



**St Michael's Parish**, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: [office@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:office@nowraparish.org.au)

**Website: [nowraparish.org.au](http://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.

**Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary time, Year C**

**3 November 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 & 11.30am; Sat 8.00am  
 Holy Hour Fridays: 10.30-11.30am.  
**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 9.00 -9.30am; & 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 St Michael's Church. All welcome

We prayerfully remember: **Mary Haigh (Braidwood)** who died this past week. Also **George Sullivan, Peggy and George Joynes, Fred Watson and Hugh Molyneux** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**Feastdays:**

Mon 4 Nov: **St Charles Borromeo**, bishop  
 Sat 9 Nov: **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**Parishes Working Together: Summary of Report to the Bishop** is available at the churches this weekend. This report includes recommendations and actions planned for the future of the Diocese. *Please collect your copy today.*



**Bay & Basin Catholic Women's League** meeting **Thurs 7 November** 12noon for lunch followed by the meeting at 1pm in Church Hall. Contact: Fay 4443 2837.



**St Vincent de Paul Shop**, Berry St Nowra, has in stock Baptism and other sacramental cards.

**Advent Reflection Day:** take time before the pressure of end-of-year & Christmas preparation for a quiet day to begin the beautiful season of Advent. *A day of input, reflection, prayer and take-home materials in the peaceful environment of Berry Parish Centre. See flyer on notice board. Mon 25 Nov 9.30-2.30.* (Let's know if you need transport.). **Expressions of interest: Parish office or Sr Sue 4421 2260**

**Mother Ruth Scholarship Fund Committee**, which annually assists a Year 6 St Michael's student to attend St John's High School, recently held its selection meeting. Parishioners of St Michael's have always supported the Mother Ruth Fund. As rising school fees and lower interest rates have made it difficult to meet our level of assistance, we invite parishioners to consider donating to the Fund, Donations can be left at the Parish office or mailed to PO Box 964, Nowra. Any questions? Please contact Denise Jones on 0419 248 889.

**Culburra Family Group "Childhood Memories Lunch"** **Sun 10 Nov** Joan & Greg Watts' place. Ryan's Lane, Pyree. Please bring photos & stories; also lunch to share, *All welcome.*

**Shoalhaven Crossroads:** has its *Christmas Meeting* (final for the year) **Fri 8 Nov, 7.15-9.15pm**, Nowra Baptist Church, Old Southern Rd. **Enquiries:** Beth 4421 8137.

**The Sesquicentenary book: A Faithful People** is on sale at the Parish Centre and at the churches: **\$25 each.** 'A Faithful People...' tells something of the story of our Parish, as well as some of our parishioners & groups.



Please check your books (**pages 88-96**) and return any faulty copies to the Parish Office for replacement at your earliest convenience.



**150<sup>th</sup> anniversary DVD's** are now available for those who pre-ordered and paid. They can be collected from the Parish Office, 4423 1712.

New orders are being taken for those interested.

**The Chair of Peter had an unexpected occupant last week:** Pope Francis was speaking in St. Peter's Square about the important role grandparents play when a little boy walked up behind him and confidently climbed up and sat down on the pontiff's chair. Acting like an indulgent grandpa, Francis let the boy explore the area undisturbed before tens of thousands of people. The Pope smiled while reading his speech as the boy sat in his chair, gazed up at him and even at one point clung to the pontiff's legs.

**Catechist Corner:** Coordinators are requested to collect numbers for book orders for next year.  
**First Holy Communion Parent Prayer and Reflection Evening** Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – 7.00.p.m – St Michael's Church.

**ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL FAIR: 10 NOV, 10.30-2.30 BACK OVAL. Celebrate 150yrs with some "ye olde" fun.** Army parachute jump at 10.30 next to hospital; water slide, talent show, 'furry animals', country band, horse and carriage rides, community performers. Etc...**Those who might like to help could sell raffle tickets (available from the school office); or bring a cake or slice on the day.**

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Exploring Pope Francis' encyclical 'The Light of Faith' Wed 6 Nov 7:30-9:30pm** St Paul's Parish Hall, Tongarra Rd Albion Park. A panel of speakers uncover the richness of this new encyclical. **To register** please contact Darren McDowell, [cfl@dow.org.au](mailto:cfl@dow.org.au) or 4222 2463.
- **Choral Floral Evensong** service St Luke's Anglican Church, Berry Sun 24 Nov 3pm to celebrate Advent.

**November Masses:** *If you wish to include deceased relatives and friends in the November Masses for the Faithful Departed, please inscribe their names on the Envelopes provided at the Churches, and return them promptly to the Parish.*



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- **Come and See Weekend Fri 29 Nov 6pm - Sun 1 Dec 6pm** for young women searching for a new direction. Join the Sisters of the Good Samaritan for a weekend of prayer, reflection, and conversation and find out more about us. Visit our website: [www.goodsams.org.au](http://www.goodsams.org.au)
- **A record of our Sesquicentenary is being collated.** *If you have a special photo taken during our events* that you would like to include, please email it on [office@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:office@nowraparish.org.au) or drop it in to the Parish Office where it will be copied and returned to you.
- **Hartzer Park Prayer Evening Wed 20 Nov 7pm-9pm Theme: An Expectant Heart** RSVP: 13 Nov on 48613223 or email [hartzprk@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hartzprk@bigpond.net.au)

### **Mass, Music and Liturgy: *Lift Up Your Hearts.***

W'gong **15-18 Jan 2014** National Conference

**15% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT – ONLY DAYS LEFT!**

Composer & liturgist Fr Jan Michael Joncas leads a panel of four international Keynote speakers; plus over 30 speakers, all leaders in their respective fields in liturgy & music. Full details & online registration available at [www.liftupyourhearts.com.au](http://www.liftupyourhearts.com.au).

### **FIVE-DAY SILENT RETREATS FOR MEN**

Visiting Benedictine Fathers of the Abbey of St. Joseph, Flavigny, France, will again, be conducting five- day silent retreats for men at Bowral in December, 2013. These follow the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. The retreats are for men of 18 years and above, and daily Mass is offered according to the Traditional Latin Rite.  
The Website: [www.clairval.com](http://www.clairval.com). Provides further information on the Abbey. A choice of two retreats is available, at the Hartzer Park Retreat Centre, in pleasant surroundings near Bowral NSW. The dates offered are: 5th to 10th December and 12th to 17th December. They commence and conclude at about 5pm. The first of these is near full.

There will also be a Day of Recollection and Prayer for women in Sydney on 2nd December. For further information, please phone (02) 80863745, or mobile: 0415179898 or email: [jimeileen13@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jimeileen13@optusnet.com.au).

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**Fr Patrick Faherty:** Parish Priest, Nowra

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