



St Michael's Parish, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: office@nowraparish.org.au

Website: 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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

13 May 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

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Robert Shotton** and **Desmond Hodgson**. Also **Bernard Court, Ronald Bowden, Jack and Beryl Ison, Jean Walsh** and **Pat O'Leary** whose anniversaries occur. **May they rest in eternal peace.**



St Vincent de Paul Society. Local Society members are grateful to those parishioners who showed interest in the Society last weekend. **Don't forget the information evening this coming Tuesday, 15 May, 7pm at the Parish Centre.** Even if you didn't record your name last week but are interested, please still come along.

St Michael's Youth Mass: Sunday **20 May** at 6pm. Mass is followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre and activities.

New Missal Resources: Information regarding the ordering of new missals is available on a separate sheet available at church doors for those interested. *Having read this notice, if you have already placed an order with the parish, and wish to proceed with your order, please phone the Parish Office to confirm.*

The Gift of Years: What is God's invitation to us in the second half of life? You are invited to a monthly gathering for an hour's reflection and sharing, followed by a cuppa. Good Samaritan Convent, 27 Colyer Ave. Starting **Monday 21 May, 1.30-3.00pm.** Expressions of interest: ph 4421 2260.

Stages of Faith Development in Children: for parents,



grandparents, carers of 3 – 8 year olds. How can we best support the natural stages of faith in young children at home and at play? St Michael's Parish Centre **Friday 25 May 8.50am.**

Diocesan Festival: You are invited to join the Diocese on **Sat, 26 May** at **John Therry Catholic High School, Rosemeadow**, any time between 10.00am & 4.00pm. *This is a time to be inspired and excited about the many ways we serve Jesus Christ through our Church.* There are rides for the children, many stalls, music, keynotes, showcases and a whole array of food from the many cultures in our Diocese. Don't miss nationally recognised keynote speakers Fr Elio Capra (10.30am) & Sr Libbey Byrne (2.30pm). The day concludes with 4.30pm Diocesan Mass followed by evening youth festival. Invite your friends and family. Besides children's activities, child care is available on the day.



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

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>

Prayer Around the Cross Pentecost Celebration, drawing inspiration from the prayers and music of Taize in France. **Friday 25 May, 7.30pm (note time change)** at St Michael's Nowra.



CARITAS: To-date the Parish has forwarded \$10,754.00 to Caritas Australia- from Lenten Project Compassion. There is still some money to be sent on to Caritas. We sincerely thank the many parishioners who have once again generously supported Project Compassion and the life giving projects it funds in many regions of the world.

Confirmation Preparation: Our thanks and sincere appreciation to the many candidates and parents who attended Wednesday Evening launch of the Confirmation Programme. Thanks too to the teachers and catechists who promoted and supported the Evening.

State School Children: Classes commence this **Monday Evening May 14th. at 3.45 pm.** for Candidates in the Bay and Basin region at the Vincentia Hall
Wednesday May 16th. at 4.00.p.m. for Candidates in the Nowra-Berry- Culburra area (St Michael's Hall).

Spirituality in the Pub Theme: *'On the Threshold...'*



Mon 14 May, 7.30pm, Jamberoo Pub. **Topic:** *The Way of Unknowing – Re-Imagining the Divine.* Speakers: Noel Davis (poet, mystic) & Emily Simpson (poet, Labyrinth facilitator). Meals available from 5.30^{pm} Contact Eileen 4232 3121 / Gabrielle 4232 2735.

Feastday: Mon 14 May: **St Matthias**, apostle
Sunday May 20th. The Ascension of the Lord
Thursday May 24th: Our Lady Help of Christians
Friday May 25th. Foundation Day Mass at St John's – 10.00.a.m.
Sunday May 27th. The Feast of Pentecost.
Sat July 21st Confirmation Day

God of life and love, bless the mothers of our community. Sustain them by your spirit; bless them with joy, love, laughter and pride in their children, and surround them with many good and supportive friends. We pray this through Jesus the Lord. Amen



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May the sacredness of motherhood be always upheld and revered

LEADING THE ASSEMBLY Workshop for Cantors, Accompanists and Voice Trainers will be held **Sun 17 June, 1.00pm – 4.00pm** at **St Thomas Aquinas Church, Bendooley St, Bowral**. This workshop will provide input from experienced music leaders together with hands-on practical work designed to better engage the assembly in singing at Mass. Topics include Psalm resources, cantor accompaniment techniques and vocal training techniques for liturgy. **RSVP ESSENTIAL to Helen Bennett on 4253 0934 or email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au by Mon, 11 June.**

Are You Willing to Serve God's People?

Who is God calling you to be? Priesthood offers a fulfilling way of life. Has the thought ever stirred in your heart? For help in discerning whether this is for you, visit <http://dow.org.au/priesthood> or contact priesthood@dow.org.au



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/>



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

The next Meeting will be Tues ... 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.**



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 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 info & **RSVP** by **Wed 6 June** please contact Darren McDowell at darren.mcdowell@woll.catholic.org.au or ph 4253 0985.