



St Michael's Parish, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: office@nowraparish.org.au

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First Sunday of Lent, Year C

17 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

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
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
Vincentia: *Stations of the Cross* on Fridays after 8am Mass during Lent.

We prayerfully remember **Alan Halbish, Esme Wikinson** and **Ian Sandy** (Pauline Nield's nephew), who died recently. Also **Tom McQuade, Patrick Maguire, Milka Kalic, Katarina Broz,** and **Gerald Thompson** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastday:

Fri 22 Feb: **The Chair of St Peter**, apostle



St Michael's Parish Sesquicentenary 1863 - 2013; with "Cruising Down the Shoalhaven River" on Sunday 17 March.

Parishioners are invited to board from Nowra Wharf at 11.40am for a 12noon departure, cruising to Greenwell Point and returning at 3.30pm. BYO lunch. **Tickets are \$20** and can be purchased from the Parish Office. Please Note: payment when buying your ticket would be appreciated. Inquiries phone: 4423 1712. **Help enthuse the sesquicentenary spirit!**

Pope Benedict's Resignation – Bishop Peter's Statement and further information:

"I was shocked last night to hear of Pope Benedict XVI's brave and determined decision to resign as Supreme Pontiff of our Church. His acknowledgement that he no longer has the strength of mind and body to lead today's Church gives witness to this man of courage, integrity and unwavering dedication; a man who has discerned what is best for the Church's mission of bringing Jesus Christ to the world. He is a humble and authentic servant leader who is more concerned for the good of the Church than his own power and position. What a sterling example for all in leadership in the Church." The full text of Bishop's statement is available at www.dow.org.au



The first Sesquicentenary Meeting for 2013 will be Monday (tomorrow) February 18th, 7pm, at the Parish Centre. All are very welcome.

Culburra Family Group Function: a *Swim followed by an Evening Meal* to share at Doone Fraser's home (5 Beecroft Pde, Currarong) Sun 24 Feb at 2.30^{pm}.

CWL Nowra Branch **Parents' Morning Tea** Wednesday 27 February, 8.45am, Polding Room, Parish Centre.



CWL Nowra Branch **Illawarra Machine Knitters Fashion Parade**, St Michael's Parish Hall Sat 16 March 2pm. \$8 entry fee includes lucky door prizes.

Mother Ruth Scholarship Fund Theatre

Gala: "The Hallelujah Girls"; Wed 13 March, 7pm for 7.30pm, Nowra Players Theatre, Bomaderry. **Adults \$35.** Contact: Denise Jones 0419 248 889 or 4423 2299 (BH). Payment required to guarantee a seat.



Reasons For Hope: Youth Retreat; ages 15-35; **8–10 March**, Chittick Lodge, Gerringong. For info & registration visit www.reasonsforhope.net.au

Voluntary **cleaners needed** for Bomaderry Church. Contact Colleen and Colin 4421 4448.

Lent and the Royal Commission: message from the NSW bishops.

The bishops of New South Wales have put out a Pastoral Letter on the observance of Lent in the context of the Royal Commission into Child Abuse. Acknowledging the sinfulness, the scandal and grief associated with child sexual abuse within the Church, and at times the failure of bishops to adequately address this tragic and demoralising issue, the Bishops have undertaken to personally observe this Lent as a time of reparation; a time to pray and do penance for healing and wholeness for those scarred by the behaviour of personnel within the Church. **Copies of the Letter will be available if not today then very soon.**



Your donations to **Project Compassion** give expression to the Gospel imperative to pursue justice and help those suffering from poverty and disadvantage. Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of Lenten envelopes and give generously to the appeal this Lent.



Parishes Planning For The Future by Working Together:

Parish information sessions on **"Parishes Working Together - Addressing Current And Future Pastoral Needs In The Diocese Of Wollongong"** are generating much discussion about parishes in our Diocese and future challenges to be met by all of us. Nowra parish session will be held **Sat 9 March, 9.30-2.30pm**. For people unable to attend the parish session but wishing to give their feedback about discussion questions and activities in the Workbook, please access the website of the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong: www.dow.org.au OR email your responses to netty.broekman@dow.org.au

"Believe" Lent 2013. Our groups began this week. It is still not too late to join one! Books on sale this weekend & at the Parish Centre. For inquiries please contact **Nowra / Bomaderry:** Francene 4421 5962, Tina 4422 9250, or Bernie 4421 2968. **For other areas** your local contact people are: Berry/ S'Heads: Christine Da Silva 44641035; Callala: Joyce Buttel 4446 5569; Culburra: Harry Ray 44472941; Currarong: Connie Heap 44483157; Vincentia: Fr Leo 44415571.





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World Day of Prayer 1 March: Bomaderry Uniting Church, Bunberra St, at 2pm. Also Uniting Church, Meriton St, St Georges Basin, at 10am. *All welcome.*

A very big thank you to the 4 parishioners who responded to the notice asking for volunteers to arrange flowers for St Michael's Church. A wonderful result! Robbie.

Thank God For Evolution – Reconciling Faith & Science, with Fr Eduardo Scarel (Carmelite - Argentina), **Wed, 6 March** at St Paul's Parish Hall, Tongarra Rd, Albion Pk. from. Fr (Dr) Eduardo is a Carmelite priest from who is highly **Program:** 5.30pm Liturgy followed by light meal and Fr Scarel from 7.00pm. Cost: \$10. To assist with catering please confirm your attendance by calling Marie Milne 4232 1535 or email Wendy.Carter@dow.catholic.edu.au

Catholic Supply Shop Has Moved to Lower Crown St, W'gong (formerly the SFX School entrance). Piety items, sacramental supplies, bibles, missals, rosaries, etc are for sale Mon-Fri, 9am–4.30pm & Sat, 9–12noon. Tel 4222 2484.

Claiming Dates in 2013

- **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. .

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.

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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Include on 3 & 10 March

PARISHES PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE BY WORKING TOGETHER – NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK

Parish information sessions on **Parishes Working Together – addressing current and future pastoral needs in the Diocese of Wollongong** are generating much discussion across our Diocese about the future challenges to be met by all of us as we seek to be bearers of Christ's love. Our parishes sessions are continuing on the following dates and times:
