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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 8.00am; Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am.
Fri 25th April Anzac Day Mass 8.00a.m. (only)
Sat 9.00am
Berry: Tues 5.30pm..... **Culburra** Thurs 5.30pm
Vincentia Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00am; Tues/Wed 5.30pm
S'haven Heads Community Hall: Fri 3.30pm

Confession/Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 9.30-10.30am & 5-5.30pm
Culburra Sat 5.30pm
.Vincentia: Sat 5.00-5.30pm
SVdP Rosary: Tues 9.30am St Michael's Church. All welcome

We prayerfully remember Bishop William Murray whose 1st anniversary occurs on Monday, and Jennifer Heffernan. Also Peter Marshall, Robert King, Joseph Lynskey, Elva Merriman, deceased members of the Walsh and Muller families, deceased members of the Seyffer, Hockey, Dempsey and Greene families. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



The priests of the Parish wish all parishioners and visitors, a very blessed, joyful and peaceful Easter! Thank you to all those who have assisted in any way in making our Parish celebrations of Holy Week and Easter so prayerful and reflective.

St Vincent de Paul Society Gala Dinner

3 May. Numbers are appreciably up on last year, for which we are really grateful. Should be a great evening. Monday 28th April is the absolute latest for acceptances .Please contact Ivor on 44210053 or 44210929, should you wish to attend or complete an invitation form from one of the Churches.



RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES



Dear friends, through the Paschal Mystery, we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with Him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in His Holy Catholic church.

Priest: Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you? **All: I do**

Priest: Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin? **All: I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? **All: I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? **All: I do.**

Priest: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by His grace, in Jesus Christ our Lord, for eternal life. **All: Amen.**

Divine Mercy Sunday next 27 April

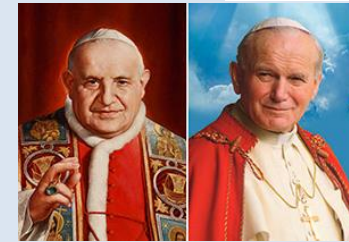
Vincentia:

Devotions from 2.30^{pm} including Benediction & Reconciliation. Followed by afternoon tea.

St Patricks Pt Kembla:

Devotions commencing at 1.30 pm with Mass at 3^{pm}

Pope Francis to canonize Blessed John XXIII, John Paul II April 27.



Recently Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, read the biographies of both Popes, and highlighted the "service to peace" and the impact both popes had

"inside and outside the Christian community" at times of great cultural, political and religious transformation. The testimonies of their lives, "completely dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel," shine in the church and reverberate in the history of the world as examples of hope and light, the cardinal said.

Blessed John Paul, known as the global pastor who made 104 trips outside Italy, served as pope from 1978 to 2005 and was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on Divine Mercy Sunday, May 1, 2011. **Blessed John XXIII**, known particularly for convoking the Second Vatican Council, was pope from 1958 to 1963; Blessed John Paul beatified him in 2000.

Have you thought about becoming a Catholic?

A number of adults in our parish are beginning the journey towards Baptism or full membership of the Catholic faith.

Have you sometimes thought about making that journey too and wondered what it would entail? OR Do you know someone who might be interested? Come along to an evening enquiry session ... no commitment needed to attend. Tuesday 13th May St. Michael's Parish Centre 7.30 p.m. For more information ring: 4423 1712 or speak to Fr Duane or Sr Sue Nowra

Nowra Parish-Sesquicentenary History

'A Faithful People'...Easter Season special rate \$20 per copy, available at each of our Churches.



Anzac Day Mass at St Michael's Friday at 8.00a.m. - We will remember them. - **Lest we forget.**



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Bishop Peter's Easter message is also included. Pick up your copy at Church; or read it online www.journeyautumn2014.dow.org.au

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.

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

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.

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.

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