



**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.

**Second Sunday of Lent, Year A**

**16 March 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, & 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<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  
**S.' Heads** .....Friday 3.30pm

**Stations of the Cross:** **Vincentia;** Friday 8.30am after morning Mass. **Nowra:** Friday at 7.00pm  
**Culburra : Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10.30.a.m.**

**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

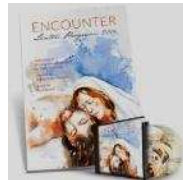
**Feastdays:** Mon 17 March - **St Patrick**, bishop  
 Wed 19 March: **St Joseph**, husband of Mary

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Joan MacNamara** (Orient Point). Also **Peter and Jackie Fossey**, and **Alexzandra Garnuszek** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**ENCOUNTER LENTEN PROGRAM SOLD OUT!**

(Daniel Hopper)  
 A big thank you to all our parishes for so enthusiastically embracing this year's Lenten Program, ENCOUNTER. The response from our parishes and schools was so overwhelming that we sold out our Lenten Program for the first time ever! We printed 10,000 copies of the program and they are now all gone. The program is being used by parishioners all around the world and has also been heavily distributed in six prisons in NSW and one in ACT. Thank you again!



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is held during the 9:30am Mass each Sunday at St Michael's Church. Infants and primary aged children welcome; parents are recommended to accompany pre-school aged children. Contact: Fr Duane on 44231712.



**St Patrick's Day celebration** at St Patrick's Berry, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - 6.30pm Mass followed by supper, fun and games. Please bring a plate to share and some gold coins for our customary "Whiskey Toss". All most welcome.

**Catechist Corner: Level 1 Basic training** will be held **Wednesdays, 19 and 26 March**, 9:30am – 1:30pm in the Nowra Parish Centre. For those who wish to upgrade their Child Protection status, this will be during the first session on 19 March. You are then free to leave.

**Needed:** Catechist for Nowra Infants, Yrs 1 & 2, on Wednesdays, 10.25am - 10.55am. Phone 4423 1009 for further details.

**Choir practice for the Easter ceremonies** will be held on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the church on 20, 27 March; 3, 10 April. Everyone most welcome to attend.

The next **Culburra Family Group** function will be attending a performance of Spamalot by the Nowra Players at Bomaderry, **Sunday 23 March** at 3pm. Then on **Sunday 30 March** we will be having a picnic with the Nowra Family Group at 12 midday at Bicentennial Park, Lackersteen Street, Callala Bay.

You are cordially invited to **Morning Tea at the Holy Spirit Church Hall, Vincentia**, on Friday 4 April at 10am. For transport call Judy 0422737716

**READERS** at St Michael's, Nowra are **needed** for the **6pm Sunday night Mass**. Anyone wishing to take part in this important ministry, please contact Wendy on 4422 6002 to be included in the roster due out next week.



Your donation to Project Compassion helps Caritas Australia This week we meet Deng and his family in South Sudan. During the civil war Deng, who is blind, and his family fled their village. Returning many years later, they are rebuilding their lives with the help of a food security program. **With your support, families like Deng's can be confident of a more secure future and can rebuild their lives.**

**First Reconciliation:** First Parent Evening Wed. March 19<sup>th</sup> – St Michael's Hall – 7.00.p.m.

**"ENCOUNTER" LENT 2014:** The **Parish Paschal Meal** will be held on Palm/Passion Sunday 13 April at 1pm. Contacts: Francene 4421 5962; Tina 4422 9250; or Bernie 4421 2968.

**Current Events:**

\* On **Tuesday 1 April** those involved in Youth Ministry will gather with 100 young people around our diocese to determine our priorities moving forward with Jesus. Ask your parish priest about representing your parish. Contact our Diocesan Youth Office on 4222 2460 or [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.org.au).

\* **Mass for the Unborn** Friday, 21 March at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong at 12.10pm and will be offered for all babies who did not come to full term, and for their families. A light luncheon will follow. For further details please contact Sue Freestone Ph: 0410 459 732, [srefreestone@hotmail.com](mailto:srefreestone@hotmail.com)

**The Parish Program for Holy Week and Easter 2014 should be available at all Churches next week-end.**

*Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*  
 "Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey His call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel.' (Par 20 Pope Francis Nov 2013)



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



**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 three 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. See posters in the churches and forms for purchasing tickets. Anyone requiring more information please ring Ivor on 44210053.

**Sacramental Preparation Programs- Parent Meetings**

Meetings will be at St Michael's Hall Nowra– 7.00 p.m.  
**First Reconciliation:** First Parent Evening Wed. March 19<sup>th</sup> – St Michael's Hall – 7.00.p.m.  
**Confirmation Information Evening:** The first Meeting of Candidates and Parents will be Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.00.p.m.  
**First Holy Communion:** The first parent Meeting on Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.00.p.m  
**(Preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion at Bay and Basin- please follow local arrangements)**

We encourage parishioners to notify the parish when family members or fellow parishioners are hospitalised or move into residential care.. Only by so doing can we ensure pastoral and Sacramental care.

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

Caritas Australia Diocesan Director for Wollongong, Tom van Kints said "every dollar raised and every person who participates in Project Compassion help make a difference in the most vulnerable communities. **This year Caritas Australia celebrates 50 years** of love,