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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.

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 10.30–11.30^{am}; Morning Prayer Tues 7.50^{am}
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 HeadsFriday 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

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Kathleen Kashmer, Marjorie McGee (Berry) and Joseph Grimaldi.** Also **Katarina Bro and Helen Maver** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



First Saturday Marian Devotions Sat 1 March. Mass at 9am is followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction at 10.30am. Morning tea is available in the Parish Centre. Everyone is most welcome.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 1 MARCH – CHANGE OF VENUE: NOW ST MARY'S STAR OF THE SEA COLLEGE HALL

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 St Mary's Star of the Sea College Hall, Harbour St 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 by Wed, 26 Feb.



World Day of Prayer: Friday 7 March.

This year the focus is on Egypt, a country with an ancient culture but currently in great political turmoil, needing prayer. The ceremony commences at St Michael's at 1.30pm. Afternoon Tea to follow. All Welcome.

"Encounter" Lent 2014. Our Lenten books are available for sale in the foyers of all churches and at the Parish Centre at \$5 each. Group members are encouraged to buy your copy early to help with re-ordering if needed. Some days and times for St Michael's groups have been changed so please recheck the lists. Everyone is most welcome to join a group to prepare for the great feast of Easter. Enquiries to Francene 4421 5962; Tina 4422 9250; or Bernie 4421 2968.



Catechists' Corner: *There are still some needs:* a catechist is required at **Illaroo Road** on Wednesdays; as well as **Cambewarra** yrs K – 2 on Wednesdays; and a helper at **Terara**. A Catechist is also required for 4 weeks at **Nowra Primary**. *Anyone interested please ring Lyn 4423 1009.* Thank you.

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

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.



All are invited to a first hand talk about a most successful education program in Africa called **The School of St Jude** set up by Gemma Sisia. **Sat 1 March, 1 – 3pm,** Ss Peter & Paul Church Hall Kiama. Free entry: Afternoon tea provided. Ph 4234 2858.

An extract from the message of Pope Francis on Wed February 19th **"..The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a Sacrament of healing. When I go to confess myself, it is to heal myself, to heal my soul, to heal my heart and anything that isn't going well. The biblical icon that expresses best their profound bond, is the episode of the forgiveness and healing of the paralytic, where the Lord Jesus reveals himself at the same time as physician of souls and of bodies"** (cf. Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26).



(Claiming Date): St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal: As a part of its Winter Appeal, the local Society is holding its 2nd fundraising dinner, on May 3rd 2014. \$55 per head early bird or \$60 after 11th April. A 3 course meal and entertainment at Bomaderry Bowling Club. All funds raised will be used to maintain services at the Jim Da Silva Farm in West Nowra for single adult men with significant mental health issues.. Anyone requiring more information please ring Ivor on 44210053.

DATE CLAIMER – 21 June (Wollongong) Diocesan Workshops on Lay Pastoral Ministry.

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

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/dowyoung> **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.. This evening is particularly aimed at post school-aged youth, but all are welcome. **RSVP essential.** <http://tinyurl.com/anointed-sent>

Disciples of Jesus Women's Breakfast: Theme *'If God is for us, who can be against us?'* 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



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

23 February 2014

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LENTEN CONCERT presented by Nella Luce Studio

All are invited to experience a journey of life through beautiful sacred & classical music at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 193 St Andrews Rd, Varroville, **Sun 23 March 3pm–4.30pm**. Bookings: 9603 7373 Entry by donation. Proceeds go to Project Compassion

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

APPIN MASSACRE MEMORIAL CEREMONY Sunday 13 April 2014

This is an annual event to remember the Dharawal people that perished in the Massacre of 1816.

All are welcome to this annual memorial.

For further information contact: Aunty Muriel Brandy 9605 4540; Uncle Ivan Wellington 0447 581 306; Sr Kerry 9605 1838 or Ann Madsen 4647 7324