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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, & 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 10.30–1.30<sup>am</sup>; **Morning Prayer** Tues 7.50<sup>am</sup>  
**Berry:** Tues 5.30pm ..... **Culburra:** Thurs 5.30pm  
**Vincentia:** Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00am, Tues/Wed 5.30pm  
**Kang Valley:** Wed 7am only, until further notice.  
**Shoalhaven Heads** .....Friday 3.30pm

**Confession / Reconciliation**

**Nowra:** Sat 9.30a.m – 10.30.a.m.  
**Culburra:** Sat. 5.30pm  
**Vincentia:** Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm  
**SVdP Rosary:** Tues 9.30am St Michael's Church. All welcome

**Feastdays:**

Sat 22 Feb: **The Chair of St Peter**, apostle

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Marjorie McGee (Berry) Anthony McNamara (Orient Point) Also Pat Maguire Raymond Glading, Tom McQuade, Patricia Conroy and Gerald Thompson** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



The Berry community bade a prayerful farewell on Friday to one of our revered senior parishioners- Marjorie McGee. For over sixty years Marj had been an organist and sacristan at St Patrick's; she was also a long time member of the St V de Paul Society. Marj was very much involved in the wider community. Her faithful, prayerful and loving presence will be genuinely missed at St Pat's. May she rest in peace.

**LIFT** A group for men & women who may be feeling overwhelmed or experiencing high levels of stress and anxiety. **CatholicCare**, 55 Worrigea St, Nowra. 5 Tuesdays 10am-12:30pm. **4, 11, 18, 25 March & 1 April.** \$20 per session. **For bookings** W'gong 4227 1122 or Nowra 4421 8248.

**"Encounter" Lent 2014.**

*Guide books have arrived and are for sale this weekend for \$5 each.* Initial group lists are in church foyers at Nowra and Bomaderry. Some new groups/times have been added this week. All are warmly invited to join a group. Enquiries to Francene 4421 5962; Tina 4422 9250; or Bernie 4421 2968.



**Catechists' Corner:**

A number of Catechists have been really magnanimous in responding to our Parish needs; some taking on extra periods and others travelling quite some distance to cover schools not in their local region. There are still some needs: a catechist is required at Illaroo Road on Wednesdays, as well as a helper at Terara. A catechist is also required for 4 weeks at Nowra Primary. Anyone interested please ring Lyn 4423 1009. Thank you.



**Confraternity of Christian Doctrine W'gong.** CCD is seeking a casual employee to assist the CCD Regional Faith Education Officers in providing Catholic Religious Education for State Schools Secondary Students and in the facilitation of the Catholic Secondary School Student Catechist Program. Applications close 5pm Fri 21 Feb. For more info & application package: -Trish McCarthy 4640 8550 or Trish.mccarthy@dow.org.au.

**DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY** Bishop Peter invites Clergy, and parishioners to participate in the continued development of Parishes Working Together and the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. **Sat, 1 March, 10am – 2pm (includes lunch) at Xavier Conference Centre, W'gong.** This is also a time for parishes and agencies to share their own initiatives as we seek to live our call as *Bearers of Christ's Love*,. **RSVP is essential** to Helen Bennett [Helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:Helen.bennett@dow.org.au) by Wed, 26 Feb.

**Culburra Family Group and other friends of Arthur Chemello** are invited to a small celebration of his birthday this Sunday (16th) 2.45pm at Clelland Lodge (Rm 93), 201 Illaroo Rd, Nowra. For more information please ring Margaret or Paul on 4446 4117.

**Sister Margaret Prendergast.** As mentioned last week Sister Margaret will leave St Michael's Parish very shortly, having ministered here for over 23 years. Sister had remained very much the Good Samaritan liaison person with St Michael's School since the Sisters left there in 1992. In addition to her involvement with the School, Sister regularly visited the sick and the bereaved. We pray that the Lord will abundantly bless Sister Margaret with contentment and good health in her retirement.



**St John's High School: Open Classroom & Information Evening Monday 24 February**, commencing 5:30pm, for year 6 students interested in enrolling for Year 7 2015.

**Save the Date 50th Anniversary of St Michael's P&F.** Saturday **26th July 2014.** More information to follow.

**HARTZER PARK PRAYER DAY Theme: Newness of Life.** **Sat, 22 March**, 25 Eridge Prk Rd, Bowral, 9:30am-3:30pm. Presenter: Sr Jenny Kirby FDNSC Cost: \$30.00 (BYO Lunch) morning and afternoon tea provided **RSVP: 15 March** by contacting Sr Jenny or Cathy 4861 3223 or email [hartzprk@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hartzprk@bigpond.net.au)

**Bishop Peter wants to hear your voice!** Young people (from ages 12 & upward) & those involved with youth (eg parents, teachers, youth ministers, and catechists) are invited to complete a survey on what works and what is needed for Catholic youth: <http://tinyurl.com/dow youth> by **28 Feb**. Then on **Sat 15 March**, 7-10pm, an informal evening of *Focus, Fellowship and Fish & Chips* will be held at the Xavier Centre, W'gong. The evening will provide dinner, music & opportunities for brainstorming and gathering ideas around Catholic Youth Ministry. This evening is particularly aimed at post school-aged youth, but all are welcome. *RSVP essential.* Next, on **Tues 1 April**, those involved in youth ministry will gather with 100 young people to determine our priorities moving forward with Jesus. ...Contact our Diocesan Youth Office on 4222 2460 or [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.org.au). Find out more about the National Vision for Youth at <http://tinyurl.com/anointed-sent>



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

**16 February 2014**

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St Michael's Primary School **Invitation for New families**



**for 2015 enrolments. OPEN DAY** *Children welcome* Tues 11 March at 9.30–11am

**OPEN EVENING** Thurs 13 March 7-8pm.

Each session will begin with an address by the Principal Mr. Christopher Paton.

**Contact:** 4421 3630 or [info@smndow.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@smndow.catholic.edu.au)

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious

asset . . . your Marriage! **Weekend date: 21 – 23**

**March at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au)**

**Disciples of Jesus Women's Breakfast:** Theme '*If God is for us, who can be against us?*' These breakfasts have been created to give faith encouragement through an uplifting speaker & allow for faith filled fellowship between women (17 yrs & older) of our parishes. Cafe Essay, W'gong Salvation Army bldg, Burelli St, **Sat 8 March** 8.30-10.30am Cost: \$15. RSVP: Mel Pyrah by 1st March on 041 225 2502 or on [mel.pyrah@gmail.com](mailto:mel.pyrah@gmail.com)

**CatholicCare St Patrick's Race Day Fundraiser Sat 15 March**, Kembla Grange Racecourse. Tickets 42271122. Email: [chiaram@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:chiaram@catholiccare.dow.org.au) All monies raised assist siblings of kids with a disability