



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

Pentecost Sunday

19 May 2013

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.

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:** 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 **Marjorie Barnes**, (mother of Sister Mary OSB), **John Caffery**, and **Allan Bennett** (SVDP Farm), who died over the past week. Also **Catherine Brown**, **John Clarke**, **Alex Moses**, **Frank Padovan**, and **Sister Claudina** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastday: Fri 24 May; **Our Lady, Help of Christians.**

The **Annual Diocesan Mass Attendance Count commences this weekend** and will continue over the weekends of 26/27 May, 1 / 2 June and 8 / 9 June.

St Vincent de Paul: The committee would like to thank parishioners for their generous support of our recent Gala Dinner. The event was a great success, raising \$5170 towards Conference works in the Shoalhaven. Thanks also to our Guest Speaker, Commodore Vince Di Pietro; and to Rochelle White, Abbey & Lucy Baker, Natalie Abbot and Melissa Wright for their talented and enjoyable entertainment.

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.

Pentecost: A thought for the great Feast: “Every generation needs to experience Pentecost for itself. It needs God's spirit and it needs it in its own particular way. Indeed scripture assures us that the Holy Spirit is not a generic force, one-size-fits-all, but a person, a relationship, a spirit that has "particular manifestations" and gives itself to each of us uniquely so that the understanding and strength that we receive are geared to help us in our own particular struggles. If this is true, if Pentecost is so differentiating, an important question arises: **Where in life today do we most need the Holy Spirit to transform us? What are our peculiar spiritual disabilities?** Some suggestions).What Pentecost needs to pour into us today is the spirit of resiliency, the spirit of forgiveness, the spirit of patience, the spirit of long-suffering, the spirit of understanding,, and what Dorothy Day used to call "the harshness of love" to deal with the painful give-and-take of ordinary community life in marriage, family, and within parishes, etc...” (Fr Ronald Rolheiser OMI)



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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 (today).** 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.



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

Our new youth ministers, Clare, Justin and Harriet will kick off a **new weekly YOUTH GROUP**, for ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THIS TUESDAY, 21ST MAY, 3:30pm-5:30pm, at the Parish Centre. Come for all or part of it, bring friends, all welcome. Snacks provided. If you want more info email nowra.youth@gmail.com or call Fr Duane on 4423 1712.



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.

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.



PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL IN OUR PARISH NEXT SUNDAY-25/ 26 MAY
Do not be afraid... I will rescue you"
(Jeremiah 1:8)

Vacant Position: Diocesan Director of Catholic Mission (W'gong): Job description available on the diocesan website www.dow.org.au. Further Info: Walter Dinale, Catholic Mission's National Resource Manager-www.catholicmission.org.au or (02) 9919 7800. **Applications close 31 May 2013.**

St Michael's Children's Liturgy will take place next **Sunday, 26 May** at 9.30am Mass.

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



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PASCHAL PRECEPT – message from Bishop Peter

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (13 Feb) & Trinity Sunday (26 May) unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

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

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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



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