



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

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

17 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.
Stations of the Cross-Culburra Wed March 20th-
10am.

We prayerfully remember; **Lena Smith** (Berry), **Tony Sammut** (Callala Bay), **Jackie Fossey** and **Richard Hertzig** (nephew and cousin of the Pluta family) who died this week. Also **June Rowe** whose anniversary occurs. *May they rest in eternal peace.*
Requiem Mass for the late Lena Smith of Berry on Monday at St Patrick's at 10.30.a.m.

Feastdays: Mon 18 March, **St Patrick**, bishop
Tues 19 March, **St Joseph**, and the inauguration of Pope Francis.

St Michael's Children's Liturgy will be held **Palm Sunday** 24 March at 9.30am Mass.



Parish Paschal Meal: Palm Sunday, 24 March, in St Michael's Hall; 12.30pm for 1pm start. Bookings for group / table numbers to be in to Maree 4421 8516 by Fri 22 March. Set up Sat 23 March, 9.30am in the Hall.

Pope Francis 1 :The election of Cardinal Jorge



Mario Bergoglio, a 76-year-old Jesuit from Buenos Aires, came as a joyful surprise to Catholics worldwide this week. Equally surprising was his choice of name as Pope 'Francis'. A former Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Francis is the first Jesuit

to be elected Pope and the first non-European Pope since the eighth century. A man of humility, he is reported to ride the bus, visit the poor, live in a simple apartment, cook his own meals, and champion social justice. To many in Buenos Aires, he is known simply as 'Father Jorge'. In his first address to the faithful, the new Pope said: "You know that the duty of the conclave was to give a bishop to Rome. It seems that my brother cardinals went almost to the end of the world to get him. But here we are." Pope Francis is now entrusted by the grace of God with the enormous but sacred responsibility of shepherding the world's 1.2 billion Catholics, 42 % of whom are said to be in Latin America.



Confirmation: An introductory information session for candidates, and where possible parent(s)/guardian, will be held **Wed 20 March**, 4. - 5pm; or an optional time will be 7pm, both in St Michael's Church.

Bay & Basin Candidates for Confirmation and parents please attend an information meeting on **Monday 8 April**, at 4pm, in Vincentia Church Hall.

Catechist corner: We still require **Catechists for the Bay & Basin area** as well as a helper at Berry. Also Needed: 2 copies of the year 1 **(1A) Student Activity Book**. Ring 4423 1009 if you can help.

St Michael's **Choir practice for Easter Ceremonies** will be 5.30-6.30pm, **21 March**, in the **Hall**. All are welcome to join.

The Catholic Guy event: *An invitation to all parishioners of all ages – a special Sesquicentenary faith renewal event- a modern day style Retreat - St Michael's*



Parish: *Five inspiring sessions, 7-11 April. This event is for all parishioners of all ages.*

See reverse side of the Holy Week timetable sheet for details.

The 2nd Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Penance) will be celebrated at St Michael's on Friday Evening **March 22nd at 7.00p.m.** – Four priests will be present for the Sacrament. Let us now start to plan our time for Holy Week. The Liturgy of Holy Week is not dramatized history, it is the saving Action of Christ and His Church, culminating in one celebration called the Triduum- the Three sacred days.

Winter Appeal Charity Fundraising Dinner for the local St Vincent de Paul Society



is being held **Sat 4 May** at the Bomaderry Bowling Club. Tickets \$90 each, includes 3 course meal, drinks, entertainment & guest speaker. Invitations are available at Church doors. For more information please contact Kath Gleeson (4421 6690) or Ivor Davies (4421 0929).

St John The Evangelist Catholic High School: Enrolments now open for Year 7, 2014. Following enquiries, an additional open afternoon will be held **Wed 20 March**, 4pm. This will include a tour of the school plus enrolment information. Applications close March 29. Enquiries to the school Secretary, Mrs Julie Vella 4423 1666.

If you wish to be involved & learn more about the decisions that affect our **Holy Spirit Community Vincentia** please come along to the Annual General Meeting of the Auxiliary **Sat 13 April**, 1pm, Church Hall. An opportunity exists for new committee members to be elected to the Auxiliary for the coming year. The Committee looks forward to seeing you there!

The Sesquicentenary "Cruise down The Shoalhaven River" this Sunday; boarding at 11.40a.m. - Fully booked.



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Majellan Family Magazine For a number of years, the St Vincent de Paul Society has been purchasing this magazine for display and purchase, in the Church pamphlet racks. However, interest has decreased such that the Society will no longer be providing this service. 'The Majellan' is a great resource for young families and if anyone would like to obtain copies in the future, Majellan Publications can be contacted on 03 9592 2777, www.majellan.org.au or office@majellan.org.au

Claiming the Date:

- **Diocesan Marriage Anniversaries Mass** will be held on **Sun 8 Sept** (2.00 pm) at the Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow.

Mary Help of Christians, Culburra are holding an *Easter Raffle*. Donations to the Easter basket would be greatly appreciated.

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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