April: DVD Afternoon at the Parish Centre from 1:30pm-4:30pm. For more info & to RSVP please email youth@nowraparish.org.au or call 0422 201 054.

St Vincent de Paul Society. 5-6 May is our recruitment weekend. Think about it. What better way to show, ".....our love must not be mere talk but something real and active".

CARITAS As in many Australian Indigenous communities, deadly 'lifestyle' diseases such as diabetes & heart disease are many times higher than the Australian average here. Caritas Australia supports a holistic, community-owned Diabetes Management & Care Program in remote communities. Your donations to **Project Compassion** ensure support in such programmes.



Seniors' Morning Tea You are cordially invited to Morning Tea and a sing-along at the Holy Spirit Church hall, Vincentia, on Tuesday 24 April 2012 at 10.00 am. For more information please call Ron D'Souza 4441 5723.

MRSF Theatre Gala: The trustees wish to thank all those who contributed to this year's profit of over \$2500. Thank you also to those who donated to the supper, those who donated money, and those who came along and were part of a great audience.

On Monday, Benedict XVI arrived at the International Airport, Santiago de Cuba. He likened his visit to "this island like a gentle breath of fresh air which gave new strength to the Church in Cuba, awakening in many a renewed awareness of the importance of faith and inspiring them to open their hearts to Christ, while at the same time kindling their hope and encouraging their desire to work fearlessly for a better future," the Pope said.



"I come to Cuba as a pilgrim of charity, to confirm my brothers and sisters in the faith and strengthen them in the hope which is born of the presence of God's love in our lives," he proclaimed.

Referring to the economic difficulties in many parts of the world at present the Pope referred to it as a lack of values and as part of a profound spiritual and moral crisis. "We cannot continue as before", he urged, saying that: "real progress calls for an ethics which focuses on the human person and takes account of the most profound human needs, especially man's spiritual and religious dimension."



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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

Toyota Yaris. Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5, book of 20 costs \$34. All proceeds to loan for Vincentia Hall.

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. **Contact** Sr Kerry Macdermott 9605 1838

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

- **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
- **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.
- **Movie and luncheon** –Sun **29 April** 1pm at the Huskisson Cinema. Tickets on sale \$15 includes entry - see Sr Val

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

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 or through the Parish Office (Please note: no facility for card payments is available at the Parish Office).



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.



Triathlon raffle tickets: Please return money, ticket butts and any unsold tickets before **Easter. 1st prize –**

