



**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 Second Sunday in Ordinary time, Year C**

**10 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 8.15am  
 ..... Fri 7.00am & 11.30am; Sat 9.00am  
 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 Jim Ivers (S.Point),  
**Hilda Hejka** (S. Heads), **Rita Simpson** (formerly of  
 Nowra) **Leonard Long** (Victoria formerly Nowra)  
 who died this past week. Also **William and Lies**  
**Siero, Frank Court** and **Dave Sherry** whose  
 anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**Feastdays:**

Mon 11 Nov: **St Martin of Tours**, bishop  
 Tues 12 Nov: **St Josaphat**, bishop, martyr

**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.*

**150<sup>th</sup> anniversary DVD's** have now arrived for all those  
 who requested a copy. They can be collected from the  
 Parish Office, 4423 1712. Please phone if other  
 arrangements need to be made. **The Parish  
 Sesquicentenary book continues for sale at the Parish  
 Office for \$25 each.**



**Advent Reflection Day:** take time before the pressure of  
 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..* **Mon 25 Nov 9.30-**

**2.30.** (Let's know if you need transport.). **Expressions of  
 interest:** Parish office or Sr Sue 4421 2260.

**An Open Day at Jim Da Silva Farm** will be held this  
 Thurs, **14 Nov** 10am-2pm, as a fundraiser for the *Helping  
 Hands Community Garden Project.* This is a volunteer  
 support service for people who have mental illness.  
 Come along and visit the grounds, gardens, lead-lighting  
 premises, Matt Talbot shrine and Vietnam Veterans'  
 Men's shed. Morning tea and sausage sizzle available,  
 plus plant sales. *Entry is by Gold coin donation.*

**St Michael's School Fair: Sunday 10 Nov** (today), 10.30-  
 2.30 back Oval. *Army parachute jump at 10.30* next to  
 hospital; water slide, talent show, 'furry animals', country  
 band, horse and carriage rides, community performers;  
 etc... *Please join us for some fun.*

**Nowra CWL** monthly meeting, **Tues 12 Nov**, 9.30am  
 morning tea will be followed by the meeting at 10am,  
 Parish Centre. Contact: Judy 4421 8565.

**Mother Ruth Scholarship Fund Committee** annually  
 assists a Year 6 St Michael's student to attend St John's  
 High School. As rising school fees and lower interest  
 rates make it difficult to meet our level of assistance, we  
 invite parishioners to consider donating.. 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.

**Leonard Long** a very distinguished artist who died in  
 Melbourne this week in his 103<sup>rd</sup> year, would have been  
 well known to St Michael's parishioners of yesteryear  
 having lived in Nowra for much of his working life.  
 (c 1934-1980). Leonard was very well known and highly  
 respected in the Shoalhaven community and beyond. He  
 was a most generous benefactor to the Mother Ruth  
 Scholarship Fund over the years and indeed other  
 causes within the community. May he rest in peace.

**Pope Francis has called an Extraordinary General  
 Assembly of the Synod of Bishops**  
 for October 2014. The theme of the  
 Synod will be: **Pastoral Challenges to  
 the Family in the context of  
 Evangelisation.**



As happens prior to any Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis  
**is consulting** Catholics from every diocese in the world  
 about the Synod's theme.

This theme -*Pastoral Challenges to the Family in the  
 context of Evangelisation* is a fundamental, but complex  
 and problematic issue in to-day's world. It is essential to  
 keep the theme in context, as the Synod intends to  
*address* a variety of topics including faith in family life,  
 marriage, divorce, annulment, same-sex unions, natural  
 family planning and the participation in Sacraments as  
 part of family life. The secular press can readily  
 sensationalise such planned discussions and even infer  
 major changes. We need to keep in mind the remark of  
 Bishop Peter: **"May the work of this Synod help  
 inform our Church how better to respond to the  
 pastoral issues facing family life."** (to be cont..)

*Thank you* to the organisers of last Sunday's cruise, and  
 to Fr Leo. It was absolutely beautiful. Towards the end of  
 the cruise as the wind picked up I became ill. I am most  
 appreciative for the care and concern given to me. *I  
 would especially like to thank Elizabeth, Brian Ritchie  
 and Fay Peters.* With gratitude, Milly McIntyre.

