



**St Michael's Parish**, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: [office@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:office@nowraparish.org.au)

Website: [nowraparish.org.au](http://nowraparish.org.au) Incorporates the Church Communities of St Michael, Nowra; St Patrick, Berry

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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 8.00am; 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  
**S'haven Heads Fridays Community Hall:..** 3.30pm

**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, **Grace Smith** (Sydney-Moira Pead's mother) and **Peter Paul Fernando** who died recently in Melbourne. Also **John Ryan, Mary Brady, Joseph Shanahan, Eithne Wood, Moira Piercy, and Betty Colnan** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**Feastdays:**

Mon: 28 Jan; **St Thomas Aquinas**, priest, doctor  
 Thurs 31 Jan; **St John Bosco**, priest  
 Sat 2 Feb; **The Presentation of the Lord:**



**"Believe"** Lenten Program Books have arrived! Cost is \$6. We recommend you buy early to avoid disappointment. Groups begin the week of **Mon 11 Feb**. Please add your name to a list available in Nowra/Bomaderry churches. Enquiries to:

Francene 4421 5962, Tina 4422 9250, or Bernie 4421 2968.  
**For other areas**, please contact your local contact person: 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:** To begin the new year, please join us for an evening of reflective prayer, adoration, scripture reading, silence and music. **Fri 1 Feb at 7pm** in St Michael's Hall, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**Catechist Corner:** We are pleased to welcome 2 new catechists to our ranks. However, we still need more volunteers. Ring 44231009 if you need more information. **Mon 14 Feb** 9.30am at the Parish Centre. Please try to attend this very important meeting.

**We are forming a Music Ministry at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Vincentia.**



A meeting for this purpose will be held at 90 Anson St, Sanctuary Point, on **Wednesday 30 January** at 2.30pm. All interested persons are welcome. [dsedman@clubtelco.com](mailto:dsedman@clubtelco.com)

**Culburra Family Group** are having a planning meeting at Casey's (44464117) this **Sun 27 Jan** at 4pm. Please bring something to share for a cold evening meal.

Tickets on sale for **'Cruising up the river on a Sunday afternoon'** Sun 24 Feb, 2pm – 4pm. Cost \$30 includes cruise & afternoon tea. Contact Sr Val: 4441 7035.

**St Michael's Nowra Flower Arranging Roster:** One of our wonderful ladies is retiring due to ill health. So we are looking for a parishioner to work with Colleen on the 4th Friday of the month to help beautify the church for Mass. If you can spare about an hour and a half please ring Robbie 44231464 or 0407013551 or the parish secretary on 44231712.



**Catechist Morning Tea.** You are warmly invited to the CCD Resource Centre, Micah House, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown on **Thurs 7 Feb** at **10.30am** for a Catechist Morning Tea. This is a chance for Catechists to meet other Catechists in the Diocese, exchange ideas and explore the Resource Centre for things that will help in your important ministry with children. Contact Cindy on 4640 8550.

**Third Sunday in Ordinary time, Year C**

**27 January 2013**

**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 session on **Sat 9 March, 9.30- 2.30pm**, in the Parish Hall. The session will be led by Diocesan facilitators.

**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.

**Prayer without words:** A day of meditative singing and silence drawing inspiration from Taizé with prayer, song, & music. **Sat 9 Feb**, 9.30 for 10am - 4pm. At the Benedictine Abbey, 695 Jamberoo Mountain Rd. Jamberoo. Cost: \$20 (incl morning tea & lunch) – cash on entry. RSVP: by Sat 2 Feb to Pat 4232 1034 orEmail [greyatboni@rocketmail.com](mailto:greyatboni@rocketmail.com)

The likelihood is that we will have another two weeks in the Hall at St Michael's, as unexpected electrical problems have been encountered in the Church.

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"**. They come to us in Nowra on April 7<sup>th</sup>. We need shortly to get together a small group of five-six parishioners who are willing to get involved in some preparatory work. I would be grateful for a few more expressions of interest during the week ahead in being part of that 'core group' to promote **the Mission..**



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**To Let:** Nowra, 1 bedroom furnished granny flat. Close to shops, schools, quiet street. Female only. No pets, no smoking, references essential. Including electricity and water \$190. Phone 4422 3801.

#### Claiming Dates in 2013

- **Wed 13 March 2013.** Mother Ruth Scholarship Fund Gala Theatre Night, “*The Hallelujah Girls*”.
- **April: 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

#### **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](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au) or 4222 2463**

**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](mailto:beginningexperiencesydney@live.com.au) or Lynne on 4627 2084 by 13 Feb.

#### **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

**Mrs Cath Elton:** Part-time Parish Secretary 4423 1712