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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: **Joyce King** (mother of Anne King) and **Stephen Lawrence** (brother of Andrew, who died in Sydney). Also **Gladys Sweeny, Brett Baker, Maureen Doyle, Lillian Rodrick, Hilton Crawford** and **Kathleen Sullivan** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastdays:

Tues 5 June, **St Boniface**, bishop, martyr

Bay & Basin CWL will be having our “*Remembering Friends Day*”, **Thurs 7 June** with soup & slice luncheon, and Pick-a-box, beginning 11^{am}. The monthly meeting will begin at 1pm as usual. Phone: Eileen 4443 8008



CatholicCare Pastoral Care Course: This is an 8 week formation program for those wishing to volunteer for Pastoral Care of the sick and aged. Eight Tuesdays, **3 July to 21 August**, 9.30am-3.30pm, Holy Spirit Hall, Vincentia. No cost. To register contact Carmen on 4640 8515.or carmenk@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au.

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



The next Meeting will be **Tues 5 June** at 7.00^{pm} in the Parish Centre. We are hoping to compile a Calendar for 2013, the Sesquicentenary Year, to cover Liturgical, Spiritual, Historical and Social events. Historical Photos & Newspaper clippings relating to various aspects of Parish life over the years would still be 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.

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.

St Michael's Youth Group will meet Friday **8 June**, 6.30-8pm in the Parish Centre for a *DVD night*. Please bring supper to share.



The Annual Appeal for the Mission; This will be conducted on the week-end of June 23rd /24th.

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, & then each 1st Fri of the month, in St Michael's Church.



St Francis of Assisi Parish, Warrawong invites people to **Mass** to be celebrated by Bishop Ingham and Conventual Franciscan Friars on **Fri, 8 June, 9.00am** followed by veneration of the relic of St Anthony of Padua (opportunity for veneration of the relic throughout the day). **A Pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated at 6.00pm** by Fr Mario Conte OFM Conv, editor of the international magazine, *the Messenger of St Anthony*. Veneration of the relic of St Anthony will follow the Pilgrimage Mass.

Shoalhaven Crossroads is a *Christian Fellowship for people with a disability*. The next meeting is Fri **8 June**, 7.15 - 9.15pm, Nowra Baptist Church. Enquiries: Beth 4421 8137.

Extensive Parish Maintenance. This has been, and will continue to be a year of high expenditure for the Parish. There was the much needed interior painting of the Kangaroo Valley Church and associated repairs; (our sincere thanks to the parishioners and visitors who made a substantial contribution to that project); at present there is major external work being carried out on the Bomaderry Church. In February there was extensive damage caused by fire to a parish owned house in Shoalhaven St, used by Catholiccare (thought to be deliberate). This building is soon to be renovated. The Insurance premium for the year is approximately \$36,000, which is close to 8 weeks of current Planned Giving. I do encourage parishioners to try and be consistent with Planned Giving, and I encourage parishioners not in the Planned Giving Program to consider participating. Sincerest thanks to all who financially support the Parish. (Fr Patrick Faherty P.P.)

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.

Youth Mission Team Charity Ball, on Sat, 23 June at Panorama House, Bulli Tops from 7.00pm. Tickets \$75, includes 3-course meal & non-alcoholic drinks. Bar facilities available. Profits go to the Youth Mission Team W'gong supporting the character & faith development of teenagers throughout the Diocese. For info or to buy tickets contact Chris Brennan on 0433 636 359, wollongong@ymt.com.au.

Clergy Care Coordinator. Applications are invited from suitably qualified & experienced persons to this permanent P/T position (2days / wk) assisting 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. Expressions of interest close on Monday, 11 June 2012.



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Fire Weekend - Life in the Spirit Seminar. Fri, 20 July 7.00pm - Sun, 22 July, 1.30pm at The Venue Conference Centre, Bellambi. Organised by the Disciples of Jesus Catholic Community and the Youth Mission Team as an experience of the power of God's love for you. For those aged 18 - 40. **Cost:** \$95 includes accommodation, food & resources. To register or for info contact Chris Brennan on 0433 636 359, or wollongong@ymt.com.au.

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.

ISTAND GENERATION - NATIONAL CONFERENCE will be held at **Holy Spirit College Bellambi, Saturday, 7 July 2012, from 9.00am – 9.00pm**, for 14- 18 years old. Young people who are in contact with YMT's four teams from Wollongong, Sydney, Perth and Melbourne will be converging on Wollongong for this event. The day will include a live band, blow-up obstacle course and fooseball, sport, Mass and youth rally. The cost is \$50 including all meals, activities and conference bag. **To register or for further details, please contact Tim Fitzwilliam on 4284 6600, 0408 209 946 or email tim.fitzwilliam@ymt.com.au.**

Palms Australia is a Catholic organisation that has been preparing, placing and supporting Australian volunteers to exchange skills to assist the sustainable development of communities across Africa, Asia and the Pacific. Join Palms on a **12 day Encounter journey** across Timor-Leste to experience Timorese culture, learn about its history and learn about social justice and development from our Australian volunteers in the field. Travel with a small group of 8-10 participants, a member of Palms staff and a local guide. Spaces are available for 24 Sept-6 Oct 2012 Encounter, with more Encounters to be held in 2013. For more info contact Sarah on 02-9518 9551 or sarah@palms.org.au or visit www.palms.org.au

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**

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 ?**



CatholicCare Golf Day & Luncheon: charity fundraiser, Pt Kembla Golf Course, **Mon, 2 July 2012.** A single stableford event. Money funds education and career development programs for children and young people in Foster Care. For further information please contact Trish Cooney on 4254 9318 or John Tubridy on 4228 4474. enquiries@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au

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 McMahon on 4253 0976.

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.