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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: **James Wright** (brother of Eileen Oliver), Also **Reginald Berry, Jenny Davis, Gladys Cook, Georgina, and Crispino Schembri, Lonza Gauci, Kath Kenny and Mary Boyle** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastdays:

Thurs 31 May **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Fri 1 June **St Justin**, martyr
Sun June 3rd. Trinity Sunday



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

First Saturday Marian Devotions: Sat 2 June at 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction at 10.30. Morning tea is available in the Parish Centre. Everyone is most welcome.



The Year of Grace –This Pentecost Sunday, the Year of Grace begins across Australia, with the Australian Catholic Bishops inviting Catholics to join with them as they “start afresh from Christ.” “*The Year of Grace is a call to put our Church on a spiritual retreat from Pentecost 2012 until Pentecost next year, so as to urge us always to turn back in our questions to the principal question, “What does what we are doing have to do with Christ Jesus ? We, bishops, believe this must be the basic approach for the Church in addressing the issues facing it. We have first of all to return to the very basis of our meaning as a Christian community – reflecting, contemplating and addressing seriously in our lives who the person of Jesus is for you and for me.”* (Bishop Peter)



How do we participate in the Year ? One way is in our prayer time, to simply ask – “Jesus, how are you and I getting on? Who am I to you, Jesus? Who are you to me, Jesus? How can I know you better, Jesus? The Bishops are inviting us to commit with them:

- to pray daily, seeking the mind and heart of Jesus Christ.
- to repent for the areas in which we have failed, individually and together, seeking healing and renewal through the grace of Christ’s forgiveness.
- to seek the path of holiness, cultivating the many gifts of the Spirit and seeking to grow as disciples of Jesus. Want to know more? Visit www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au or contact Richard McMahan on 4253 0976.

Hour of Grace: Including reflective prayer, adoration, scripture reading, silence and music. Join us on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, **Fri 15 June** at 7.00pm, and then each 1st Friday of the month, in St Michael’s Church.



DVD Series Catholicism: as part of our celebration for the ‘Year of Grace’ we will offer this spectacular series by acclaimed speaker and theologian, Fr Robert Barron, in the near future. Details in the next few weeks.

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**

Urgently Needed: Catechist for Cambewarra Thursdays at 2.00pm. Ph Lyn 4423 1009 if you can help.

Holy Spirit Vincentia Auxiliary Meeting: Saturday 2nd June 1pm in the Hall. All welcome.

Triathlon Raffle drawn: Congratulations to Zorka Ticinovic, Holy Spirit Church, who won 1st prize of a Toyota Yaris car.

Culburra Family Group's next function will be *The Boy From Oz* at the Nowra Entertainment Centre 2.00^{pm} Sun, **3 June**. Meet for coffee in the foyer at 1.00.

Congratulations to Fr Mark O’Keefe – Parish Priest of Unanderra who is celebrating his Silver Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood. Fr Mark was assistant Priest in Nowra (1988-91) May the Lord continue to bless him in his priestly ministry.

Bomaderry Church: There is extensive maintenance work about to commence on the Bomaderry Church, which involves elaborate scaffolding. As a consequence of this we regret that the residents from the local Nursing Home will not be able to attend Sunday Mass for at least three weeks.

St Michael’s June/ July Church Rosters are available at Church doors.

The Gift of Spiritual Awareness: ‘By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God and I feel fire and music under my feet.’ - Thomas Merton, Cistercian Monk

Paschal Precept Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year: between Ash Wednesday (22 February 2012) and Trinity Sunday (3 June 2012) unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.





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Clergy Care Coordinator. Applications are invited from suitably qualified & experienced persons to this permanent P/T position (2days / wk) with the focus of this new role and service being to assist the Diocese to care for its aged & frail priests. For further info please contact Sr Moya Hanlen on 4253 0967 or email moya.hanlen@woll.catholic.org.au Candidates must address the selection criteria in their application. Expressions of interest close on Monday, 11 June 2012.

Pastoral Care Formation Program

Carmen Karauda, Diocesan aged care advocate offers an aged care formation program, for those caring for ageing family or friends. This is an excellent opportunity to develop your knowledge, skills and spirituality.

The course is being offered at The Holy Spirit Parish, Vincentia.

Every Tuesday for eight (8) weeks from 3 July to 2 August, 9:30am to 3:30pm.

There are no costs involved. Just your time.

If you would like to attend this course or if you would like more information: please contact Carmen Karauda on 4640 8515, mobile 0448 930 287 or email carmenk@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au

Leading the Assembly Workshop for Cantors, Accompanists and Voice Trainers, Sun **17 June**, 1.00pm – 4.00pm, St Thomas Aquinas Church, Bendooley St, Bowral. **RSVP to Helen 4253 0934 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.

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.**

