



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

**17 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 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:** (No weekday Mass in the Valley- Fr Ronan is conducting a Retreat) /Sat 9am,  
**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 **Rita Simpson, Mark Clark** and **Ken Crews** who died this past week. Also **Molly Cloran, Terry Loadsman** and **Kevin Hereward** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**Feastdays:**

Thurs 21 Nov: **The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary**,  
 Fri 22 Nov: **St Cecilia**, virgin, martyr,

**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 as a number of copies are yet to be collected. **The Parish Sesquicentenary book continues for sale at the Parish Office. Cost: \$25.**

**Culburra Christmas Hamper Raffle:** Tickets on sale at Mass from this weekend. All hamper donations gratefully accepted.

**Taize Prayer** will be held **Fri 29 Nov**, 7.30pm at St Patrick's, Berry. Light supper afterwards. Please join us for this gathering, drawing inspiration from prayers and music from the Community of Taize in France.



**Advent Reflection Day:** "Opening the Heart's Door to the Coming Saviour".

Treat yourself to a quiet day to prepare for the beautiful season of Advent. A day of input, reflection & prayer in the peaceful environment of Berry Parish Centre. See flyer for details. **BYO lunch. Mon 25 Nov 9.30 – 2.30.** (Let's know if you need transport.). **Numbers needed for organizational purposes: Parish office or Sr Sue 4421 2260.**

**CWL Nowra Branch Christmas Raffle:** Tickets will be available at: Berry on Sun 24 Nov; Bomaderry Sun 24 Nov / 1 Dec; Nowra: Sat 23 / Sun 24 Nov & 30 Nov / 1 Dec.

**Catechist Corner: 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.

*Holy Spirit, Vincentia cruise on 2 Nov was a great success. No whales seen, but plenty of dolphins, and a very good afternoon was had by over a hundred people. Thanks to all those who helped with the organisation or provided 'Lucky Door' prizes.*

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Choral Floral Evensong** service St Luke's Anglican Church, Berry Sun 24 Nov 3pm to celebrate Advent.
- **Come And See Weekend** Fri 29 Nov 6pm-Sun 1 Dec 6pm *For young women searching for a new direction in their lives - a weekend of prayer, reflection, & conversation with the Good Samaritan sisters..* 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)
- **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.

**Typhoon Haiyan Aid Response:** Super Typhoon Haiyan



which lashed the Philippines last week, was the most severe to have ever made landfall. As we have been graphically reminded through the Media it has caused a huge loss of life, still far from a precise calculation; also widespread and massive devastation of homes, property and most essential facilities. Millions of people are now in need of emergency aid relief. **Caritas Australia** is particularly concerned about the impact on Bohol where around 281,000 people are living in makeshift shelters and tents, and another 89,000 people are living in evacuation centres following a magnitude 7.2 earthquake some months ago.

A 37-member medical team has been deployed by the Australian Government to the east coast of Leyte in the Philippines where survivors are desperate for food, shelter, fresh water and medicine. The team of doctors, nurses, logisticians, paramedics, a radiographer and a pharmacist form the \$1 million medical assistance team, announced by Foreign Affairs Minister on Monday, as part of the Government's much broader aid package...

**Caritas Australia** is prioritising emergency shelter, water and sanitation, household relief items (blankets, kitchen items), potable water and toilets. **All loose money in the second collection within the parish this week will be forwarded to Caritas for aid in the Filipino relief mission.**

**First Holy Communion on Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Christ the King.**

Parishioners at St Michael's who are not directly involved with First Holy Communion are asked to attend a Mass other than the 9.30.am on Sunday next which will be the First Communicants Mass, and will in fact be very full. We apologise for any inconvenience.

**EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL SYNOD OF BISHOPS IN ROME NEXT OCT. ADDRESSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY:** For those wishing to contribute to the questionnaire on-line it is suggested that you use the online response form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/synod>



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**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..)

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

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**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

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