



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

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

5 May 2013

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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 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:** Thurs 5.30pm
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri.8.00am; Tues/Wed 5.30pm
K Valley: Sunday Mass only until further notice.
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

We prayerfully remember **Bishop William Murray, Charles Borg (Vincentia)** and **Rona Quinn (nee Morrissey -Canberra)** who died this week. Also **Neil McIntyre, Joe Fogarty, Joseph Kashmer, Michelle Christian, Bonnie Nelson, Patrick Firmstone** and **Don Allen** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Taize Prayer around the Cross:

An evening of Ecumenical Christian prayer and reflection drawing inspiration from the music of Taize in France. *Friday before Pentecost 17 May* at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church. Supper follows.



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. More info Sr Bernadette 0429 074 849

The **Annual Diocesan Mass attendance Count** will take place throughout the parish on the weekends of 11/12 May, 18/19 May, 26/27 May and 1 / 2 June.



Confirmation Preparation: Wed evening **8th May, 7-8pm** at St Michael's Hall: **Signs and Symbols**. Candidates, parent(s), & sponsors where possible from all regions of the Parish are expected to attend.. This evening is an essential part of the Confirmation preparation program.

Mary Help of Christians – Culburra Beach: In this the Sesquicentenary Year of the Parish we are seeking to emphasise the significance of the Feastday of each of the Churches within the Parish. **The Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians is on May 24th**. This will be acknowledged at the Vigil Mass on Sat. 25th. We are planning a simple 'get together' at the Culburra Bowling Club after the Vigil Mass on Sat 25th at 7.30.p.m. The cost is just \$10. If you would like to attend please contact Barbara Power 4447 2724 or Jeanette Easton 4447 2102.



Culburra Family Group will attend *Oklahoma* at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre Sat 11 May. Meet at 1.15 for a cup of tea/coffee, for the show at 2.30pm.

Share in **Family Group International Fruit Cake Day** by taking a piece of homemade fruit cake after Mass to eat now, or take home. A fruit cake symbolises unity in diversity, with all kinds of ingredients producing a very pleasant result. Around the world this weekend family groups recognise and celebrate the manner in which people, who may be very different from each other, combine to help develop our Church community.

YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS AND CHRISTIANS: In your 20s or 30s, and interested in connecting with local like-minded young Catholics and Christians? Email Fr Duane on dfernandez@parish.woll.catholic.org.au to find out more."

St Michael's Children's Liturgy will be held next Sunday, **May 12** at 9.30am Mass.

Shoalhaven Crossroads will meet Fri **10 May** 7.15-9.15pm, Nowra Baptist Church. Enquiries: 4421 8137.

Catechist Corner:

- Welcome to Term 2! We are very excited to welcome **3 new Catechists** to our Ministry. I hope it will be fulfilling and rewarding for each of you.
- Basic Skills Testing** has been scheduled for Years 3 & 5 on Wed 15 May. Co-ordinators, please check with your schools on availability of classes.
- Free **Good News Bibles** for every Year 5 child. Ring Lyn 4423 1009 to order.

Spirit Alive Youth Festival 2013 will feature 4 Spirit Alive Youth Festivals in the Diocese. Don't miss the first Festival featuring Sr Hilda Scott, **11 May, 5-9pm**. Whenever Sr Hilda speaks to young people they walk away affirmed, challenged and inspired. The evening will include a Youth Mass, dinner (bring some money) and an evening of praise & worship. **Ages:** 16-35 years **Venue:** Holy Spirit College Bellambi (entry via Kent St). Contact Loretta at Catholic Youth Ministry W'gong 4222 2460 or email youth@dow.org.au. www.facebook.com/cymdow

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.

Riverview in Nowra: St Ignatius' College, Riverview is holding 2 events in Nowra over the weekend of **Sat 25 & Sun 26 May:** Old Ignatians, current, past & future parents are invited to reunite with old friends & meet new ones: 6pm Mass on Sat, followed by 7pm dinner at The Butterfactory. Cost: \$50pp for 3 courses & a drink on arrival.



A 12pm brunch will be held in the home of Mark & Katja Ryan on Sun at no charge. Bookings for dinner &/or brunch are essential and should be made online before **21 May** via: www.trybooking.com/47281 **Information Afternoon** 2–4pm, Sat 25 May at The Butterfactory. College staff will be able to answer any questions. For catering purposes please RSVP, Christine, 9882 8595 or cszimbulis@riverview.nsw.edu.au by **22 May**.



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Join Palms on a special Encounter journey: Palms Australia is a Catholic organisation that has been placing skilled Australian volunteers on mission in communities across Africa, Asia & the Pacific for over 50 years. This year, join Palms to visit volunteers in the field, & learn how Australians can work to reduce poverty. 3 trips are available: Timor-Leste 1-13 July, Timor-Leste 23 Sept-5 Oct, and Kiribati 12-25 Nov. For info contact Sarah, 9518 9551 or sarah@palms.org.au or visit www.palms.org.au

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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Claiming the Date:

- **May 26th/27th – Annual appeal for the Missions**
- **June 16th. Confirmation**
- **Diocesan Marriage Anniversaries Mass** will be held on **Sun 8 Sept** (2.00pm) at the Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

National eConference: **Gospel of St Mark: A Crucified and Risen Messiah** Thurs 16 May 10.30-2.30pm.
Keynote Educators: Fr Francis Moloney SDB & Sr Michele Connolly RSJ. eConference link: <http://mark.vivlive.com> For free registration & information so you can be informed on how to participate on the day econferences@bbi.catholic.edu.au /Rhonda T 9847 0726