

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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time, Year C 28 July 2013

Sunday Masses:

Mass times for the Week.

K Valley: Mom/Tues/Thurs/Fri/Sat: 9.a.m. Wed.:_7.a.m. **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 Garry 'Dusty'
Rhodes, Vivienne Byrne and Moya England
who died this past week. Also Albert Muller,
and Nicholas Smith, whose anniversaries occur. May
they rest in eternal peace.

Feastdays: Mon 29 July; St Martha Wed 31 July; St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

Thurs 1 Aug; St Alphonsus Ligouri, bishop, doctor

Bay and Basin Catholic Women's League meeting Thurs 1 August, 12noon for lunch followed by meeting at 1pm in Church Hall. Contact person: Fay 4443 2837



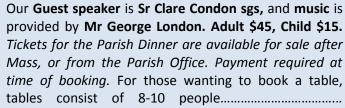
Culburra Family Group will be having a Wedding Anniversary celebration breakfast at Casey's 4446 4117 on **Fri 2 Aug** at 9am. Please bring a wedding photo & some other memento.

St Vincent de Paul society Winter Appeal. As part of our Winter Appeal, our annual doorknock is not far away, Aug 24 to Sept 1. *Please put us in your diaries*. We need as much help as possible with doorknocking.



150 YEARS: 1863-2013

Our Parish Sesquicentenary Dinner: Fri 27 Sept, 6.30 for 7pm, Worrigee House.



The main **Liturgical celebration** is a concelebrated Mass to be held at St Michael's church on **Sun Sept 29**th

CATECHIST CORNER:

Level 3 Training Course: Run by CCD W'gong. **Fri 2 Aug to Fri 6 Sept** (6 weeks). 9.30 – 1.30pm, Xavier Centre, W'gong. *For Bookings: Cindy Oliver 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au*

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 –



Sacred Heart Church, Bomaderry. Thank you to those who responded to assist with Greeting. However, sadly there was no response to the appeal for more grass cutters. We really do need at least 2 more people to help with this important job, before the next roster can be completed. Anyone willing to help, please ring Ivor on 44210929 or see him after Mass. Grateful thanks to those who continue to share the load with this responsibility.

First Saturday Marian Devotions, 3 August. Mass at 9am is followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction at 10.30am.

The August Sesquicentenary Meeting will be on Monday August 5th at 7.00.p.m. - Parish Centre.

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 or Twitter: @CFLDOW

RIO DE JANEIRO -During his homily at a
public Mass on Wed,
Pope Francis made a
plea for Catholics to
shun materialism, then
he met with drug



addicts and denounced the "dealers of death" who fuel their suffering. On his first full day of activities in Brazil, the Pope travelled from one of the most important shrines in Latin America, Our Lady of Aparecida, to what he called a "shrine of human suffering" - a hospital in Rio that treats substance During his homily in Aparecida, Pope abusers. Francis urged Catholics to keep their values of faith, generosity and fraternity. "It is true that nowadays, to some extent, everyone, including our young people, feels attracted by the many idols which take the place of God and appear to offer hope: money, success, power, pleasure," he said. "Often a growing sense of loneliness and emptiness in the hearts of many people leads them to seek satisfaction in these ephemeral idols."

Over 1800 young Australian pilgrims and 16 Australian Bishops are set to participate in WYD Rio from 23-28 July which has the theme "Go and make disciples of all nations!"



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THE BIG CHILL OUT - SLEEP OUT FOR THE VINNIES FOOD VAN

Fri 2 Aug, 7pm, St Joseph's High School, Albion Pk. W'gong CEO 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.. Come 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

Many Cultures One in Christ, Mass: 2nd Preparation Meeting, Thurs 1 Aug 7:30pm, Our Lady of Mt Carmel Hall, St. Andrews Rd, Varroville. (Migrant & Refugee Sunday, 25 Aug). Contact Darren McDowell, 4222 2463 for information.

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



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 with priests of the Diocese. We encourage couples within the Parish celebrating significant

anniversaries to attend. Please **contact either the Parish or Diocese** if you plan to attend. <u>Helen.Bennett@dow.org.au</u>