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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  
**K Valley:**..... Mon/Tues/Sat 8.00am; Wed 6.10am  
**Shoalhaven Heads:** Friday 3.30pm Community Centre

**Feastdays:**

Mon 3 Sept, **St Gregory the Great**, pope  
Sat 8 Sept, **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**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: **Lil Toohey** (Berry) and **Brenan O'Keeffe** (14years, Culburra). Also **Christopher Delaney, Athol Henry, Violet McBeath, Edward Walsh, and Eileen Rein** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*  
**Requiem Mass for Lily Toohey at St Patrick's Berry – Tuesday at 10.00a.m.**  
No 5.30.p.m. Mass at Berry on Tuesday evening



**Upcoming Events:**

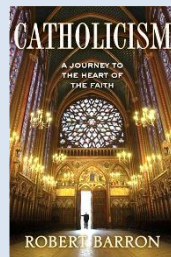
- **Sat Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>**. St Vincent De Paul Diocesan Mass – 10.00.a.m. at St Michael's.
- **Sat Oct 13<sup>th</sup>**. Mass for all couples within the Parish celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries. 10.00.a.m.
- **Sat 17 Nov Readers Ministry Training**10.00<sup>am</sup> – 2.30<sup>pm</sup>, St Michael's Parish Centre, run by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. More info later.

**ST MICHAEL'S FEASTDAY:**



All parishioners are invited to gather at the Nowra Golf Club, **Thurs 27 Sept**, 6.30<sup>pm</sup> for 7<sup>pm</sup>, to celebrate our parish Feastday. There will be a guest speaker. Meals are available to be ordered from the menu. Please indicate your interest by inscribing your name on the sheet at the Church door, or calling the Parish Office on 4423 1712 to book.

**Hour of Grace:** Including reflective prayer, adoration, scripture reading, silence and music. Join us **Friday 7 September** at 7pm in St Michael's Church, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All Welcome.



**Catholicism: DVD series by Rev Robert Barron** Deepen and enrich your understanding of our Catholic Tradition. This week's topic: **"Peter, Paul and the early Missionary Church."** A morning or evening timeslot is offered at St Michael's Parish Centre: Wed 5 Sept; 10.00am. *Newcomers welcome.* Session repeated

7.30pm. Parishioners are encouraged to avail of this opportunity to deepen their knowledge of matters of faith.

**Pilgrimage Of Grace 23-25 Sept:** As part of the Year of Grace, the Church in Australia has organised a pilgrimage of a relic of St Francis Xavier. The pilgrimage aims to help us contemplate and imitate Christ by contemplating the life of St Francis Xavier; one of the Church's greatest missionaries and evangelisers The pilgrimage will visit St Francis Xavier Cathedral **Wollongong**, St Thomas More **Ruse**, St Francis Xavier **Berrima**, St Patrick's **Port Kembla**, Mary Mother of the Church **Macquarie Fields** and St Paul's **Camden**. For details, please see the flyer on the Church noticeboard.



**Catholic Women's League** Bay & Basin is meeting on Thursday 6 September for lunch at 12 noon, meeting at 1pm. Contact Mary 4442 1528 or Eileen 4443 8008.

**CARITAS APPEAL:** All loose money in our second collection this weekend will go toward **Caritas Australia's** response to the *plight of the people in the West Africa region*. A humanitarian disaster of massive proportions is currently unfolding, with nine nations and around 18 million men, women and children facing starvation as severe droughts, poor harvests, conflict and rising food prices cripple the area.

**CWL Fashion Parade:** Sat 8 September, 1.30pm. In St Michael's Parish Hall. Clothes supplied by B&M Clothing Culburra. \$8.00 entry.



**Seminar for Readers:** Stephen Varney, seminarian of our Diocese, will give a presentation on the role of Readers at Mass. **Sat 15 Sept**, 2.30 – 4pm, in the Holy Spirit Hall, Vincentia. Everyone interested is welcome.

**Sacred Heart Church, Bomaderry:** Many thanks to those parishioners who volunteered to assist with the grass cutting roster last weekend. Also, to those already on the roster and have been for a number of years. It would be really helpful to get 2 more volunteers. Anyone willing to help, please ring Ivor on 44210929.

**Culburra Family Group's** next function is a Whale Watch Sun **9 Sept**, 9:30 am, starting from Husky Wharf. Please contact Jean Helliwell on 44 473 018 if you wish to attend. More details are in the distributed newsletter.

We welcome back Deacon Peter and his wife Robyn who have been absent from the Parish for some weeks. As some of you are aware their daughter Rachel sustained spinal injury in a recent work related accident in London. Rachel has returned with Peter and Robyn for intensive rehabilitation in Sydney. The family would appreciate your ongoing prayers.

**First Reconciliation at St Michael's:** Tuesday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> -7.00 p.m.

**Parish Sesquicentenary Anniversary (150 years)** Next meeting will be held on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** at 7.00pm at the Parish Centre - open to all interested Parishioners.



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**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**2 September 2012**

**iStand weekend** (14-18 yr olds) from **Fri, 5 Oct - Sun, 7 Oct**, Cataract Scout Park, run by W'gong Youth Mission Team. A weekend of archery, 'Spot Light', Challenge Valley, Capture the Flag, bonfires & campfires with marshmallow roasting, & an amazing band! **Cost \$98.00** inc accommodation (lodges), food & activities. Call Chris Brennan 0433 636 359 for details.



**MenALIVE DIOCESAN RETREAT WEEKEND**, suitable for all men from 15 years of age to 80+ on **Saturday and Sunday, 17-18 November 2012** at **St Therese Parish Hall, West Wollongong**. The retreat is organised by men within the diocese and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. The weekend is designed so that participants may return to their homes on Saturday night and it concludes with Mass at lunch time on the Sunday. **For more information contact Vince Fitzwilliam on 0413 126 095.**

**Parish Sesquicentenary Book contacts:**

**Culburra:** Mary Nelson 4447 3263

**Berry:** Barry McAndrew: see him after Mass

**Vincentia:** Sister Val

Mass of Thanksgiving, Blessing & Renewal of Vows for **those married in St Mary's Cathedral, Sun 14 Oct** 10.30am. Ph 0400 309 337 before 24 Sept.