



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

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary time, Year C

4 August 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

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: 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 **Carolyn Garden** and **Moya England** who died recently. Also **Syd Sweeny, Colleen Baker, Maurie Witts, John Laurie** and **Hilda McBeath** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.



Feastdays: Tues 6 Aug; **Transfiguration of the Lord**
 Thurs 8 Aug; **St Mary of the Cross, MacKillop**
 Sat 10 Aug; **St Lawrence**, deacon, martyr

Holy Spirit Vincentia Spring Fun & Food Fair

Sat 7 Sept. *5 weeks to go!!* Co-ordinators please note:
 Progress meeting **Sun 11 Aug** following 9.30am Mass.

The **Truth Justice and Healing Council** has been established by Catholic Church leaders to coordinate the church's engagement with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse. The Church fully supports the work of the Royal Commission and encourages people who have been abused to tell their stories. For more information see Council's website: www.tjhcouncil.org.au or call 02 6234 0902. For more information on the Royal Commission visit <http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au> or free call 1800 099 340. (by Francis Sullivan)

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

EXPLORING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY Wednesday Aug 7, 1-3pm: St. Michael's. We are graced by a generous God who lavishes each of us with a variety of gifts. Do you find joy in using your gifts and talents? Interested in exploring more about the gifts for ministry you have been given? Would you like to become involved in your parish or school community? For our parishes to become more vibrant and inclusive, we are all invited to discern our calling to share our gifts. These workshops are for everyone and will assist in answering your questions. For info & to register: **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)

Youth Activities have begun again, with our wonderful Youth Ministers, Clare, Justin and Harriet:
Years 4, 5 and 6: Monday youth group 3:15pm-5pm
High school students: Tuesday youth group 3:30pm-5:30pm. All at St Michael's School Hall, during school term. **PARISHIONER HELP** would be greatly appreciated at the **Monday afternoon youth groups**. All that's needed is an extra hand to help with supervising and a little cleaning up - the Youth Ministers will do the rest! If you can help - even just once a term - please contact Fr Duane on dfernandez@parish.woll.catholic.org.au or 0414626357.

The Gift of Years ... to what is God inviting us in "the third age" of life? Because we missed meeting last month, we are bringing our August gathering forward to second Monday of the month: **August 12th**.

150 YEARS: 1863-2013

Our Parish Sesquicentenary Dinner: Fri 27 Sept, 6.30 for 7pm, Worrigea House. *Tickets continue to be available for sale after Masses, or from the Parish Office. Adult \$45, Child \$15. Payment required at time of booking.*



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

Diocesan Celebration of Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop: St Paul's Parish, Albion Pk. **Thurs 8 Aug, 11am**, with lunch to follow in the parish hall. Principal celebrant Bishop Peter Ingham. All welcome.

Annual Diocesan 'Many Cultures One In Christ' Mass, also marking Migrant & Refugee Sunday, **Sun 25 Aug**, Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish & Our Lady of Mt Carmel High School Hall. Contact Darren McDowell, 4222 2463 or darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au for info.

Pope Francis and WYD. Before leaving Brazil, Pope Francis met with an estimated 15,000 volunteers at the Center Pavilion in Rio de Janeiro. The group was only a small section of the 60,000 volunteers who worked in the past two years preparing for World Youth Day. The Pope thanked them for *"the countless little ways by which you have made this World Youth Day an unforgettable experience of faith. With your smiles, your acts of kindness and your willingness to serve, you have shown that 'it is more blessed to give than to receive'".* On Wednesday Pope Francis said: *'I am back home, and I assure you that my joy is much greater than my exhaustion!'* The Pope showed remarkable stamina throughout his trip to Brazil, taking on a hectic schedule which included visiting the national shrine of Aparecida, touring a Rio favela, and presiding over a number of well-attended events. The closing Mass of three million people was the largest since Manila in 1995 (4.5 million).reported the Catholic News Agency. Pope Francis thanked everyone for making this week *'a splendid celebration of the richness and joy of our faith in Jesus Christ.'*



The **Diocesan Social Justice Council INVITES YOU** to a conversation about the Social Justice Issues in the Shoalhaven and to reflect on ways you can make a difference in the lives of those in your parish & community. This is an integral part of the mission of the Church. **Join us for a chat & cuppa, Sat 17 Aug, St Michael's Parish Centre, 10-11.30am.** Jane McDonald & Gabrielle Fogarty are happy to guide you with the issues that concern you. Further info at Parish Office: 4423 1712, gfogarty@exemail.com.au or Jane.McDonald@dow.catholic.edu.au

The Feast of St Mary of the Cross, MacKillop-Aug 8th "Her voice is an Australian voice, the voice of a great woman all Australians can recognise as one of their own. But her example and teachings – about forgiveness, about resisting hardness of heart, and about working to overcome evil, refusing to be disheartened or defeated by it – speak to women and men well beyond our shores and in all ages" (Card George Pell – Oct 2010)



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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. Helen.Bennett@dow.org.au

BECAUSE EVERY MARRIAGE MATTERS

You want your marriage to be the best - committed, intimate, joyful and passionate. Presented in a Catholic context, the Smart Loving Marriage Seminar is a private experience open to married couples of any faith. Proven results | Private and confidential | Spiritually sound. SmartLoving Marriage Seminar, Xavier Centre, Wollongong, 7 & 8 September, \$80/couple meals included. Enquiries: www.smartloving.org | 02 9319 6280 | info@marriageRC.org

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS NATIONAL LITURGY CONFERENCE - EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION NOW OPEN Wollongong 15-18 January 2014

Renowned composer and liturgist Fr Jan Michael Joncas leads a panel of four international Keynote speakers. Registrants will have the opportunity to hear from over thirty speakers, all leaders in their respective fields in liturgy and music. Full details of the conference and online registration process are now available online at www.liftupyourhearts.com.au.

DADS AND LADS CAMPING WEEKEND FRIDAY 6TH SEPT - SUNDAY 8TH SEPT 2013

The Disciples of Jesus Community, supported by the Wollongong Youth Mission Team, is organising a camping weekend for men of all ages, not just fathers and sons - but granddads, uncles, men without sons, all are welcome too! The camping weekend is at Cataract Scout Park, and the cost is \$25 per person for the weekend \$35 per person if sleeping in bunkhouses. Remember to BYO camping gear and food, however cooking facilities available. Archery, Challenge Valley, Caving, Low ropes are extra and \$10 per person per activity. Send an email to wollongong@ymt.com.au to receive a rego form or txt or ring Chris Brennan on 0433 636 359 for more details.

RUAH Meeting for 18 to 35 year olds

Topic: Same - Sex Marriage - a matter of equality?
Speaker: Fr Duane Fernandez
Date: Friday 30th August, 7.30pm; Xavier Centre Conference rooms, 38 Harbour St Wollongong. Come along for a thought-provoking talk and discussion. Contact: Pete Gilmore 0411 724 483 or Chris Abel 0405 124 938

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



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