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Sunday Masses:

Nowra: Vigil 6pm, 8.00am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
Berry: 8.00am
Bomaderry: 9.30am
Culburra: Vigil 6.00pm,
Vincentia: Vigil 6.00pm,
and 9.30am
Kangaroo Valley: 11.00am.



Masses during the Week

Nowra: Mon. 7.00am, Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am,
Fri. 7.00am and 11.30am, Sat. 9.00am.
Holy Hour Fri: 10.30 – 11.30am
Berry: Tues 5.30pm**Culburra:** Thurs 5.30pm
Vincentia: . Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00am, Tues/Wed 5.30pm
Kang Valley:. Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri/Sat 9am, Wed 7am

Confession / Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 11.30am – 12.30pm,
Culburra: Sat. 5.30pm
Vincentia: Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

SVdP Rosary: Tues 9.30am St Michael's Church. All welcome

Feastdays:

Tues 21 Jan: **St Agnes**, virgin,
Fri 24 Jan: **St Francis de Sales**, bishop, doctor
Sat 25 Jan: **The Conversion of St Paul**, apostle

This year the season of Lent commences with **Ash Wednesday on Wednesday 5 March**,

CatholicCare is offering a **Pastoral Care Training Program** for those who would like to be part of a Pastoral Care Team (visiting & supporting older people in our parish); or to acquire some pastoral care skills.



Holy Spirit Vincentia: Tuesdays for 8 weeks **11 Feb - 1 April**, 9:30am-3:30pm. **Topics include:** What is pastoral care? Communication & listening skills, Grief and loss, Dementia, Spirituality & Eucharistic ministry, Spirituality & ageing; and Palliative care. Please contact Carmen Karauda, the Diocesan Aged Care Advocate; 4640 8515, 0448 930 287 or carmenk@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au

Children's Liturgy -- Volunteers needed!

Sincere thanks to those who have volunteered to support St Michael's Children's liturgy. Just a few more volunteers would facilitate the smooth running of this ministry that proved to be most fruitful last year. Are you available to help out in this important and rewarding ministry, at Nowra's 9:30am Sunday Mass? Resources and guidance will be provided, and frequency will be determined by you. If you are 18 years or over and interested, please write your name and contact number on the sheet in the foyer. Call Fr Duane on 44231712 for more information



Culburra Family Group's next function will be at Bicentennial Park (Lackersteen St) Callala Bay, for the **Australia Day Breakfast, Sun 26 Jan** at 8.00. (The Rural Fire Brigade provides bacon/sausage and eggs at a small charge.) Please bring a chair. We will then have our planning meeting for the year at Casey's at 10am

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Kevin Cliffe, Matthew Abbott, and Shane Raftery** formerly of Jasper's Brush who died in W.A. Also **Stan Bright, Ken Harris** and **Aaron David Ridd** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.



CatholicCare; Nowra Poppy Playgroup for mothers with mental health issues & their children 0-5 years. Eleven Fridays. First session 31 Jan (10am-12.30pm). No cost. Ph 4421 8248 to book.

CatholicCare Family & Relationship Education programs Bookings for a range of education programs to assist adults, children & young people develop & enhance healthy relationships & wellbeing. Call 4227 1122 (W'gong) or 4421 8248 (Nowra) to book into a course or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au to see what courses are being offered in 2014.

Date Claimer: Retired Staff & partners of Catholic Schools & W'gong CEO. Lunch/social at W'gong Golf Club, **Fri 7 Feb** 12 noon. Kate Quinn: **4234 1254**

Vatican City: Pope Francis baptised 32 babies in the Sistine Chapel on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

"Today the choir will sing but the most beautiful choir of all is the choir of the infants who will make a noise." The celebration took place, as is customary, in the Sistine Chapel. "The children baptized today," Pope Francis said, "are a link in the chain; in time, they will return to have their own children baptized. This implies a duty on the part of parents, the duty of transmitting the Faith to their children, so that they in turn can pass it along to their children. I would just tell you this: you are the ones that transmit the faith, the transmitters, you have a duty to pass on the faith to these children. It is the most beautiful legacy that you leave to them: the faith! ..."



First Saturday Marian Devotions – 1 February.

Mass at 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction at 10.30. Morning tea is available in the Parish Centre. *Everyone is most welcome.*



St Vincent de Paul Retreat at the Jim da Silva Farm:

"Rediscovering Vincent de Paul for the 21st Century". For all Vincentians, volunteers and staff; more information on flyers in foyer. Saturday 15th February 2014, 10am-2:45pm, please bring food to share, drinks will be provided. RSVP Veronica by 10th February, 46279299 or veronica@svdpwgong.org.au



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples in peaceful surroundings. Couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! **21–23 March** Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. **Bookings:** Ardell & Bill Sharpe 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au





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... **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

19 January 2014

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CatholicCare St Patrick's Race Day Fundraiser

Sat 15 March, Kembla Grange Racecourse

Tickets now on sale. Book today to avoid disappointment. Ph: 42271122 Email:

chiararam@catholiccare.dow.org.au Web:

www.catholiccare.dow.org.au *All monies raised will assist the Family and Sibling Support (Sibs) program - helping siblings of kids with a disability.*

Finding Your Calcutta - Youth Retreat (ages 18-35).

Are you feeling unfulfilled with your current job? Do you feel a call but can't really identify it? **31 Jan- 2 Feb**, at

Waterslea Conference Centre, 439 Kooloona Dr, West Cambewarra. Early bird discounts for registration prior to 24 Jan. More details at www.findingyourcalcutta.com

Contact Christy 0401889906

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1420841551483559/>

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