



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

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.

**Second Sunday of Easter, Year B**

**15 April 2012**

**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

**Weekday Masses:**

**Nowra:**..... Mon 7.00am; Tues/Wed/Thurs /8.15.am  
 Friday 7.00am. and 11.30am; Sat 9.00am  
**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/Sat:8.00am, Wed 6.10am

**Confession--Reconciliation**

**Nowra:** ..... Sat 9.30-10.30am & 5.00- 5.30pm  
**Culburra:** Sat 5.30pm. .... **Berry:** Tues 6.00pm  
**Kangaroo Valley:**..... Sat 4.30.- 5.00pm  
**Vincentia:** ..... Sat 5 –5.30pm

**Divine Mercy Sunday-this Sunday April 15th- at Holy Spirit Church, Vincentia at 2.30.p.m- Devotions which will include Benediction. (not Mass).**

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased;  
**Barry O'Donnell** (S'haven Heads) and **Eileen Daly**. Also **Joseph Trotter** and **Robert King** and all those whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**An Extract from Pope Benedict's Easter Message:** "May the jubilant voice of the Church reach all of you with the words which the ancient hymn puts on the lips of Mary Magdalene, the first to encounter the Risen Jesus on Easter morning. She ran to the other disciples and breathlessly announced: **"I have seen the Lord!"** Speaking before a crowd of 100,000 faithful in St Peter's square in Rome, Pope Benedict called for an end to the bloodshed in Syria where fighting continues. "Particularly in Syria, may there be an end to bloodshed and an immediate commitment to the path of respect, dialogue and reconciliation, as called for by the international community..." The pontiff also voiced the hope that the thousands of refugees fleeing the crisis would be given help and relief in "their dreadful sufferings"



There were many complimentary remarks and expressions of gratitude regarding Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. Included in the appreciative remarks were the floral arrangements at the Mass Centres of the Parish. Our sincere thanks to all the ladies who use their great creative talent in such an admirable and uplifting way.



**ST JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL--Project Compassion**



The efforts and enthusiasm St John's students have shown towards Project Compassion has been most admirable. As well as collecting donations throughout Lent the students conducted fundraising events, such as Caroline Chisholm Day. The School's efforts this year reached a total of \$8720.70. St John's students and school community certainly do show concern for those less fortunate than themselves.

**Nowra Catholic Women's League** invites all ladies of the parish to a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea, Sat 5 May, 2.00pm in the Parish Hall. Entertainment by "Trilogy".

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

**Catholic Women's League** is holding a *"Bible Collection Drive"* Sundays **22 & 29 April**. Standard size bibles preferred. These bibles are for Deacon Peter Presdee's ministry. Boxes available at the entrance doors of all churches in the parish on these weekends.

**ANZAC DAY** – Wednesday 25 April; Mass at 8<sup>am</sup> at St Michael's.

The **Year of Grace**, which begins at Pentecost 27 May, is about contemplating the face of Jesus Christ and starting afresh from Christ. It will not be a time of extra programs or projects rather we are to keep asking ourselves: *What does what I do have to do with Jesus?*



A new website offers us ways to reflect on our life in Jesus Christ and how God is present in our lives. [www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au](http://www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au)

**St Vincent de Paul Society, May Recruitment.** Please



give prayerful consideration to joining one of our Conferences in the parish – we need you to help us become Christ's hands and feet, as we carry out our mission in the parish.

**Nominations Called for Diocesan Pastoral Council**

Our Diocesan Pastoral Plan, *Bearers of Christ's Love*, calls for the re-establishment of the Diocesan Pastoral Council. The Council acts as a significant form of collaborative dialogue and discernment in service of the pastoral needs of the Diocese. **Bishop Peter Ingham is now calling on people to nominate for the Council. If you are interested, you can download a copy from our diocesan website at [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au), or contact the Bishop's Office and speak with Jane Edwards on 4253 0899.**

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

**Palms Australia** is a Catholic organisation which has been sending volunteers to developing countries for 50+years. Palms seeks skilled volunteers to participate in a cross-cultural mission in Asia, Africa or the Pacific. Positions exist in education, health, administration, agriculture/farming, trades and other areas. Come to a Palms information session at the Healing Ministry, Golden Grove, 5 Forbes St, Newtown, Sydney, Sun 6 May 3:30<sup>pm</sup> to learn more. RSVP to Sarah Torcasio on 9518 9551 or [sarah@palms.org.au](mailto:sarah@palms.org.au) for info.

**A Memorial Ceremony** to remember the *Dharawal people killed in the Appin Massacre of 1816*, **Sun, 15 April**, 12 noon-3.30pm, Cataract Dam picnic area. **Contact** Sr Kerry MacDermott 9605 1838.



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**PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS Pentecost Celebration**, drawing inspiration from the prayers and music of Taize in France. **Fri 25 May, 7.00pm** at St Michael's Nowra. For info contact Gabrielle Fogarty on 4232 2735 or Pat Boniface on 4232 1034.

**Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion appeal.** Your generosity continues aid and development work reflective of the life of Jesus Christ, in over 35 countries. Your donations offer new life to your brothers and sisters struggling with poverty and injustice



**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>

**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)

It is fitting to reflect on the connection between the suffering and death of our service men and

**ST MICHAEL'S PARISH'S 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 2013.**

**The next Meeting will be Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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.



**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).