



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

ANZAC DAY: Wed 25 April; Mass 8am at St Michael's

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased;
Anne Young, Dora Heaton (UK sister of Pauline Nield), **Tony Smith (ex-RN)** and **Barry O'Donnell** (S'haven Heads). Also **Alan McNeil, Peter Nield, Jennifer Heffernan (nee Couch), James McManus, Samson and Julius Coloma** and all those whose anniversaries occur. **May they rest in eternal peace.**



We extend to Dennis Young and his children Elouise, David and Christopher our sincere and prayerful sympathy on the tragic death of Anne his wife and their mother, on Wednesday in the road accident North of Berry. Anne has had a close and valued connection with both St Michael's and St John's Schools and St Michael's Parish. Her untimely death has been a great shock to the community. May she rest in peace.

Feastdays: Thurs 26 April, **St Mark**, evangelist
Sat 28 April, **St Peter Chanel**, priest, martyr.

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.

ANZAC DAY – Wed 25 April; Mass at 8am at St Michael's. Dawn Services, prayer, and Church services have become a particularly important aspect of ANZAC Day. We commend those who died to God's eternal keeping, and we pray for Peace in a troubled world.



St Michael's Youth Group are having a Trivia Night, Fri **27 April** 6.30 – 8pm, in the Parish Centre. Please bring supper to share.

Compass Bushwalk and Picnic: Join us this coming Sunday **29 April** at 11.00am for a family friendly bushwalk and picnic lunch. Everyone welcome! Meet at Bomaderry Creek Walking Trackhead (Narang picnic area) for a walk followed by BYO lunch. RSVP essential in case of wet weather changes. Contact Jody compass@nowraparish.org.au or 0427 607 310



Huskisson Movie 'The Exotic Marigold Hotel' 1pm, **29 April**. Fundraiser for Vincentia Hall. Tickets on sale \$15 Phone Sr Val or the Parish Office. *Will be held rain or shine.* Bring a chair - lunch outside weather permitting.

Nowra 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.

Bay & Basin CWL Next meeting Thursday **3 May commencing at an earlier time, 10:30am** in the Hall. BYO lunch. All welcome. Phone Eileen 4443 8008.

First Saturday Devotion May 5. Mass at 9.00am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with Reconciliation, Rosary & Benediction at 10.30. Morning tea available in the Parish Centre. All most welcome.

Nowra Catholic Women's League Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea; St Michael's Parish Hall, Sat **5 May**, at 2.00pm. Entertainment by 'Trilogy'. All mothers and grandmothers invited.



May Recruitment. St Vincent de Paul Society. The parish has 6 Conferences, all needing more members – Shoalhaven Heads, Berry, St Michael's Nowra, Sacred Heart Nowra/Bomaderry (Care Conference), Culburra and Vincentia. *Please give it your prayerful consideration. More later.*



Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have your Project Compassion box or envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online. **Together, we are working towards the creation of the just and compassionate world that God desires.**

CHURCH WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS (ZENIT NEWS)

This Easter, 3,500 adult catechumens in Hong Kong were received into the Catholic Church. Cardinal John Tong of Hong Kong thanked those who had helped prepare them, Asia News reported. The Diocese of Hong Kong has 39 paid catechists and more than 1,500 voluntary catechists, according to statistics published last August. The Catholic population of Hong Kong is made up of 363,000 Chinese and 138,000 non-Chinese.

Meanwhile, in England and Wales 3,695 adults were received into the Catholic Church at Easter. The largest group was in the Diocese of Westminster, with 734, followed by Southwark, with 481.

New Life Course: St John the Evangelist Parish, Dapto, and Wollongong Catholic Charismatic Renewal invite you to a course on 5 Thursday nights from **26 April** at the Dapto Parish hall, 24 Jerramatta St. Topics include *Sin & Salvation, Faith & Conversion, Jesus My Lord, The Gift of the Holy Spirit, and Gifts of Service & Community.* Light supper provided. There is no charge however any donation towards expenses is appreciated. All welcome. **For info:** Gabriella 4261 2500.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Next Sunday is the 49th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On this annual worldwide event the Church invites you to pray especially for those God is calling to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Why not consider someone you think should explore these Vocations and pray for them ?



Diocesan Festival - A Time to Celebrate: stalls, music, rides, speakers, food from many cultures, Sat, **26 May** at John Therry High School, Rosemeadow, between 10.00^{am} & 4.00^{pm}, to celebrate the many gifts and opportunities we have to participate in the life of the Church. *If you would like to participate with a food stall, music or a stall showcasing your ministry, contact Darren McDowell on 4253 0985 or darren.mcdowell@woll.catholic.org.au by Fri , 27 April.*

Year of Grace Website. The Year of Grace which begins on Pentecost Sunday, 27 May has its website up and running, with rich offerings. There is a short video to introduce the Year of Grace, a Prayer section, a monthly e-Bulletin, and an Encounter Jesus section with a video entitled 'Who do you say I am?' The website is: <http://www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au/> especially this week? Have you encouraged them to explore what God is calling them to be?

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

MANY CULTURES ONE IN CHRIST Mass Preparation Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 10 May 2012 at 7:30pm at Xavier Centre, 2 Bond Street, Bellambi.** The annual celebration of the cultural diversity within our Diocese, also marking Migrant & Refugee Sunday, occurs on Sunday, 26 August, 2012 and will be held at the Cathedral and St Mary Star of the Sea College hall. **Those interested in taking part in this celebration are invited to attend this first preparation meeting.**

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, or contact the Bishop's Office and speak with Jane Edwards on 4253 0899.**

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.

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH'S 150th Anniversary, 2013. The next Meeting will be Tuesday May 1st.



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.

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).



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