



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

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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/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: **Margaret Casson, Joan Stanton** and **Raymond Todd**. Also **Ray Owen** and **Bert Naylor** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastdays:

Thurs 21st **St Aloysius Gonzaga**
 Fri. 22nd. **Sts John Fisher and Thomas More.**
 Sun June 24th **Birth of John the Baptist.**

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.



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 carmen@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY.



Today we observe our Diocesan Feastday: **the Immaculate Heart of Mary**; she who was **“the first and most faithful disciple”**; the one who was called to fulfill a most unique mission in the story of salvation: the one who discerned in faith and in prayer the call of God.

Mary is patroness of our Diocese, under the title of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

This was the title chosen by Pope John XXIII when on June 6th. 1959, he dedicated what was then a new Diocese to Our Lady. The title is a devotional one, which like that of the Sacred Heart originated in the 17th century, a time when there emerged a Spirituality often referred to as Spirituality of the Heart.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is an image of the Church for she too was guided and nourished by faith and hope, and with humility she acknowledges the saving and merciful action of God in her life. As Mary through prayerful reflection discerned the hand of God in her life, we too are invited to see the action of God in the journey of our diocese. Mary helps us to interpret all that happens to us in the light of Jesus her Son. As a new creation moulded by the Holy Spirit, Mary causes the virtue of hope to grow within us.

The Gift of Years: *Exploring God's invitation in the second half of life.* Next gathering for **group 1** at the convent this Monday 18th June 1.30 -3.00pm. (Newcomers welcome in **Group 2** : Monday 25th June.) Ph 4421 2260.

Catechist Corner: We are in desperate need of a Catechist for Cambewarra 3/4 class on Thursdays at 2pm. Ring Lyn West on 4423 1009 if you can help.

St Michael's Youth Group will meet Friday 22 June from 5.30 for a bonfire night at Chittick's house. For more information call Catriona on 0422 201 054.

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

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, Year B
 Diocesan Feastday 17th June 2012**

Planned Giving: As the end of the financial year is approaching parishioners are encouraged to have their planned giving contributions up to date. New sets of envelopes are now available in the Churches for collection. Parishioners new to the parish or not yet participants in Planned Giving are encouraged to give the matter thoughtful consideration.

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.

Upcoming Events:

Sat 23 June **Youth Mission Team Charity Ball** Panorama House, Bulli Tops, Bulli from 7pm. Tickets \$75, include 3-course meal. Profits support the character & faith development of teenagers in our Diocese. **Contact** Chris Brennan 4284 1635, 0433 636 359, wollongong@ymt.com.au.

Tues 26 June **Michael Carr-Gregg**, Child & adolescent psychologist speaks on parenting challenges & mental health. St Mary Star of the Sea W'gong. To register go to www.catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au or. 4227 1122.

Sat 7 July, **ISTAND generation - National Conference** Holy Spirit College Bellambi, 9am – 9pm, for 14- 18 yrs old who are in contact with YMT teams from W'gong, Sydney, Perth & Melbourne; band, activities, Mass & youth rally. Cost \$50 includes meals. To register contact Tim Fitzwilliam on 4284 6600, 0408 209 946 or email tim.fitzwilliam@ymt.com.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**

20 July 7.00pm - 22 July, 1.30pm **Fire Weekend - Life in the Spirit Seminar**, The Venue Conference Centre, Bellambi. For those aged 18 - 40 as an experience of the power of God's love for you. **Cost:** \$95 (accommodation, food & resources. **Contact** Chris Brennan 0433 636 359 wollongong@ymt.com.au





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Fri 20 July - Sun 22 July **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**: a weekend for married couples, St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park. Take time out of your busy schedule to invest in your most precious asset...your marriage. Bookings (02) 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.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** 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.