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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 8.00am due to Public holiday;
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/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: **Roy Easton, Bernie Barry, and Solange Le Gal, Cyril Condie.** Also **John Baumann, Marge Hay and Emilia Labrador** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI:

This Sunday being the Feast of the Blessed Eucharist, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Michael's from 11.30 a.m – 1.00.p.m.; a time for reflective Prayer and Adoration. (You are invited to pay a visit during

that period)

Feastdays:

Mon 11 June, **St Barnabas**, apostle
Wed 13 June, **St Anthony of Padua**, priest
Fri 15 June, **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
16/17 June, **The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Diocesan Feast)**

The blessing of the St John Bosco stained glass window at Kangaroo Valley Church will take place at the 11am Mass on Saturday 23 June. Everyone is most welcome to join us in this celebration.

Why Catholics do what they do: In response to requests, our next workshop will respond to parents' questions about the Catholic faith and practices. Whether you are a parent who is not Catholic, or has not had contact with the Church for some time or simply want clarification about issues your child is bringing home from school, you are very welcome! *Sr Sue*
Parish Centre 8.50 a.m. Friday 15th June

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, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre, all welcome.



As we move toward the Sesquicentenary of the Parish next year, we become very aware that so many of our stalwart ancestors in faith are buried in the local Church Cemetery, North St., Nowra. Many of the graves are now in great need of restoration. I would encourage families whose forbearers are buried there to consider having headstones repaired/restored at this time. The parish spent considerable money on the restoration of the Cemetery in year 2000.

Thank you to the St Michael's Parish community, especially Fr Pat, the clergy, and the many parishioners, for your love, support and prayers during the lead up to and the loss of my husband, Roy. Jeanette Easton. (Orient Point/Culburra)



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.

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

The Parish has forwarded \$12,299.45 to Caritas for this year's **Project Compassion Appeal.** (This amount does not include donations made by card or cheques to Caritas.) Sincerest thanks for your generous donations to this most worthwhile appeal.

Planned Giving: As the end of the financial year is approaching parishioners are reminded to endeavour to have their planned giving contribution up to date. New sets of envelopes will be in the churches next weekend.

HOLY SPIRIT VINCENTIA SPRING FAIR

Saturday 1st September
Initial Fair Meeting - Sunday 17 June following 9.30am Mass - **Coordinators please note.** Also, new parishioners & others interested in being part of this annual event are warmly welcomed.

MILAN, JUNE 4, 2012 (Zenit.org). - Several families had a rare opportunity to ask questions of Pope Benedict at the **VII World Meeting of Families in Milan.** The families, who came from Vietnam, Madagascar, Greece, the United States, and Brazil, asked questions ranging from his earliest childhood memories to seeking advice on the challenges families face to-day. The Holy Father highlighted not only the importance of family and work, but the importance of reconciling both priorities. He then urged families to bring an element of joy and attention in the family, thus, aiding them during difficult times.

The Pope took the occasion to reiterate the importance of Sunday for the family. "Sunday seems very important to me, the day of the Lord and, precisely as such, the 'day of man' too, because we are free."

Clergy Care Coordinator - Applications are invited from suitably qualified & experienced persons to this permanent P/T position (2 days/wk) with the focus of this new role and service being to assist the Diocese to care for its aged and frail priests. For further information please contact Sr Moya Hanlen on 4253 0967 or email moya.hanlen@woll.catholic.org.au
Closing date has extended to Mon 18 June 2012.



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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.

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

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.

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.

Fire Weekend - Life in the Spirit Seminar. Fri, 20 July 7.00pm - 22 July, 1.30pm at The Venue Conference Centre, Bellambi.

Organised by the Disciples of 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.



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Jesus

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**

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

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.**

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.

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.