



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

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Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C
Good Shepherd Sunday 21 April 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 this week.

Nowra:Mon 7.00am; Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am
.....Fri 7.00am and 11.30am; Sat 9.00am
Berry: Tues 5.30pm. **Culburra: No Mass** this week at
Thurs 5.30pm
Vincentia:.. Mon/Thurs/Fri.8.00am; Tues/Wed 5.30pm
K Valley: ..Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 8.00am; Wed 6.15am
Shoalhaven Heads:.. Fri 3.30pm Community Centre
Confession--Reconciliation
Nowra:..... Sat 9.30-10.30am
Berry: Tues 6.00pm **K Valley:** Sat 4.30-5.00pm
Vincentia: Sat 5.00–5.30pm



St Joseph's Church Kangaroo Valley, in this sesquicentenary year of the Parish, is celebrating its' 125th anniversary. Fr Patrick, Fr Ronan & parishioners invite you to a Choral

Mass to be celebrated on the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, Wed 1 May, at 11am, followed by luncheon at 12.30 at the Jing Jo Café near bridge. Tickets, \$25, selling fast, at KV Church door, the Parish Office or from Fr Ronan at St Joseph's.

Fundraising Dinner for the local St Vincent de Paul Society. The last week to be able to purchase tickets for our Winter Appeal Charity Dinner: **Sat 4 May**, Bomaderry Bowling Club. Tickets are \$90 per head, which includes a 3 course meal, drinks, entertainment and a guest speaker. Invitations are still available at Church doors, or please contact Kath Gleeson (44216690) or Ivor Davies (44210053). Dress is stated to be formal, but simply means smart dress as opposed to casual. We need the community's help to raise much needed funds for our local work with needy families and with the homeless.



The Parish in conjunction with St John's High School has recently employed **3 new youth ministers:** Clare Fahy, Justin Uzabeaga and Harriet Molony. They are great young people who are committed to their faith and excited about the opportunity to help other young people connect more deeply with God. They will be working in our parish on Mondays and Tuesdays for the coming months. They have organized **holiday activities THIS WEEK** at St Michael's hall:

Years 7-9: **Monday 22nd April**, 10am-4pm
Years 10-12: **Tuesday 23rd April**, 10am-4pm.
See flyers on Church doors. RSVP if possible to nowra.youth@gmail.com or call the parish on 4423 1712.

Culburra Family Group's next function: Brunch at Myra & Peter Pead's place, 31 Piscator St, Currarong, **Sat 27 April** at 10.30am. Please let Myra know if you will be going (Ph 0438 239 272).

Priesthood – God Is Calling: The next priests to inspire and support our faith communities are among you. What may stir their hearts are words of affirmation from you. If you witness young men involved in prayer and with a love for our faith and community, take a moment to thank them for their engagement, "I think you would make a good priest." When was the last time you affirmed someone in that way? For a young single man reading this, what is God whispering in your heart? Start a conversation with your local priest or Fr Richard Healey, vocations director, on 0401 621 591, priesthood@dow.org.au.

Claiming the Date:

- **April:** Thurs 25 April, **Anzac Day- Mass at St Michael's at 8.00.a.m.**
- **1st Sat Marian Devotions** 4 May. Mass at 9am,
- **May 26th/27th – Annual appeal for the Missions**
- **June 16th. Confirmation**
- **Diocesan Marriage Anniversaries Mass** will be held on **Sun 8 Sept** (2.00 pm) at the Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow.

CWL invites you to a **Mothers' Day AFTERNOON TEA** Sat **4 May**, 2.00pm at St Michael's Parish Hall. *All mothers and grandmothers most welcome.* Come along & be entertained by **food of love** choral group.

Many Cultures One In Christ Cultural diversity Mass preparation meeting **Wed 1 May**, 7:30pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Hall, St Andrews Rd, Varroville. (Migrant & Refugee Sun, 25 Aug).

Come And See Weekend: Sisters of the Good Samaritan invite young women (20-35 years) from **Fri 17 May** (6pm) - **Sun 19 May** (3pm) to **Mt St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills**. Join us for a weekend of prayer, reflection, and conversation and find out more about us. Visit their website: www.goodsams.org.au . For more info Bernadette 0429 074 849 or Catherine 0409 043 422.

The Catholic Guy Event We would like to thank all the parishioners who so faithfully participated in the mission from the 7 to 11 April. On average approx 250 people attended (combined sessions) daily – **WITHOUT YOU** the mission wouldn't have been successful, no matter how much effort the committee and The Catholic Guy Team put into the event. Thank you for your wonderful support.

We prayerfully remember **Neville Walsh, Veronica Lawrence, Elsa Anderson and Sister Mary Barker SGS** (Nowra -1983-87) who died this week. Also **Anne Young, Jennifer Heffernan and Roger Brauze** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Anzac Day Mass at St Michael's Thursday at 8.00.a.m. - We will remember them. - **Lest we forget.**

Feastday Fri 26 April; **St Mark**, evangelist.

Nowra Parish Disability Connections: Do you have a son or daughter with special needs at school or older? Come join Sister Jeanie, some of her volunteers and other families with members who have special needs at Luncheon, **Tues 30 April** 12md-1.30pm, in the Parish Centre. If you can't be there all the time, just come when you can. For catering purposes please phone your RSVP to 4654 8709 or email jeanieh@materdei.org.au



Congratulations and our prayerful best wishes to **Jim and Elaine Briggs** who are celebrating their **Diamond Wedding Anniversary** (60th).



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Mrs Lyn West: Catechist Coordinator, 4423 1009
Mrs Liz Nimmo: Part-time Parish Secretary 4423 1712
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Faith In Action: Through The Jesuit Spirituality Of Pope Francis: Sat 1 June, 10.00am-3:30pm, Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St W'gong. Join renowned national speaker **Sandie Cornish** as she helps us unpack Catholic Social Teaching through the Jesuit spirituality of Pope Francis. Learn the basic tools to move from faith into action in your everyday life. Only 90 places available, RSVP essential by 24 May to darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or phone Darren on 4222 2463. Cost \$10 (incl. morning tea & lunch). Registration at 9:30am.

The Road to Pentecost / Input Sessions. An invitation is extended to Parishioners from our Diocese to attend the Road to Pentecost faith formation and spirituality sessions as we prepare for Pentecost. Sessions run Thursday evenings **2, 9, 16 & 23 May**, 7.30pm - 9.00pm at the new Diocesan Offices, Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St W'gong and will focus on personal openness to God's grace as we participate in the mission of the Church. For bookings: Vince Fitzwilliam 0413 126 095 or Jude Hennessy 4222 2407 / jude.hennessy@dow.org.au

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

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Parish Staff – Parish Office: 4423 1712

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