



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.

The Ascension of the Lord, Year B
20 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: **Clementina Mazzaferro** (mother of Teresa Cuda & Reinaldo Mazzaferro) and **Sr Frances Nolan** (SGS – Windsor). Also **Catherine Brown, Joan Ashby, Anka Yahovec** and **Eugenio Ramundi** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastdays: **Thursday May 24th:** Our Lady Help of Christians – The Culburra Church and Community
Friday May 25th: Foundation Day Mass at St John's – 10.00am.
Saturday May 26th, St Philip Neri, priest
Sunday May 27th. The Feast of Pentecost.
Sat July 21st Confirmation Day



St Vincent de Paul Society Once again, members would like to thank all who recently have shown interest in joining the Society. If others are still interested, but haven't yet made contact, please ring either 0434 366 458 (Janine) or 4421 0053 (Ivor), or speak to any member that you may know or who is wearing their name tag.

Prayer Around the Cross

Pentecost Celebration, drawing inspiration from the prayers and music of Taize.. **Friday 25 May, 7.30pm** at St Michael's Nowra. A wonderful preparation for the Feast of Pentecost.



Holy Spirit Vincentia Pentecost Sunday May 27 Our Community Feast Day! Morning Tea in the Hall will follow the 9.30am Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to come & join in the celebrations!! There is a Special Celebration Cake made by Mary Ahonen.

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.

St Michael's Youth Group: Fri **25 May**. Group members will be joining the parish for the Taize evening.

St Michael's Children's Liturgy will be held next Sun, **27 May** at 9.30^{am} Mass. Children's liturgy has had an amazing start at St Michael's. It is wonderful to be with the children while they learn about and discuss God's Word, & how it relates to their lives. On the practical side, we think we have worked out how to run children's liturgy smoothly. We are in need of some help from interested adults. If you are 16 or over and prepared to assist in children's liturgy of the Word (first part of Mass), maybe just once a term, then please sign the sheets outside Mass today or contact Katherine on 4446 0780 or jelavickm@aapt.net.au

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord: The Ascension of the Lord, is not about 'going away' so much as a new form of **Presence**. Jesus was the meeting of heaven and earth. His Ascension returned Him to God in order to reign as the world's new king. This is a Feast of Mission; - 'that God's reign might come.' "What was visible in Christ has now passed over into the Sacraments of the Church. And so that faith might be more noble and strong, it is now grounded not on sight but doctrine..." (Pope St Leo the Great – 5th cent.)



Compass: May events are - the Parish Taize night (25 May) & the Spirit Alive Festival (26 May). RSVP for carpooling to jodyedwards@yahoo.com

Spirit Alive - Diocesan Festival: Sat, 26 May,



10.00^{am} & 4.00^{pm} John Therry Catholic High School, Rosemeadow. *A time to be inspired and excited about the many ways we serve Jesus Christ.* Children's rides, stalls, music, showcases & food from many cultures. **Speakers:** Fr Elio Capra (10.30^{am}) & Sr Libbey Byrne (2.30^{pm}). Diocesan Mass at 4.30^{pm} followed by evening youth festival. Child care available.

Marriage Anniversaries Mass If you are celebrating **25, 40, 50 or 60 years** of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on **Sunday, 29 July** at **2.00pm**, please contact **Helen Bennett** at the Office of the Bishop. **Telephone 4253 0934** or email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au

SVDP Piety Store in Berry St, phone 4421 7244, has religious merchandise available for sale. Items can also be ordered from the catalogue.

Culburra Family Group will be meeting for fish & chips at Greenwell Point, 12.00, Sun **19 May**. *All welcome*

Beginning Experience, Fri 1 June - Sun 3 June, at Mt St Benedict's Conference Centre, Pennant Hills. *A personal encounter with self for those grieving the loss of a partner through death, divorce or separation.* Enquiries- After hours contact Lee 9449 5317, Lynne 4627 2084 or Kevin 4981 0626.



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The Year of Grace – A time to start afresh from Christ

was nationally launched at the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference at Mary MacKillop Place, Nth Sydney on 8 May. A candle from that launch has come back to our Diocese and Bishop Peter will officially launch the Year at *Spirit Alive: Diocesan Ministry Festival* in a short ceremony at 10.30^{am}. The Australian Bishops have committed themselves to a year of deepening their encounter & commitment to Jesus Christ. They invite us to join them in this special year. What will you do differently in the coming Year to encounter Christ more deeply? How can you experience the life of grace more abundantly? To find out more go to <http://www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au/> or contact Richard McMahon on 4253 0976.



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 asap to confirm.*

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.**

CatholicCare presents Michael Carr-Gregg, Australia's highest profile child and adolescent psychologist. Speaking on topics like parenting challenges and mental health. A rare opportunity. **Tues 26 June** St Mary Star of the Sea W'gong. To register go to www.catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au or 4227 1122.

CatholicCare Golf Day & Luncheon charity fundraiser. Pt Kembla Golf Course, **Mon 2 July**, single stableford event. All monies raised go to education and career development programs for children and young

people in Foster Care. For further info please contact Trish Cooney on 4254 9318 or John Tubridy on 4228 4474. enquiries@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au

RECEIVING ADULTS INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH – FORMATION DAY on Saturday 9 June, 9.30am – 2.00pm at Our Lady of Mount 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 been 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 and lunch provided. For further information and RSVP by Wednesday, 6 June please contact Darren McDowell at darren.mcdowell@woll.catholic.org.au or telephone 4253 0985.**

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.**