



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.

Sunday Masses:

NOWRA:..... 6pm Vigil; 8am, 9.30am & 8.00am
BERRY:..... 9.30am
BOMADERRY:..... 9.30am
CULBURRA:..... 6pm Vigil
VINCENTIA:..... 6pm Vigil & 9.30am
KANGAROO VALLEY 11.00am

Mass times for the 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; & 5.00-5.30pm
Berry: Tues 6.00pm **K Valley:** Sat 4.30-5.00pm
Vincentia: Sat 5.00–5.30pm

SVDP Rosary: Tues 9.30am in St Michael's Church

We prayerfully remember **Patricia (Pat) Seyffer, Terry Goode, and Doreen Lawler** ACT (nee Robinson formerly of Berry). Also **Ellie Schutz, Mary Rouen, Val Warburton, Elsie Weston, Moya McCabe, and Doreen Wallace** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.



Feastdays: Mon July 15th St Bonaventure
Tues July 16th Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Our Parish Sesquicentenary Dinner will be on Friday Evening Sept 27th. and the main **Liturgical celebration on Sunday Sept 29th.** *Tickets for the Parish Dinner will be available for sale in the near future.*



Diocesan Marriage Anniversaries Mass will be held on **Sun 8 Sept** (2.00pm) at the Co-Cathedral of our Diocese. Fairy Meadow. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Peter. Please contact either the Parish or Diocese if you plan to attend.
Helen.Bennett@dow.org.au

Parent Evening regarding First Reconciliation; Wednesday 17th July, 7pm Parish hall. Parents only.



EXPLORE THE SCRIPTURES: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE. Mon July 22, 9:30-11:30am, St Michael's.

What questions do you have about the Bible? Would you like to know more about the Scriptures, their contents and themes? This workshop provides an introduction to the Bible and begins to explore your questions about these texts. Also on display will be further resources & opportunities to develop your interest in faith formation. For further info & to register contact Darren McDowell, 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au

CATECHIST CORNER:

Coordinators Meeting: Mon 15 July 9.30-10.30am, Parish Centre. Please try to attend.

Child Protection Training day: Run by CCD W'gong Mon 15 July, Micah House, Campbelltown & Fri 19 July Xavier Centre, W'gong 9.30am–12.00pm. Catechists and others who work with Children in Ministry are encouraged to attend.

Smartboard Training for Catechists: Run by CCD W'gong. Mon 22 July, Micah House, Campbelltown & Fri 26 July at Xavier Centre, Wollongong 9.30am – 12.00pm.

Holy Spirit Vincentia Spring Fair is Sat 7 Sept.
Progress Meeting (brief) **Sunday 21 July** after 9.30am Mass. *Co-ordinators please note.*

WHAT'S A LIFE FOR? Join us for a discernment weekend. A retreat for those who are Single, Married, Religious, or Priest, and are discerning their life direction. Time to pray, reflect and discover more about yourself and God's call. **For Men: Fri 2 Aug – Sun 4 Aug & Fri 20 Sept – Sun 22 Sept; For Women: Fri 9 Aug – Sun 11 Aug,** St Mary's Towers Retreat House, Douglas Park, NSW. Info at www.whatsalife.com or Fr Peter Hendriks msc_discern@whatsalife.com

Your Diocesan Journey Magazine: Available Now. This issue explores the first 100 days of Pope Francis, the debate on same-sex marriage, and other relevant and interesting articles. Pick up your free copy.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary time, Year C
14th July 2013

THE BIG CHILL OUT - SLEEP OUT FOR THE VINNIES FOOD VAN
Fri 2 August, 7pm, St Joseph's Catholic High School, Albion Park. W'gong Catholic Education Office extends an invitation to all School & CEO staff, parents, families & friends in the Diocese to take up the challenge and spend one night sleeping in the cold to raise funds for the Vinnies Food Van. **Keynote speaker:** Paul Power, CEO of the Refugee Council Aust.; & Bishop Peter will lead the Prayer Vigil to conclude the formalities of the evening. Come along and join in a night of fundraising activities, music and friendship. **Cost \$10.** For further details: Josie Cooks on 4253 0836 or email josephine.cooks@dow.catholic.edu.au



St John's High School proudly presents **The Island of Secrets** Wed 17 July 10.30^{am}; Thurs 18 July 7.30^{pm}; Fri 19 July 7.30^{pm}; & Sat 20 July 7.30^{pm}. Tickets available now online www.sjedow.catholic.edu.au or at the school office.

Pope Francis' first Pastoral visit outside Rome:



Pope Francis threw a wreath of flowers into the sea, in a sign of mourning - before offering Mass at an open-air venue on the island of Lampedusa, about 120km from Tunisia, one of the

nearest gateways to Europe for Africans fleeing poverty and conflict. His altar was a small, painted boat. The Pope called for a "reawakening of consciences" to counter the "indifference" shown to migrants. "We have lost a sense of brotherly responsibility," he said, and "have forgotten how to cry for migrants lost at sea." He denounced the traffickers who exploited migrants and took great risks with their lives. Lampedusa's native population of 6,000 is often outnumbered by thousands of migrants in improvised camps around the island.

The Compass group is hosting a soup night with "Catholic Q and A", for open discussion and questions about Church teachings. Preferably a no kids event. Fr Duane will be in the hot seat. Please bring soup, bread, drink to share. Saturday July 27th from about 6pm, location to be confirmed. RSVP essential to office@nowraparish.org.au or to Shannon at chittick7@hotmail.com



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St Luke's Anglican Church, Princess St, Berry invites you to **Choral Evensong**. A tribute to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer on its 350th Anniversary Sun 28 July, 3pm. Website: www.berry.anglican.asn.au

Many Cultures One in Christ, Mass: 2nd Preparation Meeting, **Thurs 1 Aug 7:30pm**, Our Lady of Mt Carmel Hall, St. Andrews Rd, Varroville. The annual celebration of the cultural diversity within our Diocese, also marking Migrant & Refugee Sunday (25 Aug) to be held at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish & Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School Hall. *Those interested in taking part in this celebration are invited to attend this 2nd preparation meeting.* Contact Darren McDowell, 4222 2463 for info.

EXPLORING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY Aug 7, 1-3pm: St. Michael's Nowra, Do you find joy in using your gifts and talents? Interested in learning and exploring a little more about the gifts for ministry you have been given? Would you like to become involved in your parish or school community but don't know where to start? We are graced by a generous God who lavishes each of us with a variety of gifts. For our parishes to become more vibrant and inclusive communities, we are all invited to discern our own calling to share our gifts for the good of our communities. These workshops are for everyone and will assist in answering these questions and much more. For further information and **to register please contact Darren McDowell** on 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au You can also follow us on [facebook.com/cfldow](https://www.facebook.com/cfldow) or Twitter: [@CFLDOW](https://twitter.com/CFLDOW)

Australia's Catholic Bishops ELECTION STATEMENT: Australia's Catholic Bishops have produced an election statement to focus attention on some key issues of vital concern to the Australian community. You can find the statement here: www.catholicsvote2013.org.au and download it as a PDF or to your iPhone, This week Australia's Catholic bishops have written to the more than 1300 parishes across Australia to ask them to consider the bishops'- **Vote for the Common Good** election statement. The statement is available for parishes and the general public at www.catholicsvote2013.org.au
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