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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

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

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased;
George Hawkins, (Kathy Gleeson's father)
Anne Young, Helen (Tine) Shields (Kingscliff, formerly Nowra). Also **Vera ,Frank & Michael Stalgis, Stanley Bright, Patricia Hooton, John & Kathleen Doran, and Roger Brauze**, whose anniversaries occur.
May they rest in eternal peace.



Feastdays: Wed 2 May, **St Athanasius**, bishop, doctor
Thurs, **Sts Philip and James**, apostles



Compass Bushwalk and Picnic: Sun **29 April** (today) at 11.00^{am}. Meet at Bomaderry Creek Walking Trackhead (Narang picnic area) for a family friendly walk followed by BYO lunch. *Everyone welcome!* Please call Jody 0427 607 310 if attending.

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.



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH'S 150th Anniversary - 2013.

The next Meeting will be Tues May 1st, 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.



Historical Photos & Newspaper clippings relating to various aspects of Parish life over the years would be most appreciated.

You can **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. **Please collect a copy of the 1st News Report from the Meetings to-date.**

Confirmation 2012: A Meeting of all Candidates and parents on Wednesday Evening **May 9th** at 7.00.p.m. in the Parish Hall Nowra. It is essential that all candidates be present and at least one parent; sponsors are also welcome. We will focus on *Signs and Symbols*, This presentation is an integral part of preparation.



Catechists are requested to remind candidates.

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.

1st Sat 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.*

St Vincent de Paul Society – Recruitment 2012.

Next weekend, in Nowra and Bomaderry, there will be a direct appeal to parishioners by Society members. Please give what they have to say, your serious and prayerful consideration. We need new members to help continue the mission Jesus gave us – *“Just as you did this to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me....”* Matthew 25.



Family groups around the world will be celebrating **Fruit Cake Sunday** on May 5-6, the fruit cake symbolising the coming together and sharing of the diversity of people that make up our community. Culburra family group members will be distributing fruit cake after the 6pm Mass at Culburra on **May 5.**

St Michael's Catholic Primary School Kindergarten Enrolments 2013:



Enrolments are now being accepted and enrolment packages are available from the school office; ph 4421 3630 or email info@smndow.catholic.edu.au. **Open Day** Tues 1 May, 9.30 – 11am. **Open Evening** Wed 2 May 7 – 8pm. *Enrolment Interviews will be held in May.*

Praying That We Hear God's Call. Today, we celebrate the *49th World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. The Church invites you to pray for those you might know who are discerning, or people you think God may be calling to a priestly or religious vocation and would benefit from your prayers. As Pope Benedict XVI said in his message for today, *“Every specific vocation is in fact born of the initiative of God; it is a gift of the Love of God!”*

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. **Bishop Peter Ingham is now calling on people to nominate for the Council.** Those interested can download a copy from our website at www.dow.org.au, or contact the Bishop's Office & speak with Jane Edwards 4253 0899.

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/>



Many Cultures One in Christ Mass Preparation Meeting will be held Thurs, **10 May, 7:30^{pm}**, at Xavier Centre, 2 Bond St, Bellambi. The annual celebration of the cultural diversity within our Diocese, also marking Migrant & Refugee Sunday, occurs on Sunday, 26 Aug, 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.*



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Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

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Sign Up for the new monthly Diocesan **Faith & Life e-Newsletter** focussing on all things Catholic. It's a great resource for those involved in Church ministries. In addition to feature articles each month, the eNewsletter contains regular articles: *Liturgy Notes (eg music and psalms)*; *Calendar of events & activities*; *Ten Questions with a Catholic engaged in an inspiring ministry*; *Resource Spotlight*; *Ministry Profile*; *Links & Resources*; and *Helpful Hints*.

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. .

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).

