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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: Nowra:..... Mon 7.00am;
Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am Friday 7.00am. & 11.30am;
Sat Oct 13th Mass at St Michael's at 10.00am – for significant Wedding Anniversaries.

Berry: Tues 10.30a.m.....; **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

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:
Shirley Jones. Also **Vera Guthrie, John (Jack) Fleming** and **Eduardo Paliza** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastdays:

Mon 15 Oct: **St Teresa of Jesus**
Wed 17 Oct: **St Ignatius of Antioch**, martyr
Thurs 18 Oct: **St Luke**, evangelist

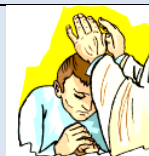
Culburra Family Group: “Mulberries & Cream Lunch” in Joan & Greg Watts’ garden. **Sunday 21 Oct** at 12 noon. Please bring food to share. Ph: 4447 1270.

Catholicism: DVD series by Rev Robert Barron

This week's topic: “**Word of Flesh, True Bread of Heaven.**” 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 17 Oct 10.00^{am}**. Session repeated 7.30^{pm}.



The Annual Mass with Anointing of the Sick at St Patrick's Church Berry will be held on Tuesday **16th October** at 10:30am close to the Feast of St Luke, patron of the medical profession *Please bring a plate for light luncheon after Mass.* Everyone is most welcome.



The Gift of Years: *Exploring God's invitation in the second half of life.* Group 1: **Mon 15 Oct** 1.30 -3.00pm. Enquiries 4421 2260.

St Michael's monthly Youth Mass will take place Sunday **21 Oct** at the 6pm Mass. Refreshments follow in the Parish Centre. There will also be activities. *Youth are encouraged to be involved in the Youth Mass through music, singing, welcoming, reading, offertory and hospitality.*



Catechist Corner: *Welcome to term 4!* And now for your diary:

Catechist Retreat: Mon **22 Oct** (time TBA) Venue: Gerringong. BYO lunch. Ring Cindy Oliver 4640 8550 to register.

Annual Catechist Mass: Sat **10 Nov**, 10am at St John Vianney's Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow. Light luncheon provided. Ring Lyn 4423 1009 to register.

Heartfelt congratulations to **Stephen and Marie Joyce** who will be celebrating their **60th Wedding Anniversary** on 18 October. May God continue to bless you in your journey together.



Illawarra Taizé group will visit St Mary's Church, Fern St, Gerringong Fri, **26 Oct**, 7.30pm for Christian prayer using music & repetitive verses. Light supper will follow. Contact Gabrielle 4232 2735 or Pat 4232 1034.

RSL Day Clubs are a weekly social program in Nowra and Bomaderry for older people from the wider community. The club is currently seeking volunteers who can assist. Please contact 4423 3330 or 4422 3592 if you can help.

The Second Vatican Council 11th Oct 1962 - 8th Dec 1965. Blessed John XXIII wanted within the Church what he referred to as ‘**aggiornamento,**’ **updating or renewal.**



Thursday of this week, October 11th marked the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council October 11th 1962. (21st Ecumenical or General Council of the Church.) More than 2,600 Bishops participated. There were also other theologians, advisers and observers who attended. The Council which concluded on December 8th 1965 produced 16 special Documents on many aspects of Church life and ministry. Four key Documents were: **the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church** (Lumen Gentium); **Dogmatic Constitution of Divine Revelation** (Dei Verbum); **the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy**; and **Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World** (Gaudium et Spes- Joy and Hope). **The Constitution on the Liturgy** was approved on 4 December 1963 by an astounding vote of 2,147 in favour and 4 opposed. This was the first document to be promulgated by the Council and it was the first time that a Church Council ever dealt with Liturgy in a systematic way and in a separate document, with special attention to the Liturgy's theological dimension.

YEAR OF GRACE, YEAR OF FAITH: While planned independently of each other (the Year of Grace is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops in response to local issues, while the Year of Faith announced by Pope Benedict, beginning on Oct 11th is a call to the universal Church) both have as their goal a renewal of faith in Jesus Christ

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.



The Year of Grace invites us into a spiritual journey of encountering Christ afresh in our lives through prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, celebrating liturgies, repenting of our failures and listening to the voice of the Spirit. The Year of Faith (commenced on 11 October) calls us into a deep renewal of our faith through retracing the history of our faith, studying the Catechism, praying the Creed and seeking to be an active witness of what we believe. These two impulses of the Holy Spirit complement each other and provide opportunities for us to discover and nurture the gifts of 'grace' and 'faith' at work in our lives.

Date Claimer – Vatican II Conference To mark 50 years since the 2nd Vatican Council, our Diocese is gathering for a screening of the recent national e-conference featuring keynote speakers Bishop Michael Putney & Sr Maryanne Confoy RSC. Topics will include "Vatican II: A new relationship with God" and "The Baptismal call to holiness – a call to personal and communal ministry." There will be opportunity for local discussion. Please note in your diary **Sat 17 Nov, 10.00am - 3.00pm**, Chevalier College, Bowral. This alternative viewing has been arranged for those who found it hard to attend the weekday viewing last Wed.

MINISTRY TRAINING: "Proclaiming the Word" A Course for Readers, 17 Nov 10.00am – 2.30pm, St Michael's Parish Centre, Nowra **RSVP essential** via email Helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au or phone 4253 0934. Morning tea provided. BYO lunch

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.

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

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