



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

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..... **The Presentation of the Lord**  
..... **2 February 2014**

**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  
**(Please note Friday afternoon Mass at Shoalhaven Heads will resume on this Friday- Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 2014)**

**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

**MORNING PRAYER** at St Michael's will recommence from Tuesday 4 February at 7.50am.



**Feastdays:**

Wed 5 Feb: **St Agatha**, virgin, martyr  
Thurs 6 Feb: **St Paul Miki and companions**, martyrs

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Tony Longhurst** and **Romana Pozzar**. Also **Mary Brady Alan Halbish** and **Esme Wilkinson** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.



**Nowra Catholic Women's League** monthly meeting **Tuesday 4 February**, morning tea at 9.30am, followed by the Meeting at 10am in the Parish Centre.

**Bay and Basin Catholic Women's League** meeting **Thursday 6 February** at 12 noon for lunch followed by meeting in Church Hall. Contact person Fay 4443 2837.

**CATECHISTS' CORNER:**

**Catechist vacancies exist at:**

- Nowra Infants years 1 & 2
- Tomerong K-6 (20+ children)
- Falls Creek K-6 (approx. 12 children)
- Shoalhaven Heads K-6 (30+ children)



*We desperately need your help in order to break open the Word of God for these children.* If there is no positive response to the above appeal, then we will be unable to cover those classes and schools

**Sacramental programs:** Would anyone be interested in instructing Sacramental classes at Berry &/or Culburra? Children need preparing for First Reconciliation (July-August) and First Holy Communion (Oct-Nov). Should you be able to help ring Lyn West 4423 1009. Your assistance would be invaluable.

**Important Catechist Meeting Mon 3 Feb (tomorrow),** 9.30am in the Parish Centre. *This is an important meeting as the activity books & cards will be distributed.*  
**CCD Level 1 Catechist Training Course:** Illawarra - Shoalhaven: Starts **Fri 7 Feb** (6 wk course on consecutive Fridays), 9.30am-1.30pm, Xavier Cntr W'gong.

Updates available for **Child protection** on Fri 7 & **Smartboard** on 14 Feb respectively, 9.30am- 11.30am. No cost. Morning tea is provided. Please bring your own lunch. For bookings or questions please contact Mrs Cindy Oliver on 4640 8550 or [cindy.oliver@dow.org.au](mailto:cindy.oliver@dow.org.au).

**"Encounter" Lenten groups begin the week of 3 March.** We are calling for interested Parishioners to host / lead a group, either in homes or at the Parish Centre. Lists will be displayed from the middle of Feb. We warmly welcome new & "old" members. Please ring / leave a message to Francene 4421 5962; Tina 4422 9250; or Bernie 4421 2968.



**"Break Open the Word"** is a resource book for readers. *It is designed to promote effective proclamation of the Word. All are welcome to view the 2014 version which is now available at the parish office.*

**The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord:**

Known originally as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord reaches back to the Church at Jerusalem as early as the first half of the 4<sup>th</sup> century, and likely earlier. The Feast celebrates the presentation of Christ in the temple at Jerusalem on the 40th day after His birth according to Jewish law and tradition. The Feastday is also referred to as **Candlemas** i.e. Candle Mass. In the Western Church, it was customary to bless candles and have a procession with lighted candles as a feature of the celebration. Parishioners then took a blessed candle to their homes, which they lit in times of illness, special need, or severe weather conditions. The lighted Candle symbolised Christ, the Light of the world. The Feast in our Catholic tradition is also associated with the 'vocation to the consecrated life.'



**CatholicCare** is offering a **Pastoral Care Training Program** for those who would like to be part of a Pastoral Care Team or to acquire some pastoral care skills. Holy Spirit Vincentia: Tuesdays for 8 weeks **11 Feb - 1 April**, 9:30am-3:30pm. Please contact Carmen Karauda, the Aged Care Advocate for the Wollongong Diocese, on 4640 8515, 0448 930 287 or [carmenk@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au](mailto:carmenk@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au)

**CatholicCare St Patrick's Race Day Fundraiser Sat 15 March**, Kembla Grange Racecourse. Tickets now on sale. Bookings: 42271122. Email: [chiam@atholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:chiam@atholiccare.dow.org.au) All monies raised assist the Family and Sibling Support (Sibs) program - helping siblings of kids with a disability.

**menALIVE BREAKFAST** hosted by Bhp Peter Ingham, Xavier Centre, Harbour St W'gong. **Theme 'Fire In Your Life'** 7.30am **Sat 15 Feb** \$15. All men 16 to 60+ invited. **Speaker:** Robert Falzon founder of menALIVE – has a passionate belief that God wants each of us to experience life in all its fullness.. **To book:** Vince 0413 126 095, Jude 42 222 407, Peter 0418 123 824, Jeff 0422 000 623, Phil 0434 894 589.



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**SECET fundraising BBQ: Sat 22 Feb** the Bunnings BBQ will be run by SECET (bringing Christian education to High Schools).as a fundraiser. If you are able to commit an hour or two please contact Maree Watson and let her know your time. Email: [mareewatson5@gmail.com.au](mailto:mareewatson5@gmail.com.au); Ph: 4448 6267 (answering machine); Mobile: 0407 803 819.

**Harvest Pilgrimage:** Bookings now being taken for a Pilgrimage to England and Ireland. Fr David Catterall will lead this 21 day pilgrimage to honour the saints and martyrs of England and Ireland. **Departs Mon 14 July.** Cost: \$8590. Ph: 42562038 or [albionpark@dow.org.au](mailto:albionpark@dow.org.au)

**Ash Wednesday 2014 is March 5<sup>th</sup> and Easter Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>.**