



**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

Sacred Heart, Bomaderry; Mary, Help of Christians, Culburra; St Joseph, Kangaroo Valley; Holy Spirit, Vincentia.

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

**3 February 2013**

**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: Please note changes for Nowra due to Church painting!**

**Nowra:** Mon 7.00am; **Tues/Wed/Thurs 7.30am;**  
 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 6.00pm  
**Culburra:** Sat 5.30pm. ....  
**Kangaroo Valley:**..... Sat 4.30-5.00pm  
**Vincentia:**..... Sat 5.00-5.30pm

We prayerfully remember **Clare Mertens, Ivy Whitefield** and **Jennifer McKenzie** who died recently in Melbourne. Also those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**Feastdays:**

Tues 5 Feb; **St Agatha**, virgin, martyr  
 Wed 6 Feb; **St Paul Miki and companions**, martyrs



**"Believe"** Lenten Program Books are now on sale for \$6. Please buy your copy early. If you would like to study the gospels but not join a group please also feel free to purchase a book for private study. Books are also available at the Parish Centre.

**Enquiries in Nowra / Bomaderry:** 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.

**Nowra rosters** are available at the table in the Hall Foyer for collection. Ground maintenance teams please note that some dates on roster have changed.



**Catechist Meeting: Monday 4 February (tomorrow) 9.30am** in the Parish Centre.

Please try to attend this very important meeting. We are pleased to welcome 2 new catechists to our ranks. However, we still need many more volunteers. Ring 44231009 if you need more information.

**Catechist Courses: Illawarra/Shoalhaven. Level 1**

**Basic Course** will be run on **Fri, 8 & 15 Feb**, 9.30am – 1.30pm at Xavier Centre, W'gong. The full LEVEL 1 Course will continue on **Fri 22 Feb** and **1 & 8 March** 9.30am – 1.30pm. Please contact Cindy on 4640 8550 or email [cindy.oliver@dow.org.au](mailto:cindy.oliver@dow.org.au)

**St Michael's: Change of weekly Mass time.**

Due to activity associated with the recommencement of school, morning Mass on Tues, Wed & Thurs will be held at 7.30am for the next couple of weeks until we move back into the Church. Any inconvenience is regretted.

**St Michael's Children's Liturgy of the Word**

is back for 2013 at 9.30am Mass. Starting **Sunday Feb 10**, and then generally every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday during the school term. If anyone in the parish would like to be involved in presenting children's Liturgy please contact the Parish Office or Katherine on 4446 0780.



**St Michael's Nowra Flower Arranging Roster:**

Due to the retirement of one of our faithful members we are looking for a parishioner to work (for about 1 ½ hours) on the 4th Friday of the month to help beautify the church for Mass. Please ring Robbie 4423 1464 or 0407 013 551; or the Parish Office 4423 1712 if you can help.

**Bay and Basin CWL** will be holding their first meeting

for 2013 on **Thurs 7 Feb** at 12 noon for lunch, followed by the meeting at 1pm. Contact Eileen 4443 8008 or Mary 4442 1466.

**Shoalhaven Crossroads: Christian Fellowship for people with a disability** will take place **Fri 8 Feb** 7.15 – 9.15pm at Nowra Baptist Church. Enquiries: Beth 4421 8137.

**Parishes Planning For The Future by Working Together. – pick up your book today**

Today Bishop Peter Ingham is launching "Parishes Working Together - Addressing Current and Future Pastoral Needs In The Diocese Of Wollongong".



The Bishop will give an overview of what this process is all about which builds upon the work of our diocesan pastoral plan. After Mass, Workbooks are available in the Church. These give much information about our vital role as baptised faithful in the Church as well as detail about parishes and ministries in our Diocese. Parishioners are asked to attend Parish Information session on **Sat 9 March, 9.30- 2.30pm**, in the Parish Hall Please **add your name to the Registration Forms at Church Doors** It is important you are informed and consulted about this process as every parish in our Diocese will be affected in the not too distant future. This is a great opportunity for us to work with our neighbouring parishes to strengthen us in our call to be bearers of Christ's love.

**A very cordial welcome to Mr Chris Paton** who has taken up his appointment as Principal of St Michael's Primary School.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and support Chris in this very responsible office. Chris has previously been Principal at St Paul's Camden



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

**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.

**Prayer without words:** A day of meditative singing and silence drawing inspiration from Taizé. **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 or Email [greyatboni@rocketmail.com](mailto:greyatboni@rocketmail.com)



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**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.

**THE CATHOLIC SUPPLY SHOP** that was located in Kembla Street, Wollongong has moved. The shop now fronts Lower Crown Street, Wollongong (formerly the SFX School entrance). Goods such as piety items, sacramental supplies, bibles, missals, rosaries, etc can be purchased at the new-look shop.

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**..

**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. .

**World Day of Prayer:** "*I was a stranger and you welcomed me*". Bomaderry Uniting Church **Fri 1 March** at 2pm. All are invited to join.

**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.

**CATHOLICCARE** are running some great **Family Support Programs** to help parents and kids have a positive start to the year. You can download the timetable, including all the upcoming program details, dates and costs at <http://tinyurl.com/bdqy6nr>

**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

To launch our **St Michael's Parish Sesquicentenary**

**celebrations** (150 yrs) you are invited to join a **Shoalhaven River Cruise** on **Sunday 17 March**; boarding at 11.40am for a 12noon departure from Nowra Public Wharf. The cruise will journey to Greenwell Point and return and will include a light lunch. Tickets are available from the parish office for \$ Ph: 4423 1712.

