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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. **Anne Young and Barbara Montgomery** .Also **Don Allen, John & Kathleen Doran, Ted Armstrong, Patrick Firmstone** and **Kevin Robinson** whose anniversaries occur. **May they rest in eternal peace.**



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.**



Our sincere congratulations and best wishes go to **Carmen and Jack Kane** on their Golden (50th) Wedding anniversary. We pray the Lord will abundantly bless them and their family on this significant anniversary; and we thank you for your faithful support of the parish over the years.



St Michael's Children's Liturgy will be held next Sunday, **May 13** at 9.30am Mass.

St Vincent de Paul Society: In Nowra and Bomaderry this weekend, we look forward to hearing from parishioners who may be interested in becoming members of the Society. Please record your name and contact details on the forms provided at the Church (not a commitment at this stage). There will be a follow-up information evening on **Tues 15 May**, 7pm in the parish centre. Anyone unable to make that evening, contact will be made later.



St Michael's Youth Group will meet **Friday 11 May** 6.30 – 8pm in the Parish Centre. Please bring supper to share.

Wanted: Catechist for year 3/4, Cambewarra School, Thursdays from 2pm.

Nowra Catholic Women's League monthly meeting is on **Tues 8 May**. Morning tea at 9.30am is followed by the meeting at 10am in the Parish Centre. Contact Judy 4421 8565.

Shoalhaven Crossroads is a Christian Fellowship for people with a disability. The next meeting is **Fri 11 May**, 7.15 – 9.15pm, at Nowra Baptist Church. Enquiries to Beth 4421 8137.



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.



Compeer is an award winning St Vincent de Paul Society program that helps break down the barriers associated with mental illness through friendship and social support. Do you have 4 hrs per month to spare and would like to volunteer? A female volunteer is sought in the Nowra area to support a friendly lady in her 20's who would love to go to the movies, shopping etc. All training and ongoing support is provided. For more info please contact Megan on 4276 4229. Or email: compeer@svdpgong.org.au.



Day Retreat for Young People: Saturday 19 May

"Send Forth Your Spirit" A day of fellowship, prayer and reflection on the workings of the Holy Spirit in our lives that enables us to live truly as sons and daughters of God. (Mount Carmel Retreat Team)
Time: 9:30^{am} - 4:00^{pm} (Tea/Coffee provided, BYO lunch)
Cost: \$10 **Mt Carmel Retreat Centre**, 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville; Ph 9603-1433
Email: retreats@carmelite.com
Website: www.carmelite.com

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.*

Couples' Weekend Retreat at St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park from Friday evening, **1 June** to Sunday afternoon **3 June 2012**. Cost: \$180 each. Ph 4630 0233, email towersretreat@bigpond.com or visit <http://towersretreat.abundance.org.au>

A fond Farewell! During the week Pam Riley a parishioner of St Michael's for over twenty-five years, moved to Cairns in retirement – closer to family members. Pam has been an admirable parishioner through her personal faith, commitment and parish involvement. Pam's great ministry was especially her love and attention to the sick and the aged as a minister of Holy Communion. We wish Pam good health and happiness in her new home and parish.

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/>





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Receiving Adults into the Catholic Church:

Formation Day Sat 9 June, 9.30am – 2.00pm, at Our

Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Hall, Varroville.

All of us are involved in initiation, whether it be through offering a welcome cuppa, preparing the liturgy or sharing our faith through prayer and instruction. In one way or another we have all be welcomed and initiated into our community. This day will help deepen our understanding of this ministry of initiation to which we are all called. It will provide some practical suggestions on how we can enhance this ministry within our own parish communities and offer a model through which the Church invites us to use in developing the faith of those who wish to join our church. Morning tea & lunch provided. For further information & **RSVP** by **Wed 6 June** please contact Darren McDowell at darren.mcdowell@woll.catholic.org.au or ph 4253 0985.

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 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.**

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.

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.*

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