



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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A

6 April 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: No Stations on Friday 11th.- 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

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 those who died; **Mary Smith** and **Monica Delaney** (Dublin). Also **Tom Guthrie** and **Jack Regan** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Children's Liturgy There will be a special Children's liturgy for **Palm Sunday, 13 April**, 9.30am Mass, at St. Michael's.

Choir practice for the Easter ceremonies will be held in the hall 6:30pm **Thurs 10 April**.

Parish Paschal Meal: Palm/Passion Sun, 13 April, 1pm in St. Michael's Hall. *Help needed to set up, Sat 12 April 9.30-12md.* Leaders are reminded that numbers & readers need to be confirmed with Tina 4422 9250 by **Mon 7 April**.

Everyone is most welcome. **Other Contacts:** Francene 4421 5962; or Bernie 4421 2968.



The Second Rite of Reconciliation (Penance) will

be celebrated at St Michael's on **Friday evening April 11 at 7pm**. Four priests will be present for the Sacrament. Let us now start to plan our time for Holy Week. The Liturgy of Holy Week is not dramatized history, it is the saving Action of Christ and His Church, culminating in one celebration called the Triduum - the three Sacred days.



Nowra Catholic Women's League monthly meeting, **Tues 8 April** at 9.30am. Morning tea is followed by the meeting at 10am in the Parish Centre. Contact: Judy 4421 8565.

Shoalhaven Crossroads will hold its *Easter Bonnet Theme* night on **11 April**, 7.15-9.15pm, at Baptist Church, Old Southern Rd. *St. Michael's is hosting the night & we would appreciate your support.* Please bring a plate for supper.



Culburra Family Group's next function will be *Brunch* at Myra & Peter Pead's, 31 Piscator St, Currarong, 10.30^{am} **Fri 11 April**. Pls RSVP Myra on 0438 239 272. Please bring something small to eat or drink.



Project Compassion:

Far from home for dialysis treatment, Aboriginal



woman Lorraine is reconnecting with her culture and community through an income-generating bush balm program. This gives her a sense of purpose, comfort and wellbeing. **Your support helps.**

First Holy Communion: The first parent Meeting is 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.

Poppy Playgroup For mothers experiencing mental health issues. Five Fri: 2, 16, 30 May & 13, 27 June 10-12:30pm. Children 0-5 yrs. Enjoy the company of other parents & explore parenting issues. Children are cared for by experienced child care workers. CatholicCare Nowra. Free. Bookings essential: 4227 1122

St Vincent de Paul Society.

Buy your tickets for our fundraising dinner on 3rd May by 11th April and enjoy 'early bird' price of \$55. Experience from last year has helped us to plan an even better and more enjoyable event this year. All proceeds to the Jim da Silva City Farm for homeless men suffering from particular health issues. Invites are at all churches or may be obtained from Ivor at 44210053/44210929.



Congratulations and our prayerful best wishes to Peter and Sue Delaney who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary at this time.

Palms Australia Lent: Giving your money, or giving yourself?

Communities in **Asia, Africa and the Pacific** seek people with qualifications & experience in education, health, administration, agriculture, tourism, and other professional, technical, & trades willing to volunteer to share their knowledge & skills for a min of 12 mths from Jan 2015.

Palms Information Session, Xavier Centre (Ingham Rm)

38 Harbour St (Cnr Crown & Harbour Sts), W'gong. Entry is directly behind the Cathedral **Thurs 1 May** 5:30 – 7pm. **Enq: Roger 9518 9551 roger@palms.org.au**

'The Marriage Thing' – Smartloving Marriage Seminar Fri 11 April, 7 – 8:30pm

followed by dinner. Xavier Centre Conference Rms, 38 Harbour St, W'gong. Presented in a Catholic context, the seminar is a private experience open to married couples of any faith. **Contact: Jude & Kerrie Hennessy 4222 2407 jude.hennessy@dow.org.au**

Many Cultures One In Christ Mass. Preparation Meeting

Wed 30 April, 7:30pm at Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St W'gong. Mass celebrating the cultural diversity in our Diocese, also marking Migrant & Refugee Sunday, occurs on Sun 31 Aug. Interested people are invited to attend this 1st meeting. Info: Darren McDowell 4222 2463.

Shoalhaven Lydian Singers'. 'The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace'

by Karl Jenkins Sat **12 April** at 7.30pm & Sun **13 April** at 2.30pm, Nowra School of Arts. Tickets: \$30 & Concession: \$25 from Shoalhaven Visitors Info Centre or ph 1300 662 808.



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CatholicCare Counselling Services CatholicCare provides counselling services to families, individuals, couples and children. If you need support, contact CatholicCare on 4227 1122 OR www.catholiccare.dow.org.au.



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

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.

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).

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.