



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.

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
30th September 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 8.00am;
 Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am Friday 7.00am. & 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: ..Fri 3.30pm Community Centre

Feastdays:

Mon Oct 1st St Therese of Lisieux
 Tues. 2nd Guardian Angels;
 Wed 4th St Francis of Assisi

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:
Colleen Ryan. Also **Marie Longhurst** and
Stephen Golod and Frank Harding whose
 anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*
Requiem Mass for Colleen Ryan will be at St Michael's
at 10am on Wed 3 October.



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.**

St Michael's Oct / Nov roster is available this weekend at Church doors.

Social Justice Sunday –Sept 30th. The social and economic challenges facing families are the focus of the Australian Catholic Bishops' 2012–2013 Social Justice Statement, *The Gift of Family in Difficult Times*, which will be officially launched in the Diocese of Wollongong at Mary Immaculate Church, Eagle Vale during the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 30 September 2012. The Statement celebrates the vital role of family and examines the pressures that threaten its stability such as work demands, living costs and the forces of consumerism. A limited number of copies are available this Sunday



Youth Ministry in the Holidays for St Michael's Parish Nowra.



Tues 2 Oct: Pictures at the Roxy "Hotel Transylvania" 9am. Followed by Picnic in Marriott Park.
Wed 3 Oct: DVD afternoon from 1pm in the Parish Centre. Please bring snacks to share.
Thurs 4 Oct: Sports afternoon. Please meet at the Parish Centre at 1pm and bring sport equipment (football, tennis racquets, soccerball etc).
 For more info & RSVP Catriona 0422 201 054 or catrionaenunan@hotmail.com

Bay and Basin Catholic Women's League monthly meeting; **Thurs 4 October** at 12 noon, followed by the meeting at 1pm. Contact: Eileen 4443 0880.



First Saturday Marian Devotions: 6 October. Mass at 9am is followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction at 10.30am. Morning tea is available in the Parish Centre. Everyone is most welcome.

Culburra Family Group: "Mulberries & Cream Lunch" in Joan & Greg Watts' garden. **Sunday 21 Oct** at 12 noon. Please bring food to share. Ph: 4447 1270.

Please Note:

There will be no Catholicism DVD shown during school holidays. Sessions resume 10 Oct.

The **Annual Anointing Mass** for the sick at **St Patrick's Church Berry** will be held on Tuesday **16 October** at 10:30am. *Please bring a plate for light luncheon after Mass.* Everyone is welcome.

The **Hour of Grace** will not take place this week (5 October) due to school holidays. Our next Hour of Grace will be 2 November.

Wedding Anniversary Mass Sat 13 Oct, 10am. This mass is for all couples within the Parish celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries (25, 30, 40, 50, or 60). Please **RSVP** by 5 Oct to the Parish Office or Marie Hanley 4448 5347.



Ministry Training: "Preparing the Sacred Mysteries" A Course for Sacristans will be held **Sat, 20 Oct, 10am –2.30pm** at St Columbkille's Church, 99 Princes Highway, Corrimal. **RSVP essential** Ph 4253 0934 or email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au. Morning tea provided. BYO lunch

Parish Pastoral Plan - Restructuring Our Parishes Work is progressing well. The timeline however, has been extended to allow wider feed-back 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.

iStand weekend (14-18 yr olds) **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, campfires with marshmallows & an amazing band! **Cost \$98.00** inc accommodation (lodges), food & activities. Call Chris Brennan 0433 636 359 for details.

" Just as the sun shines simultaneously on the tall cedars and on each little flower as though it were alone on the earth, so Our Lord is occupied particularly with each person as though there were no others like us." – (St Therese of Lisieux)



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“..it seems to me that if a little flower could speak, it would tell simply what God has done for it without trying to hide its blessings...”

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

Catechist Corner: Some dates for your diary:

Catechist Retreat: Mon 22 Oct, Gerringong

Annual Catechist Mass: Sat 10 Nov, Fairy Meadow.

Upcoming Events:

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

Young Men Of God National Conference (Theme: *“The Lord is my Strength”*), **Frid 12 – Sun 14 Oct** 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

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/>

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The Gift of Years: *Exploring God’s invitation in the second half of life.* Group 2: Mon Oct 1.30 -3.00pm (NB: Starting time reverts to 1.30). Enquiries 4421 2260

Parish Sesquicentenary Book contacts:

Culburra: Mary Nelson 4447 3263

Berry: Barry McAndrew: see him after Mass

Vincentia: Sister Val

Catholicism: DVD series by Rev Robert Barron

This week’s topic: “Mary, the new Israel.” 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 10 Oct 10.00^{am}**. Session repeated 7.30^{pm}.

