



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.

The Ascension of the Lord
12 May 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 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 **John Caffery, Charles Borg** (Vincentia) and **Peter O' Keefe (Kiama)** who died this week. Also **Clementina Forte, Bernard Court, Francis Joseph Gillis** and **Timothy James Looney** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*
Requiem Mass for John Caffery on Tuesday at St Michael's at 10.30.a.m.



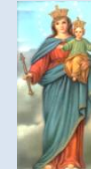
Taize Prayer around the Cross: An evening of Ecumenical Christian prayer and reflection drawing inspiration from the music of Taize in France. Friday before Pentecost 17 May at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church. Supper follows.

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, and reflection. Visit their website: www.goodsams.org.au. More info Sr Bernadette 0429 074 849

The **Annual Diocesan Mass attendance Count** has been deferred to the weekends of 18/19 May, 26/27 May, 1 / 2 June and 8 / 9 June.

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:

- **Vincentia:** **The Feast Day of Holy Spirit: Pentecost Sunday 19 May.** You are invited to a MORNING TEA celebration after 9.30am Mass, with a special cake handcrafted by Mary Ahonen.
- **Culburra:** **The Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians is on May 24th.** This will be acknowledged at Culburra's Vigil Mass on Sat. 25th. We are planning a simple 'get together' at the Culburra Bowling Club after mass. The cost is just \$10. If you would like to attend please contact Barbara Power 4447 2724 or Jeanette Easton 4447 2102.



The Gift of Years to what is God inviting us in "the third age" of life? In response to requests, the group will resume on **Monday, 20th May at 2.00pm**, at the convent. *Please ring to express interest.* If more than 10 people, we may need another group as last year. Ph. 4421 2260.

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."



Culburra Family Group will be having a *Chinese Lunch* **Fri May 17, 12noon** at Greenwell Point Bowling Club. Please let Greg or Joan Watts (4447 1270) know if you will be attending so that they can make a booking.

Nowra Catholic Women's League monthly meeting **Tues 14 May**, Parish Centre. Morning tea at 9.30am and meeting at 10am. **Contact:** Judy 4421 8565.



Expressions of Interest: Pastoral Care. People interested in receiving training for providing Pastoral Care to the aged in the parish are invited to nominate dates when they will be available. They will be trained in visiting the elderly and house-bound by CatholicCare W'gong over 7 weeks. If anyone is interested please contact Ron dsouzon@hotmail.com or 4441 5723.

Vincentia Holy Spirit Fundraiser – Movie & Luncheon "Song for Marion" at Huskisson Cinema - **Sun 2 June**, 1pm. Adults \$15. Call Judy on 4441 7456, or Michael on 4443 7732 to reserve your ticket.

Catechist Corner:

- Wanted: One **Year 6 Teachers' Manual (Stage 3B)**. Ring 4423 1009.
- **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.

Illawarra Gregorian Chant Festival 2013: St Patrick's Catholic Church, Pt Kembla, (In conjunction with Schola Cantorum of Brisbane) **Thurs 23 May - Sun 26 May.** Please contact Parish Office 4274 1192 for more details.

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:** The: 6pm Mass on Sat, will be followed by 7pm dinner at The Butterfactory. Cost: \$50pp



On Sun at 12pm brunch will be held in the home of Mark & Katja Ryan 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**.

Please note Sesquicentenary Parish Dinner will be on Friday Evening Sept 27th. and the main Liturgical celebration on Sunday Sept 29th.

Annual Catholic Missions Appeal on May 25th/26th



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Find Out If Priesthood Is What God Is Offering You. Start a conversation. Contact your local priest or Fr Richard Healey, vocations director, on 0401 621 591, priesthood@dow.org.au.

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

Mrs Cath Elton: Part-time Parish Secretary 4423 1712

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