



Website: 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.

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
S.' HeadsFriday 3.30pm

Stations of the Cross: **Vincentia;** Friday 8.30am after morning Mass. **Nowra:** Friday at 7.00pm
Culburra : **Wednesday April 2nd – 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

Feastday: Tues March 25th The Annunciation of the Lord.

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased. **Sister Helen Foley SGS** and **Ken Wilkinson**. Also **Peter Garratty, Desmond McDevitt, Phyl Lake, Kevin McBeath, John O'Shaughnessy, James Fryer** and **Keith Hall** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



St Patrick's Church, Berry- Repair work.

At present there is some structural repair work taking place at St Patrick's Church in Berry. Due to metal corrosion, the lintels are being replaced over the three external doors: the sacristy, the side door and main entrance. A number of piers beneath the Church will also need to be reconstructed. We apologise for any temporary inconvenience.

READERS at St Michael's, Nowra are **needed** for the **Sunday 6.00.p.m. Mass.**



Anyone wishing to assist in this important ministry, please contact Wendy on 4422 6002 to be included in the roster due out next week.

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.



Would you like to volunteer to be part of a **WELCOME & HOSPITALITY** group for St Michael's Nowra? This may include simple roles such as greeting people before Mass, and supporting gatherings for refreshments after Masses. (Which Masses and frequency will be up to volunteers to determine.) If you might be interested, please place your details on the sheets in the foyers of St Michael's Church, or call Fr Duane, 44231712 for more info.

Choir practice for the Easter ceremonies will be held 6:30pm **Thurs 27 March; 3, 10 April** in St Michael's church. Everyone most welcome to attend.

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



Catechist Corner: Level 1 Basic training will continue this **Wed 26 March**, 9:30am – 1:30pm, in Nowra Parish Centre.

Needed: We are in desperate need of 2 Catechists: one for Yr 5 Illaroo Rd & one for Yrs 1/2 at Nowra Infants. Ring 4423 1009 if you can help.

Also needed: 3 x year 6 Activity Books (ie. 3 X 3B).

St Vincent de Paul Society Annual Fundraising Dinner. **3rd May**, \$55 per head. Tickets are much cheaper than last year (drinks not included). Hence we are hoping for a larger attendance. We anticipate an excellent meal and entertainment. If more invitations are required at any of the churches, please contact Ivor on 44210053.

Culburra Family Group "Spamalot" by Nowra Players at Bomaderry, 3pm **Sun 23 March**. Then **Sun 30 March** 12 noon, a picnic with Nowra Family Group at Bicentennial Park, Lackersteen St, Callala Bay.

Confirmation Information Evening: The first Meeting of Candidates and Parents will be Wednesday April 2nd 7.00.p.m.

First Holy Communion: The first parent Meeting on Wednesday April 9th at 7.00.p.m
(Preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion at Bay and Basin- please follow local arrangements)

Holy Spirit Vincentia Auxiliary Next meeting: **Sun 6 April** after morning Mass. This meeting will include the first discussion of the Spring Fair. Everyone is invited to attend, especially stall coordinators. You are cordially invited to **Morning Tea at the Holy Spirit Church Hall, Vincentia**, on **Friday 4 April** at 10am. For transport call Judy 0422 737 716.

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 Diocesan Youth Office 4222 2460 or youth@dow.org.au.



Project Compassion.

We meet Deng 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. Caritas Australia Diocesan Director Tom van Kints said "every dollar raised and every person who participates in Project Compassion help make a difference in the most vulnerable communities."

The Parish Program for Holy Week and Easter 2014 is be available at all Churches this week-end.

Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)

"23. The Church's closeness to Jesus is part of a common journey; "communion and mission are profoundly interconnected". In fidelity to the example of the Master, it is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the Gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance or fear. (Par 20 Pope Francis Nov 2013)



Website: 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.

First Saturday Marian Devotions: 5 April. 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.*

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.

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, compassion and support for the world’s poorest communities. Since 1968 as a nationwide appeal, support for Project Compassion has been the backbone of Caritas Australia’s community development programs in 35 countries. **Please support Project Compassion** Your solidarity means communities in many regions of Asia and Africa will ‘enjoy a fuller life ‘

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

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



23. The Church's closeness to Jesus is part of a common journey; “communion and mission are profoundly interconnected”. In fidelity to the example of the Master, it is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the Gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance or fear. The joy of the Gospel is for all people: no one can be excluded. That is what the angel proclaimed to the shepherds in Bethlehem: “Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people (*Lk 2:10*). The Book of Revelation speaks of “an eternal Gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tongue and tribe and people (*Rev 14:6*).