



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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year A

13 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 Holy Week.

Nowra: .Mon 7.00am; Tues/Wed 8.15am
Berry: Tues 5.30pm
Vincentia: Mon.8.00am; Tues/Wed 5.30pm
S'haven Heads Community Hall: Stations of the Cross - Wednesday: 3.00pm
Confession--Reconciliation Nowra: Sat 9.30-10.30am
Berry; Tuesday 6.00pm pm
Vincentia:.....Sat 5.00–5.30pm

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper: 17 April:
Nowra & Berry: 7.00pm
Culburra & Vincentia 6.00pm
Good Friday: 18 April:
Stations of the Cross: Bomaderry: 8.30am
Nowra, Kangaroo Valley & Vincentia 10.00am
Solemn Passion of the Lord:
Nowra (hall), Berry, Culburra, Vincentia: 3.00pm
Easter Masses: 19 and 20 April
Vigils: Culburra Beach: 6.00pm
Nowra (Hall), Vincentia & Berry: 7.00pm
Easter Sunday 20th Nowra: 8.00am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
Berry: 8.00am **Bomaderry:** 9.30am
Culburra Beach: 8.00am & 9.30am
Vincentia: 8.00am & 9.30am **K. Valley:** 11.00am

We prayerfully remember **Joyce King** and **Robert King** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



SVDP Culburra Conference – New Members Needed Callala Area. The conference is asking for volunteers to help with home visits in the Callala/Currarong area. No experience necessary; training provided. Please consider helping with this very important work, assisting those less fortunate in our community. For further details contact: Bill Allison 4446 6516.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral during Holy Week on Wednesday, 16 April at 7.30 pm.

The Bishop concelebrates Mass with the priests of the Diocese and during the Mass, he blesses the Holy Oils which will be used in sacramental celebration throughout the year. Parishioners are very welcome.



St Vincent de Paul Society Gala Dinner 3 May.



As from Monday 14 April, tickets increase to \$60 per head. Still comparatively cheap for a fundraising event. Come along and help the local Society. Funds desperately needed. Invitations at churches or can be obtained from Ivor by calling 44210053 or 44210929.

St Michael's Hospitality Group: We are most grateful to those people who generously volunteered to serve in the hospitality program. Fr Duane will be in contact with you after Easter.

Journey Magazine – Family Focus Edition Our Autumn edition includes tips for praying as a family, an upcoming conference for parents, support options from CatholicCare for families, and what our diocesan pastoral plan is offering families and young people Bishop Peter's Easter message is also included. Pick up your copy at Church; or read it online www.journeyautumn2014.dow.org.au



We meet Nirangini who grew up in a small fishing village in Sri Lanka. Due to civil war from 1983 to 2009 Nirangini and her entire community were forced to leave their village. They returned after the war with nothing, but thanks to Caritas Australia's partnership with Caritas Sri Lanka, Nirangini now has a permanent home & she and her son are re-establishing their lives. **Please return your Project Compassions contributions promptly during the days ahead. Rather than have a special collection for the people of the Solomon Islands, recently stricken by severe floods, any extra contributions can be made through your Project Compassion.**



Practice Times for Holy Week & Easter Liturgies at St Michael's:

- Mon 14th April 6.30pm for **Holy Thursday** and 7.15pm for **Good Friday**, in the Hall.
- Tues 15th April 7.00pm for the **Easter Vigil**, in the Hall.

These practices refer to Acolytes, Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, washing of the feet, and parishioners wishing to have some participatory role.

Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence.

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.



During the week ahead we bid a fond and grateful farewell to Cath Elton who has shared the role of parish secretary for the past four and a half years. Cath with her husband Mark is moving to Canberra for family reasons Cath has been a most conscientious, generous and supportive secretary during her time with us. We wish her and her family every success and blessing in the years ahead...Fr Pat.

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.

Taize Meeting For Youth 22 May 2014 Br Ghislaine from the Taize Community in France will be holding a seminar at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre **Thurs 22 May** 11 – 2.30pm. . The target age-group is 16 and up. Cost \$20 (includes afternoon tea). BYO lunch. For further info: John Ransom, generalmanager@carmelite.com, 0435 857 690 or 8795 3400.

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.



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.



Forty Days Lent is a time to renew the gift of our vocation, and a time for us to listen more deeply to God's call. Have we been resisting the invitation to consider a particular vocation? Start a conversation. Fr Richard Healey, Vocations Director, on 0401 621 591, priesthood@dow.org.au.

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



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).