



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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary time, Year C

18 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 8.15.am.
 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:.....Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 9am; Wed 7am
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 **Sheila Bowden, Shirley Law, and John Woodhouse**, who died this past week. Also **Damien Baker Doug Eastgate, Sam Falzon, Hilda Hockey** and **Doris Lansdowne** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.



Feastdays:

Tues 20 Aug, **St Bernard**, abbot, doctor
 Wed 21 Aug, **St Pius X**, pope
 Thurs 22 Aug, **Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 Sat 24 Aug, **St Bartholomew**, apostle

One Day Retreat Opportunity – Vincentian Faces: Sat 14 Sept, 9am – 4:30pm, St Peter & Paul's Church, Manning St Kiama. Members, Staff & Volunteers of the St Vincent de Paul Society are invited to a one day retreat reflecting on the lives and gifts of St Vincent de Paul, Frederic Ozanam, Louise de Marillac and Rosalie Rendu. The retreat will be led by Sr Maggie Reynolds. Lunch is 'Pot Luck' and you are asked to please bring a plate to share. Morning & afternoon tea provided. **Bookings by Mon 9 Sept** to Veronica on 4627 9299 or email veronica@svdpwgong.org.au

St Vincent de Paul Society Finances. Income from our shops are just not enough to cover all of our expenses these days. This is particularly relevant in the Shoalhaven where Nowra Conference has the highest workload in the Diocese. We are extremely grateful to all individuals and school collections that have donated in recent months. However, our biggest fundraiser is our **Annual Doorknock Appeal**, which this year will occur between **Aug 24 and Sept 1**. To make enough money to cover just one month's expenses for Nowra, we would need 75 volunteers to spend 2 hours of their time doorknocking during this period. That gives you some idea of our needs. **Please help** by recording your name and details on the forms presently in the Churches. Contact Mary Dunn 4421 0717.



St Michael's Children's Liturgy of the Word is on next Sunday **Aug 25** at 9.30am Mass. All children in preschool to Year 6 invited.

Spring Bible Study coming soon. Learn more about Matthew's gospel and some general Bible study skills over 5 weeks.

Dates: September 4 & 5, 11 & 12, 18 & 19. October 9 & 10, 16 and 17.

Daytime session Wed at 10.30am repeated Thurs evenings at 7.30pm. **Come to one session, come to the lot.** Held in the Parish Centre, North St, Nowra. See flyers on display at Church doors or contact the Parish Office for info.

Culburra Family Group is holding a *Renewal Day*, **Sat 24 August** at Casey's (4446 4117), 9.45 for 10am, finishing at 3.30pm. It will be run by Fr Peter McGrath, founder of the Passionist Family Group Movement.

Wedding Anniversary Mass and Luncheon. Special anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th) will be celebrated on **Saturday 19 October** at St Michael's Nowra. Mass at 10.30am followed by luncheon in the Parish Hall. Contact the Parish Office: 4423 1712 or Judy Thompson: 4421 8565. RSVP: Friday 4 October.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

Kiama Community invites everyone to a Cultural Diversity Experience with sharing, caring and entertainment at Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church on Saturday, 24 August, 2pm-5pm. For more details contact Maria Baden 0408 245 212.

Catechist Corner:

Child Protection and Smart Board Training: Update on Monday 9 Sept, 9.30-1.30pm, Parish Centre. Ring Cindy Oliver 4640 8550 or email cindy.oliver@woll.catholic.org.au. **Also:** Memorabilia, ideas, resources (old & new) for our **Sesquicentenary display** in the school hall. Contact Lyn 4423 1009 for any contributions.

BBQ WITH BISHOP PETER INGHAM

*An informal evening for young men wanting to find out more about the priesthood. Share a meal and conversation with Bishop Peter Ingham, **Thursday 29 August, 7pm** at St John the Evangelist Parish, 24 Jerematta St, Dapto. RSVP: Jenny Raposio 4222 2411 or jenny.raposio@dow.org.au.*

Dads & Lads Camping Weekend Fri 6 Sept - Sun 8 Sept

at Cataract Scout Park. For men of all ages, including granddads, and uncles. Organised by the Disciples of Jesus Community, supported by the Wollongong Youth Mission Team. Many activities. **Cost:** \$25 per person for the weekend; \$35 per person if sleeping in bunkhouses To find out more send an email to wollongong@ymt.com.au or txt or ring Chris Brennan on 0433 636 359.

Because Every Marriage Matters:

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



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RUAH Meeting for 18 to 35 year olds

Topic: *Same - Sex Marriage - a matter of equality?*

Speaker: Fr Duane Fernandez

Date: **Fri 30 Aug**, 7.30pm; Xavier Centre Conference Rm, 38 Harbour St W'gong. Come along for a thought-provoking talk and discussion. Contact: Pete Gilmore 0411 724 483 or Chris Abel 0405 124 938.

Youth Activities with our wonderful Youth Ministers, Clare, Justin and Vanessa:

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.

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.



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

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.

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MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY

This year's message for the world day of prayer for migrants and refugees speaks of migration as a journey of faith and hope. The Church "goes forward with the humanity" for the human person is "the primary route that the Church must travel in fulfilling her mission, the way traced out by Christ himself". Let us pray with confidence to God, our Father, who has promised, through the words of the prophet Jeremiah: "I will gather you from all countries where you have been scattered and you shall return from the land of your exile." We pray for the millions of men, women and children who, for various reasons, have known the experience of migration or who are seeking asylum. This is a striking phenomenon because of the sheer numbers of people involved, the social, economic, political, cultural and religious instances it raises, and the dramatic challenges it poses to nations and the international community. May those entrusted with the power of decision may never forget that every migrant is a human person who possesses fundamental, inalienable rights that must be respected by everyone and in every circumstance. Let us pray to the Lord. For more information about the church's involvement

with migrants and refugees, please visit www.acmro.catholic.org.au