



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 Nativity of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Year B

24 June 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/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: **Irene Beston, Vicky Collier** and **Ross Johnson**. Also **Margaret Leary** and **Alice O’Heir** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastdays:

Thurs 28 June **St Irenaeus**, bishop, martyr
 Fri. 29 June. **Sts Peter and Paul**, apostles.

The Annual Appeal for the Mission will be conducted next week-end; June 30th. and July 1st

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.



Grassroots Parenting: an 8 session program for parents of children 0-12 re strategies to encourage positive behaviours and resilience in families. Tuesdays 7 Aug – 25 Sept, 10am-12.30pm. \$10 / session. Ph 4421 8248.



The Feastday of the Birth of St John the Baptist :



John the Baptist is the one who bridges the Old and New Testaments, and provides a window into the tradition of the Jewish priesthood and the historical context of the day. John chose the river Jordan to baptize, a conscious move to display the forgiveness of sins against the backdrop of the Jewish history of Exodus and liberation. Yet while he was baptizing in the desert, likely an exercise in protest of the corruption in the Temple in Jerusalem, he was heralding the coming of Christ, one who will "baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

The Year of Grace: God's gracious presence in our lives is mostly hidden from us. Through moments of encounter with Jesus, we come to see our lives as gift.



“**Grace is the living, loving presence of God in our lives**”. Find 5 minutes to sit empty-handed in a quiet place this week and just be attentive to the presence of God within you. Reflect on what happens for you when you do this.

Hour of Grace: Our 1st session went well and everyone is now invited to join us for the 2nd session of reflective prayer, adoration, scripture reading, silence and music; **Fri 6 July 7^{pm}**, St Michael's Church, refreshments follow.



Date claimer: Holy Spirit Vincentia Fundraiser Movie Sun 12 Aug, 1pm, luncheon & movie “The Sapphires”. This movie has been given excellent reviews, tickets from Sr Val - \$15. There will also be a raffle.

NAIDOC Week Celebration. Annual Diocesan liturgical celebration, entitled *By the Power of Faith, We shall be Healed*, **Sun 8 July** 2.00pm, St Francis Xavier Cathedral. National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday provides Catholic communities with an opportunity to prayerfully acknowledge and support indigenous communities.

Confirmation Prayer and Reflection Evening –



Wednesday June 27th. 7.00.p.m. – For all Confirmation Candidates and their parents. This is a most important aspect of our Confirmation Preparation.

WHO WILL CELEBRATE MASS WITH US?

Each time we are gathered for Mass, we rely on the service of the priest to enable us to participate in this Sacrament. **Who will this person be in the coming years?** For those called to the priesthood it is a fulfilling, joyful vocation. Have you considered that God may be calling you to this role? To know more: contact Fr Richard Healey on priesthood@dow.org.au or 0401 621 591, or visit <http://dow.org.au/priesthood>.

Catechist Corner: Catechists are desperately needed for Cambewarra 3/4 class, Thurs 2pm & K, 1&2 classes. Please ring Lyn West on 4423 1009 if you can help.

Marian Devotions 1st Saturday 7 July: Mass at 9am is followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction at 10.30am. Please join us for Morning Tea in the Parish Centre. Fr Duane will speak at the gathering



Choral Evensong Sun, 22 July, 3pm, All Saints' Anglican Church, Nowra - a **Choral Evensong** service conducted by Revd David Woodbridge & supported by choristers from St Luke's Berry. Theme: "Thriving in a hostile world". The service will include a psalm, and an anthem, as well as congregational hymns.

Message to the Eucharistic Congress- Dublin June 17th- by Pope Benedict. (An extract..) .. “The Eucharist is the worship of the whole Church, but it also requires the full engagement of each individual Christian in the Church’s mission; it contains a call to be the holy people of God, but also one to individual holiness; it is to be celebrated with great joy and simplicity, but also as worthily and reverently as possible; it invites us to repent of our sins, but also to forgive our brothers and sisters; it also commands us in the same Spirit to bring the good news of salvation to others...”



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Upcoming Events:

Bruce Downes & the 'Catholic Guy' team (TV program) present a live event over 4 days at St Paul's Parish, Tongarra Rd, Albion Park. Experience the power of God in a real and relevant way through Scripture, music and the arts. Expect to laugh, learn, reflect and be changed. For all ages. Sessions run approx 1½ hours & refreshments follow. More info at www.stpaulsparish.org.au

Session 1 Mon 25 June, 7.30^{pm} or Tues 26 June 9.15^{am}

Session 2 Tues 26 June, 7.30^{pm} or Wed 27 June, 9.15^{am}

Session 3 Wed 27 June 7.30^{pm} or Thurs 28 June 9.15^{am}

Session 4 combined session Thurs 28 June 7.30^{pm}

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 .

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**

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

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



Sat 28 July **Organ Master Class** *things about organ playing that every pianist needs to know.* St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, W'gong (TBC) 2.00pm - 4.00pm.– an afternoon with Godelieve Ghavalas (organist at St Patrick's Church Hill, Sydney). Bring a liturgical music piece along for hands-on

guidance. **RSVP essential to Helen Bennett 4253 0934 or email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au by Mon, 16 July**

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.