



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.

Sunday Masses:

NOWRA:.....6pm Vigil; 8am, 9.30am & 6pm
BERRY:..... 8.00am
BOMADERRY:..... 9.30am
CULBURRA:.....6pm Vigil
VINCENTIA: 6pm Vigil, 8.00am & 9.30am (up to and including January 26th / 27th)
KANGAROO VALLEY 11.00am

Weekday Masses:

Nowra: Mon 7.00am; Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am; Fri 7.00am & 11.30; and 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/Thurs/Sat 8.00am; Wed 6.15am

Confession--Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 9.30-10.30am & 5.00-5.30pm

Berry; Following Mass on Tuesday

Culburra: Sat 5.30pm. **Berry:** Tues 6.00pm

Kangaroo Valley:..... Sat 4.30-5.00pm

Vincentia: Sat 5.00–5.30pm

We prayerfully remember **Ken Harris** of S'haven Heads who died in recent days, **Requiem Mass at Berry, Tuesday at 11am; and Bob Wood** who died recently. Also **Stan Bright, Earl Neal and Bob, Robert & Lily Davison** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastdays:

Mon: **St Agnes**, virgin, martyr
 Thurs 24 Jan; **St Frances de Sales**, bishop, doctor
 Fri 25 Jan: **The Conversion of St Paul**, apostle
 Sat 26 Jan: **Australia Day**



"BELIEVE" We begin on the week of Mon **11 Feb**. Group lists are at Nowra/Bomaderry. We

encourage you, in this our Sesquicentenary year, to join a Lenten program, and the Parish Paschal Meal which will be held on Palm Sunday **24 March**. More details to follow. Enquiries to: Francene 4421 5962, Tina 4422 9250, or Bernie 4421 2968. **Contacts for other areas** Berry/S'Heads: Christine Da Silva 44641035; Callala: Joyce Buttell 4446 5569; Culburra: Harry Ray 44472941; Currarong: Connie Heap 44483157; Vincentia: Fr Leo 44415571



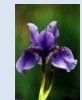
Hour of Grace: Including reflective prayer, adoration, scripture reading, silence and music. Join us on the Fri **1 Feb** in St Michael's Church, followed by refreshments in the parish Centre. All welcome.

Pancake Morning Tea: You are cordially invited to Morning Tea at the Holy Spirit Church hall, Vincentia, on Tuesday **12 February** at 10.00 am. Meet old friends and make new ones. Contact Ron D'Souza 4441 5723.

PARISHES PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE BY WORKING TOGETHER – YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED

Our Diocese is growing and to plan for our future we are asking parishes to work together to make sure our planning and process of change will strengthen us in our roles as bearers of Christ's love, in existing and new communities. The process for planning for the future builds on our existing diocesan pastoral plan and will be launched by Bishop Peter Ingham on **Sun, 3 Feb**. Every family in the Diocese will on that day receive a Workbook and DVD. These will give you information about our role as baptised people in the Church as well as particular information about parishes and ministries in our Diocese. Our parish will have information and discussion sessions on **Sat 9 March, 9.30- 2.30pm**, in the Parish Hall. The sessions will be led by Diocesan facilitators.

Our sincere congratulations to Esme Wilkinson of Shoalhaven Heads who celebrated her 90th birthday on 18th January.



First Saturday Marian Devotions 2 Feb. Mass at 9am is followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction at 10.30am. Morning tea follows in the Parish Centre, Everyone is most welcome.

Second Sunday in Ordinary time, Year C

20 January 2013

Claiming Dates in 2013

- **Wed 13 March 2013.** Mother Ruth Scholarship Fund Gala Theatre Night, "The Hallelujah Girls".
- **April: 8th-12th Parish Mission with a difference** – The Catholic Guy (a team of five)
- **Saturday 4th May.** Inaugural fundraising Gala Dinner for St Vincent de Paul Society.

You will have observed from bulletin notices that we are having a short 'Mission' in early April. It will be conducted by a small team with the title "The Catholic Guy". This is a Group of very committed and now experienced lay people who have been conducting Missions with a difference throughout Australia for some years. Speaking with their director a few days ago he says that they have 17 Missions booked for this year. They come to us in Nowra on Nowra 7/8th. We need shortly to get together a small group of five-six parishioners who are willing to get involved in some preparatory work. I will convene a meeting shortly to give people more specific information. I would however appreciate some definite expressions of interest during the week ahead in being part of that 'core group'.

'Ordinary Time'. As we leave behind the Christmas season, we move into what is referred to Liturgically as 'the Ordinary Time'. However there is nothing ordinary about 'Ordinary Time' as it is during these weeks that we hear and reflect on all the extraordinary things that Jesus said and did during His ministry... This Sunday's Gospel reminds us of God's abundant gifts, also that Jesus graced a Wedding by His presence.



Illawarra Social Justice Forum: Wed, 20 Feb, 5-6:30pm, Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St W'gong
 Are you interested in social justice issues being faced by people in the Illawarra region and wider world? The Diocesan Justice Ecology & Peace Council invites you to participate in a forum on Social Justice in the Illawarra. The aim is to develop ways in which we can support each other in the work for social justice in this region of the Diocese. **Enquiries and RSVP by 15 February to darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or 4222 2463**



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Beginning Experience Weekend: 1-3 March, at Mt St Benedict, Pennant Hills. This is a weekend program to help those grieving through separation, divorce or death to move from their grief into renewed hope and positive growth. Contact beginningexperiencesydney@live.com.au or Lynne on 4627 2084 by 13 Feb.

Anyone interested in purchasing a leather cover for their new Weekday or Sunday missal please phone Frank (leather maker) 4443 6182. The cost is \$45.

Parish Staff – Parish Office: 4423 1712

Fr Patrick Faherty: Parish Priest, Nowra

Fr Duane Fernandez: Assistant Priest, Nowra:

Fr Leo Duck: Vincentia; 4441 5571

Fr Ronan Kilgannon: Kangaroo Valley.

Deacon Peter Presdee - Chaplain to Corrective Services

Mrs Lyn West: Catechist Coordinator, 4423 1009

Mrs Liz Nimmo: Part-time Parish Secretary 4423 1712

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