**Catechist Corner:** *Congratulations* to Marie Adam,  
 Colleen Hopewell and Carmel Hurrell who received the  
 Bishop's Citation Award for 10 years' service as  
 Catechists, at the Catechists' Mass, Fairy Meadow.  
*Thank you ladies for your dedicated & faithful service.*

**Diary dates:**

- **First Holy Communion Parent Prayer and Reflection Evening** Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – 7.00.p.m – St Michael's Church.
- **Catechist Mass & Morning tea.** 2 Dec, 9.30am. *Please bring a plate to share.* Lyn will contact coordinators this week for 2014 book orders.



**St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards & Columban Calendars** are available for sale at churches from today.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Choral Floral Evensong** service St Luke's Anglican Church, Berry Sun 24 Nov 3pm to celebrate Advent.
- **Disabled Surfers Assoc:** Southern end Thirroul Beach, Sat 30 Nov 9am-1pm. Surfing for disabled participants. Volunteers needed age 10 & up, to help, on the beach, in the surf, or with the BBQ lunch.
- **COME AND SEE WEEKEND Fri 29 November 6pm to Sun 1 Dec 6pm** for young women searching for a new direction in their lives. An invitation to young women from the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. Join us 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)
- **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)

**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).

**The University of Notre Dame Applications for 2014**

Applications are still open for 2014 for courses in Arts & Sciences, Business, Education, Law, Nursing and Philosophy & Theology. Alternative entry pathways are also available.

Notre Dame considers each applicant as an individual, taking into account ATAR, an interview and a personal statement. Students should apply via [www.nd.edu.au/applynow](http://www.nd.edu.au/applynow).

For further information or to book a campus tour, contact Notre Dame on 02 8204 4404 or email [sydney@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney@nd.edu.au).

Don't miss our Course Info Day on 3 January 2014, 9am - 3pm! [www.nd.edu.au/course-info-day](http://www.nd.edu.au/course-info-day)

**Pope Francis seeks our feedback on Family Life.** Pope Francis will convene a special Synod on the Family next October. It will examine the issues facing families today such as: *faith in family life, marriage, divorce, annulment, same-sex unions, natural family planning and the participation in sacraments as part of family life.* As happens prior to any Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis is consulting Catholics from every diocese in the world about the Synod's theme. This is our opportunity to actively take part in the preparation for this Synod. We are asked to read a Preparatory document available at: [tinyurl.com/k9td4m3](http://tinyurl.com/k9td4m3)

A quick way to then offer your response is via our online survey at [tinyurl.com/lf7j4oa](http://tinyurl.com/lf7j4oa). If you prefer to send your response via email or in the post, you may wish to download the Microsoft Word version of the survey questions at [tinyurl.com/m2nfjyz](http://tinyurl.com/m2nfjyz). Send your response to [richard.mcmahon@dow.org.au](mailto:richard.mcmahon@dow.org.au) or post to Richard McMahon, Office of the Bishop, PO Box 1239, Wollongong NSW 2500. *Responses need to be supplied by Friday 6 December*

**Spirituality in the Pub:** Theme for 2013 - *RESTORING THE BALANCE*. **Mon 11 Nov 7.30** Jamberoo Pub. *'Finding Courage amidst Chaos'* Further info: Eileen 42323121 / Gabrielle 42321535. Meals available from 5.30pm.

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

**FAITH AND LIGHT** Christmas play and party  
Dear friends of Faith and Light in the Southern Highlands and beyond, we have a Christmas play and party on Sunday 15 December at St Thomas Aquinas Parish Bowral. Future special event in 2014: Sunday 30 March at St Thomas Aquinas Parish Bowral at 6pm and Diocesan Area Disability Mass -- more details later. Please rsvp to Tricia O'Keefe, Community Leader at (02) 4869 5959 or 0414672267

**EVANGELISATION SEMINAR WITH FR JACK SOULSBY**

Father Jack Soulsby SM who has worked full time in the fields of spiritual renewal and evangelisation since 1980 in 85 nations. He calls Catholics to embrace their Christian mission and giftedness to build the Kingdom of God in their own neighbourhoods and does so with humour and joy. Ss Peter and Paul's Catholic Church Hall Kiama: Friday 15 November 7 - 9pm and continuing Saturday 16 November 10am - 4pm. For info and bookings Tom & Clare Anderson 4232 3118 / [tomanderson55@westnet.com.au](mailto:tomanderson55@westnet.com.au)

