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Sacred Heart, Bomaderry; Mary, Help of Christians, Culburra; St Joseph, Kangaroo Valley; Holy Spirit, Vincentia.

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: NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR THIS WEEK - DUE TO CLERGY RETREAT

Nowra: Mon 7.00am, Tues. 8.15.a.m. Wed/Thurs 7.00am Friday 7.00am. and 11.30am; Sat 9.00am

Berry: No Tues Mass; **Culburra:** No Thurs. Mass
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri.8.00am; Tues /Wed 5.30pm
K Valley: Mon/Tues/Sat 8.00am; Wed 6.10am
Shoalhaven Heads: ..Fri 3.30pm Community Centre

Feastdays:

Thurs 13 Sept, **St John Chrysostom**, bishop
Fri 14 Sept, **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

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), Victor Cook, Stan Milligan, Bruce Lloyd, and John Cotter (Vincentia)**. Also **Paul Chalker, Stan Bright and Marie Stalgis** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Upcoming Events:

- **Sat Sept 22nd**. St Vincent De Paul Diocesan Mass – 10.00.a.m. at St Michael's.
- **Sat Oct 13th**. Mass for all couples within the Parish celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries. 10.00.a.m.
- **Sat 20 Oct, 'Preparing the Sacred Mysteries' – A Course for Sacristans**, 10am-2.30pm, St Columbkille's Church, 99 Princes Hwy, Corrimal.
- **Sat 17 Nov 'Proclaiming the Word – A Course for Readers'**: 10.00^{am} –2.30^{pm}, St Michael's Parish Centre, run by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

ST MICHAEL'S FEASTDAY: All parishioners are invited to gather at the Nowra Golf Club, **Thurs 27 Sept**, 6.30^{pm} for 7^{pm}, 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.



Congratulations to the Holy Spirit Community-Vincentia for your magnificent 'Spring-Fair'. Both socially and financially it was a great success. Having 100 volunteers involved was a wonderful achievement in itself.

Youth Events:

Youth Group: DVD Night **Fri 14 Sept** 6:30-8:30^{pm} in the Polding Room.

An Afternoon with the Youth Mission Team: For St Michael's Youth Group - Year 5-6 & High school aged. **Sun 16 Sept**, Parish Centre. Arrive 3pm for a 3:30pm start. 6pm Youth Ministering Mass. 7pm supper & chill out for all ages. For more info & RSVP catrionaenunan@hotmail.com or ph 0422 201 054.

Nowra Catholic Women's League monthly meeting: **Tues 11 Sept**. Morning tea at 9.30am is followed by the meeting at 10am in the Parish Centre. Contact Judy 4421 8565.

St Michael's Youth Mass: Sun 16 Sept, 6pm Mass. This will be followed by refreshments and activities in the Parish Centre.

Shoalhaven Crossroads meet Fri 14 Sept, 7.15 – 9.15pm, at Nowra Baptist Church. Enquiries to Beth 4421 8137.

Catholicism: DVD series by Rev Robert Barron This week's topic: **"A Body Both Suffering and Glorious- the Mystical Union of Christ and the Church."** Come along to deepen & enrich your understanding of our Catholic tradition. A morning or evening timeslot offered for your convenience, St Michael's Parish Centre, **Wed 12Sept** 10.00^{am}. Session repeated 7.30^{pm}.



St Vincent de Paul Society. A big thank you to all those people who assisted and/or donated to our recent winter appeal. In the doorknock we had hoped to reach at least \$15,000. We were \$4,000 short of this target, but thanks to St John's, who donated proceeds from their Foundation Day, our target was in fact exceeded. With 23 doorknockers, as opposed to 27 last year, virtually the same amount was collected, which was pleasing from that point of view and shows that the general public is behind us. All we need are more people prepared to do the doorknocking. There were also 30 people who faithfully sat at shopping centres, half of whom were non-conference members, 3 more than last year. In addition, nearly \$900 was collected at Albatross gates – thanks to those who were there at 6.30am! Once again, a big thank you to all those involved.

St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall has religious gifts available for sale. Other items can be ordered from the catalogue. Ph: 4421 7244 or visit 5 Berry St, Nowra.

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.



Selecting Music for Sunday Mass (Wollongong) New date & location! **Sun, 11 Nov**, 1.30pm – 4.00pm, St Francis Xavier Cathedral. This workshop will review resources and proven processes for developing a coordinated parish liturgical music repertoire to meet the needs of the various assemblies at Sunday Masses, including children, youth and young adults. **RSVP** essential to Helen on 4253 0934 or helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au by Mon, 5 Nov.

NSW Bishops are alarmed at the prospect that the NSW Government is about to announce an unprecedented cut to the recurrent grants for Catholic Systemic Schools. The figure being quoted is many millions of dollars. The matter is still being discussed and is a source of genuine concern.



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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.



Venue", 18 Cawley Street, Bellambi; Wednesday 10 October, 7.00pm - 9.30pm (includes dinner).

Who's invited: young men and women wanting to deepen their relationship with God and reflect on where they are going in life. Cost: Free. **RSVP: Cameron Smit | cameron.smit@dow.org.au | (02) 4253 0822**

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.

CatholicCare has a brand new Program.

CatholicCare is looking for suitably qualified people to work as Pastoral Support Workers delivering a range of non-therapeutic welfare, faith-formation, spiritual and emotional support to students, families and staff of Catholic primary schools. If you think you have something to offer and would like further information, please visit www.catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au. Specific enquiries should be directed to Peter Burgoyne on 4254 9354 during business hours.

Working Together to Make Difference in People's Lives

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS - a Catholic healing retreat for women and men affected by abortion. The next weekend retreat will be held at Pennant Hills (Sydney) on **Friday 19 – Sunday 21 October, 2012**. Confidential enquiries can be made by contacting the Sydney office on 0400 092 555 or emailing info@rachelsvineyard.org.au. More information on Rachel's Vineyard Ministries can be found on the website: <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au/>

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

ENCOUNTER – WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Take time out to consider God's call for your life and what each of the vocations offer: single life, marriage, ordained ministry and consecrated life. Guest Speaker: Peter Gilmore, involved in youth and young adult ministry, as well as music ministry for over 11 years in the Wollongong Diocese and works as a Regional CCD Coordinator. The evening will include a Q&A panel of members from particular vocational choices as well as time for prayer, reflection and reconciliation at **"The**