



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.

Third Sunday of Lent, Year C

3 March 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 VALLEY11.00am

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 those who died recently;
**Tim Breadner, Nadine Alamango, Sr
Cleophas Rhoddy (SGS).** Also **Madalen Gatt**
whose anniversary occurs at this time. *May they rest in
eternal peace.*



St Michael's Parish Sesquicentenary 1863 - 2013;

**"Cruising Down the Shoalhaven River":
Sun 17 March.** Nowra Wharf - 11.40am for
12noon departure, cruising to Greenwell
Point and returning at 3.30pm. Bring your
own lunch. Drinks may be purchased on the boat.
Tickets are \$20 at the Parish Office. *Limited number of
tickets still available*

St Michael's **Choir practice for the Easter Ceremonies** will be
held in the Church on **7, 14 & 21 March**, 5.30-6.30pm. All are
welcome to join for this enrichment of Holy Week.

Shoalhaven Crossroads is a Christian Fellowship for
people with a disability. Join us for some fun and
worship, **Fri 8 March**, Nowra Baptist Church. Enquiries
to Beth 4421 8137.

The Catholic Guy & his team are coming to our Parish
from Sunday **April 7 through to Thursday April 11** in St
Michael's Parish Hall. What is it all about? *The team's
aim is to help revitalise our faith.* More details to come
over the next few weeks. Also see the website
catholicguy.com.au.

Help Needed: To keep this as a parish wide event, it
would be good to have at least one person from each
Mass centre available to distribute flyers and provide
other assistance required in their Mass centre. It will not
be difficult work and will take only a few minutes at Mass
for about 4 weeks. *Please contact the Parish Office if
you can help or to get further information about helping.*

The **Parish Paschal Meal** on the afternoon **24 March** (Palm
Sunday). We would appreciate your help. To book, phone
Maree 4421 8516 or Tina 4422 9250 before 18 March. All are
welcome, especially children, to join us to celebrate our
Sesquicentenary year. Other inquiries to Francene 4421 5962.

Bay and Basin CWL meeting **Thurs 7 March** at 12noon
for lunch followed by the meeting at 1pm in Holy Spirit
Hall. Contact Eileen 4443 8008.

Nowra CWL monthly meeting, **Tues 12 March**, 9.30am
morning tea, followed by Meeting at 10am, Parish Centre.
Contact Judy 4421 8565.

St Michael's Children's Liturgy will be held next
Sunday 10 March at 9.30am Mass.

.PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY: We are
asking for volunteers to join a "parish
youth ministry team". If you want more
young people to get involved in the
parish, and think you might be able to contribute some
ideas and energy to making this happen, please email Fr
Duane at dfernandez@parish.woll.catholic.org.au with
the subject "Youth", for further info.



.St Michael's Kindergarten enrolments 2014.
Applications & packages are available from the School
Office, 28 North St, Nowra, Ph: 4421 3630. **Open Day**,
children welcome, Tues 12 March, 9.30 – 11am; **Open
Evening**, Thurs 14 March, 7-8pm. **Enrolment
interviews** with the Principal, Mr Christopher Paton &
Parish Priest, Fr P Faherty in May 2013.

.POPE BENEDICT'S PARTING MESSAGE.



"At this moment of my life...
the Lord is calling me 'to scale
the mountain', to devote
myself even more to prayer
and meditation. But this does
not mean abandoning
the Church; indeed, if God
asks me this it is precisely so that I may continue to serve
her with the same dedication and the same love with
which I have tried to do so until now, but in a way more
suited to my age and strength".

His Holiness, Pope Emeritus Benedict xvi

Catechist Corner: Inservice Level 1 – Basic Training
including Child Protection (upgrade) and Smart Board –
Parish Centre, **Fri 15 March**, 9-3pm. BYO lunch. Ring
Lyn 4423 1009 to enrol. *Please return any Teachers
Manuals, all levels, asap.*

A catechist helper is needed for Berry, Kindergarten,
Wednesdays. Ring 4423 1009 if you can help.

St Patrick's Community Berry. This year
March 17th falls on Sunday; it has been
decided this year to observe the Patronal
Feastday in the spirit of the Sesquicentenary
of the parish on **Fri 15 March** with **Outdoor
Stations of the Cross at 6pm**, in the Church grounds.
The stations will be designed in part to relate to the
history of the Catholic Community of Berry. The
Ceremony will conclude with Benediction. Supper will
follow. *All parishioners are cordially invited.*



Parishes Planning For The Future By Working Together –.
Parish information sessions on – **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 Parish session is on **Sat 9 March**,
**10.00-a.m - 2.30pm. Please note that the venue will be St
John's High School** (so as to accommodate the annual Quilt
exhibition being held in St Michael's Hall). It is important to list your
name on the sheet provided at the Church door. A light lunch
will be provided.



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The **Parish Pascal Meal** on the afternoon **24 March** (Palm Sunday), 12.30pm for 1pm, in the Parish Hall. Set up will be Sat 23 March after the 9am Mass until noon, & Sun 24 from 10.30am. We would appreciate your help. To book, phone Maree 4421 8516 or Tina 4422 9250 before 18 March. All are welcome, especially children, to join us to celebrate our Sesquicentenary year. Other inquiries to Francene 4421 5962

Pilgrimage Walk for the unborn: Fri 22 March, 9:30am Mass at Kiama Church, then walk along the Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong Church (11km) praying for the unborn and their mothers. Benediction at 1:30pm & there will be a shuttle bus back to Kiama. For more info Gabriella 4261 2500 or Sue Hill 0435 336 195.

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



Bomaderry Church Grounds. At present we have a good roster for grass cutting. However, to cut grass and to do all the edging is a big job. So, we are looking for volunteers who may be willing to carry out some edging work. No need for a roster. If the job needs doing, just go along at any time.

Claiming Dates in 2013

- **Saturday 4th May.** Inaugural fundraising Gala Dinner for St Vincent de Paul Society. .

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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Your donations to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion support long-term partnerships for transformation around the world. Nine year old Raymundo was destined for a life of drugs and crime. Thanks to Caritas Australia partner, Educares Fiesta – an organisation that provides



education and teaches circus skills to street children in Bolivia – Raymundo's life changed. **Please donate to Project Compassion today.**

FOR INCLUSION AFTER YOUR PARISH SESSION PARISHES PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE BY WORKING TOGETHER – THANK YOU

We thank those in our parish who were able to participate in our parish sessions on “**PARISHES WORKING TOGETHER - ADDRESSING CURRENT AND FUTURE PASTORAL NEEDS IN THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG**”. Your feedback has been submitted to the diocesan team and will be valuable in our preparation for the upcoming regional consultations. Here we will combine the wisdom of neighbouring parishes in our region and begin dreaming of what is possible in terms of working together in being bearers of Christ's love as we consult with our neighbours. If you missed our sessions and wish to give feedback please access the website of Catholic Diocese of Wollongong: www.dow.org.au OR email your responses to netty.broekman@dow.org.au

YOUR VOCATION Each of us is precious in God's eyes, and for each of us, God invites us into