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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 8.15am Friday 7.00am. and
11.30am; A full School Mass in the Hall
Sat 10.00am. **Please note: Saturday Mass on 22 Sept will be at 10am.**

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: ..Fri 3.30pm Community Centre

Feastdays:

Thurs 20 Sept, **Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions**, martyrs
Fri 21 Sept, **St Matthew**, apostle

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:

John Cotter, Victor Cooke, Kath Cronin
(Gerringong) and **Patricia English**. Also **Ray Abood, Bill Harris, Carmen and Emanuel Abela, Tony Garnuszek and Troy (Ramsdell) Bryce** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



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 guest speakers. Meals are available to be ordered from the menu. Please write your name on the sheet at the Church door, or call the Parish Office on 4423 1712 by Monday 24 Sept to book.



Sat 22 Sept, 10am. St Vincent De Paul Diocesan Festival Mass at St Michael's. Parishioners encouraged to attend. Guest speaker John Honner. AGM for members will follow.

Youth Event: An Afternoon with the Youth Mission Team for those Yr 5-6 & High school aged. **Sun 16 Sept**, from 3pm, Parish Centre. Includes Mass, supper & chill out for all ages. For more info catrionaenunan@hotmail.com or ph 0422 201 054.

Seniors Morning Tea: You are cordially invited to Morning Tea at Holy Spirit Church hall, Vincentia, **Tues 25 Sept** 10.00am. The *Shoalhaven Jamarama Ukelele* Group will perform. For more info please call Ron D'Souza 4441 5723.



Musical Instruments for East Timor: Fr David is the only priest in a parish of 11,000 people and 8 churches. He would be most grateful for donations of musical instruments to be used in the schools. **Contact:** Cynthia 4465 1994.

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 foremost 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.



Upcoming Events:

- **Wed 19th Sept** . Year 12 Mass at St John's -6.30.p.m.
- **Sat 13 Oct**, Mass for all couples within the Parish celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries (25, 30, 40, 50, or 60). Please contact the Parish Office or Marie Hanley 4448 5347.
- **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.

Retired and Sick Priests: The loose money in the 2nd Collection on Sunday next will go toward the support of retired and sick priests of the Diocese. This Collection has been deferred from earlier in the month.

School Funding Cuts: "By now you would be aware of the State Government's announcement to cut Education funding to all sectors. For Catholic Schools this amounts to a "capping" of our present funding for the next 4 years, the equivalent of a 3% reduction in funding. In announcing the capping of funding, the Government has clearly responded to the strong voice of the Catholic community and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your engagement in that process. I am concerned, however, for the future of funding arrangements in light of this decision, and would urge your active involvement as we continue to state our case" Peter Turner, Diocesan Director of Schools. Bishop Anthony Fisher, CEC, adds: "However, Catholic school authorities will act to maximise the value of grants in ways that ensure fee increases for Catholic school families are minimised and any impacts on teaching and school services do not unduly compromise the quality of education for students."

TRUCE: a free 7 week program for young people (14-22 years) who have a parent with cancer to help them cope. Run by Canteen Counselling Services, in partnership with CatholicCare. At Catholic Care, 25-27 Auburn St, W'gong. Tuesdays at 4.00pm, starting 16 Oct. For more info, contact Esther Davis 1800 234 007

The Year of Grace began on Pentecost Sunday 27 May 2012. Parishioners are encouraged to visit the website www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au. It includes a prayer section, a monthly bulletin and an *Encounter Jesus* section.

"God's purpose is greater than our problems."

Catholicism: DVD series by Rev Robert Barron

This week's topic: "**The Ineffable Mystery of God.**" 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 Sept 19th 10.00^{am}**. Session repeated 7.30^{pm}.





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ENCOUNTER – what are you looking for? *Take time out to consider God's call for your life & what each of the vocations offer: single life, marriage, ordained ministry & consecrated life.* Guest Speaker: Peter Gilmore from Wollongong Diocese. Includes Q&A with members from each vocation as well as prayer, reflection & reconciliation, "The Venue", 18 Cawley St, Bellambi; **Wed 10 Oct**, 7- 9.30pm (includes dinner). RSVP: Cameron Smit |cameron.smit@dow.org.au | (02) 4253 0822. Cost: Free.

YOUNG MEN OF GOD NATIONAL CONFERENCE (Theme: "The Lord is my Strength"), **Friday 12 – Sunday 14 October 2012** at **The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Park** for men aged 16-35. YMG's pinnacle event of the year draws Catholic men from around Australia for a powerful weekend of teaching and brotherhood. Inspiring speakers will help take you deeper on your faith journey and be strengthened in your walk as a Christian man in the world today. **Cost \$195** (includes all food Sat & Sun and accommodation; reduced price available for locals who don't need accommodation). **Registration desk opens Friday 6.30pm. Conference ends 1.00pm Sunday** For more information contact **Luke** on **0437 842 272** or **Nick** on **0433 412 837** or email conference@ymgmovement.org

CatholicCare has a brand new Program. CatholicCare is looking for suitably qualified people to work as pastoral care workers, delivering a range of non-therapeutic welfare, faith-formation, spiritual and sacramental 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 **Burgoyne** on 4254 9354 during business hours. Working Together to Make Difference in People's Lives

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

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.

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@rachelvineyard.org.au. More information on Rachel's Vineyard Ministries can be found on the website: <http://www.rachelvineyard.org.au/>

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, 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

PRO-LIFE PARISH SEMINAR. Family Life International will be hosting a seminar day on "The Defence of Life and Family in the 21st Century – a Christian Response" at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 80 Demetrius Road, Rosemeadow on Saturday, 22 September 2012. The day will commence with Mass at 10.00am followed by talks, and conclude at 5.00pm. Speakers will be: Paul Hanrahan, Executive Director of Family Life International (Australia); Eamonn Keane, Teacher, university lecturer, author; and Wanda Skowronska, registered psychologist, counsellor. The focus of the day will be 'Life, Marriage and Family' with special attention to the protection of life from conception to natural death. An invitation is extended to all parishes in the Macarthur Deanery and anyone else who may be interested. **BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided.**

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Parish Pastoral Plan - Restructuring Our Parishes Work is progressing well. The timeline however, has been extended to allow wider from people across the Diocese. Parish Education Sessions will be held in Feb & March 2013, and the Regional Consultations in April. Bishop Ingham will announce the future Parish Structures in the Diocese on the Feast of Pentecost, 19 May. All parishioners will be invited to be part of the process and will receive more information prior to the end of the year.