



St Michael's Parish, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: office@nowraparish.org.au ...

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A

30 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^{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

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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

We prayerfully remember **Will Peters** (Fr Ron's brother who died suddenly in Sydney). Also **Trudy Chalker** whose anniversary occurs at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



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

Children's Liturgy will not be held next Sunday 6 April due to the St. Michael's year 6 Mass. The next liturgy will be a special children's liturgy for Palm Sunday, 13 April.

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

The Parish Paschal Meal will be held on **Palm/Passion Sunday, 13 April**, 1pm in St. Michael's Hall. Numbers need to be given to Tina 4422 9250 by Mon 7 April. Everyone is most welcome even if you have not been a group member, and we would especially love to see children. **Other Contacts:** Francene 4421 5962; or Bernie 4421 2968.



Catechist Corner:

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).



First Saturday Marian Devotions: 5 April.

Mass at 9am is followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and concluding with Benediction. Morning tea is available in the Parish Centre.

Everyone is most welcome.

Please Note: In front of the Parish Centre (North St), is a **bus zone** which prohibits parking between **8am & 4pm, on school days**. This zone is approx. 30m. and recently some parishioners, unaware of the time restrictions during the day have incurred \$230+ fines. The restriction does not apply to weekends. Unfortunately traffic authorities don't show any greater leniency during Lent.



Culburra Family Group will meet with Nowra Family Group for a **picnic Sun 30 March** 12 noon, at Bicentennial Park, Lackersteen St, Callala Bay.

Project Compassion. This week we meet Martina, from the Solomon Islands. She teaches children songs from Caritas Australia's *Disaster Risk Management project* which was established because



natural disasters threatened the homes and communities of people there. **Your donation means we can help communities around the world to prepare for the unexpected.**

Confirmation Information Evening: The first Meeting of Candidates and Parents will be Wednesday April 2nd 7.00.p.m. This Meeting covers all schools, and all regions of the parish.



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.

Bay and Basin Catholic Women's League meeting **Thursday 3rd April** at 12noon for lunch followed by the meeting at 1pm in Church Hall. Contact: Fay 4443 2837.

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.

- **Embracing Ability – Disability Awareness Workshop** **Wed 2 April St Thomas Aquinas Parish Bowral, 7-8:30^{pm}** **Focuses** on the ability of all people who come to participate in parish communities. Info: ruth.davis@catholiccare.dow.org.au

The Parish Program for Holy Week and Easter 2014 is now available at all Churches

The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at St Michael's on Friday April 11th 7.00p.m.

"With Christians, a poetical view of things is a duty. We are bid to colour all things with hues of faith, to see a divine meaning in every event."

- *Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman*



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St Vincent de Paul Society Annual Fundraising Dinner. Bomaderry Bowling Club, **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 this year. to this annual memorial

SYDNEY CONFERENCE: WHAT'S AT THE HEART OF PASTORAL MINISTRY TODAY?

Invitation is open to all who are working in Pastoral ministry in some capacity in our parishes, schools, prisons, universities and hospitals. It is open to ordained and lay ministers. This Conference to be held on Friday, 2 May 2014 from 9am-4pm at Dooley's Lidcombe Catholic Club with Fr Philip Marshall VG, Adelaide Archdiocese, as the Keynote Presenter. Organised by NSW Association of Pastors and Lay Pastoral Workers
Conference Registration Bookings are now open
<http://www.trybooking.com/ECLM>
Early bird bookings are \$50 and close on Friday 28 March. Late bookings are \$55 and close on Thursday 24 April at 9am

TAIZE MEETING FOR YOUTH 22 MAY 2014

Brother Ghislaine from the Taize Community in France will be visiting Australia and will be holding a seminar at the Mount Carmel Retreat Centre on Thursday 22 May from 1100am - 230pm. Brother Ghislaine's seminar will be specifically targeted at youth. He will spend time explaining the Taize vision, teaching Taize Christian chants, and engaging with the participants through a question and answer time. The target age-group is 16 and up. Cost for the day which includes a light afternoon tea is \$20 per participant. Students would be expected to bring their own lunch. For further information please contact: John Ransom, generalmanager@carmelite.com, 0435 857 690 or (02) 8795 3400

Claiming Date: St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal:

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

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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).