



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.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary time, Year C

16 June 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: **Alf Payne** (Bomaderry)
Margaret Montgomery and **Marjorie Hill (Hobart)**
who died recently. Also **Bert Naylor, Ray Owen,**
Dolores Gravino, Marjorie Hay, Molly Devereaux
and **Charles Power** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*

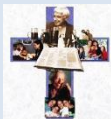


Feastdays:

Fri 21 June: **St Aloysius Gonzaga**, religious
Sat 22 June: **Sts John Fisher, & Thomas More**, martyrs

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

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



The Gift of Years: *to what is God inviting us in the "third age" of life?* Group meets at the convent this Monday 17 June

2pm. Enquiries 4421 2260

St Michael's Children's Liturgy will be held **Sunday 23 June** at the 9.30am Mass.



Youth: *Games, sport, music, food and creative ways to connect youth with each other and with God.* **Years 4, 5, & 6:** Mondays, 3.15 – 5pm at the Parish Centre; and **High School** Tuesdays, 3.30 – 5.30pm at the Parish Centre. For more info call Fr Duane on 4423 1712 or email Nowra.youth@gmail.com

Survey to capture Australian Catholics' Hopes and Dreams for our Church. The National Planning Team for the Year of Grace is keen to identify, nurture and harvest the fruits of the Year of Grace. As the Book of Revelation exhorts us (chs. 2-3) we want to "listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches". A simple survey has been prepared and we invite you to spend a few minutes sharing your experiences. To complete the survey go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/yearofgrace>. Your responses will be collated and key messages sent to the Bishops of Australia for their discernment.

Planned Giving: Please collect your envelopes for the new financial year available in the churches this weekend. Anyone with envelopes in the 500 series will notice you have been allocated a new number. This is due to a decline in the number of contributors meaning we have ordered fewer envelopes this year.

As the end of the financial year is fast approaching it would be much appreciated if parishioners are able to bring their Planned Giving contributions up to date. Few of us need reminding of how costs have risen over the years. This is very much a reality especially when it comes to the maintenance of our Church properties in six communities. Insurance premium alone now stands at \$43,000. We encourage new subscribers to the Parish Planned Giving; just contact the Parish Office 44231712.

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

Bishop Peter is visiting the parish this Sunday June 16th to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for approximately 70



young parishioners. Today we celebrate as a community the initiation of these young people into the fullness of the life and mission of the Church. Confirmation is always a very significant occasion for the entire parish, and Bishop Peter regards it as a very important aspect of his ministry. I know that many parishioners who are not directly involved with Confirmation are deeply interested in the celebration and are supporting us in prayer.

A special thank you to many people who are directly associated with the candidates' preparation. (St Michael's School) - Mrs Maree Hamilton, Ms Renae Maguire, and Paul Brodie REC, (State Schools): Mrs Lyn West, and Mrs Carmel Hurrell (Vincentia); and Mrs Francene Devoy - Music.

This Sunday's Gospel (although somewhat in reverse) brings to mind an image which captured the public imagination when Pope Francis washed the feet of 12 young prisoners in a Youth Detention Centre outside Rome on Holy Thursday. A number of Muslims and two young women were included among the 12



In a brief, unscripted homily, the Pope told the young inmates that everyone, including him, had to be in the service of others. It was also the Pope's way of expressing mercy, compassion, and the dignity of each person.

"God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. He understands us, he waits for us and he never tires of forgiving us, if we are able to return to him with a contrite heart". The words of Pope Francis in his first Angelus message. March 17th.