



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.

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 & 11.30am Sat 9.00am
 Holy Hour Fridays 10.30-11.30am
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 5.30p.m
Vincentia: Sat 5.00–5.30pm
SVdP Rosary: Tues 9.30am St Michael's Church. All welcome

We prayerfully remember **Neville McNamara**-Canberra (Shelley Grant's father -former RAAF-Air Chief Marshal): Also **John Caffery, Bernard Court, Ellie Schutz, Joe Fogarty, and Joseph Kashmer** - whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.



Project Compassion: The students and community of **St John's High School** raised in excess of \$8000 towards this year's **Caritas Project Compassion Appeal**. The donations made and money raised give expression to the Gospel imperative to pursue justice and stand in solidarity with those most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. A most generous achievement.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY for this term commences next **Sun 18 May** 9.30am Mass

CATECHIST CORNER: For all those who need to upgrade **CHILD PROTECTION COURSE** **Mon 26 May 9.30am**, Polding Room, St. Michael's Parish Centre. Call **Cindy Oliver** to enrol (02) 4640 8550.

SMARTBOARD TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS and others who work with Children in Ministry: run by CCD W'gong, on **Fri 16 May** at Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St W'gong. Training 10am–2.30pm. No cost. Morning tea provided. Info/ bookings: **Cindy Oliver 4640 8550** or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au

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 to 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. Tues 13 May St. Michael's Parish Centre 7.30pm. For information ring: 4423 1712 Fr Duane/ Sr Sue Nowra

Holy Spirit Vincentia Movie Day - Sunday 1st June 1.00pm

"Gardening with Soul" (Love, faith... and compost) a heartwarming documentary about a year in the life of 90-yr-old Sister Loyola as she moves through the gardening seasons at the Home of Compassion, Wellington. This movie was one of the official selections for the NZ International Film Festival. Tickets on sale from Sat 10 May, \$15 each, includes lunch. Contact **Sharon 0431 457 441** or **Judy 4441 7456**



. On **Sun April 27th** the **Catholic Weekly** carried a large Supplement on the canonisation of Pope John 23, and Pope John Paul 11. The caption read **FREE**. This referred to the Supplement not the Catholic Weekly.. The St V de Paul has responsibility for the sale of the Cath Weekly, and has found a significant discrepancy in the money taken that weekend, and would appreciate the \$2 payment on that edition , if taken on the presumption it was free.

SVDP FUNDRAISING DINNER. Many thanks to all those parishioners who supported our dinner last Saturday. It was a wonderful evening and if anyone has any ideas how to improve for next year, please contact Ivor 44210929/Janine 44231051

Culburra Family Group: This Sunday family groups around the world share in **'Fruitcake Sunday.'** Just as a fruitcake is made up of many diverse ingredients, so too are communities such as ours made up of many different kinds of people. This Sunday we celebrate our unity enriched by our diversity by inviting all to join together in taking a piece of fruitcake, distributed at the door as you leave the church.

New Resource for Catholic Women and Parishes. The Genius Project: an amazing new four-part DVD resource for Catholic women. Based upon Pope John Paul II's teaching on the vocation and dignity of women. Use it at home or form a small group in your parish. Find out more at www.beingcatholic.com.au/genius-project/

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A
11th May 2014

Good Shepherd Sunday-Vocations:.. an extract from the Message of Pope Francis:



“A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of fraternal love. Did not Jesus say: “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have

love for one another”.....Let us dispose our hearts therefore to being “good soil”, by listening, receiving and living out the word, and thus bearing fruit. The more we unite ourselves to Jesus through prayer, Sacred Scripture, the Eucharist, the Sacraments celebrated and lived in the Church and in fraternity, the more there will grow in us the joy of cooperating with God in the service of the Kingdom of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. And the harvest will be plentiful, proportionate to the grace we have meekly welcomed into our lives. With this wish, and asking you to pray for me, I cordially impart to you all my Apostolic Blessing.

May 25th marks 150 years since Fr John Joseph Therry died. For 13 years he had been the only priest on the Australian continent.

Bomaderry Waratah RSL Day Club. Day Clubs are a weekly social program for older people from both the ex-service and wider community. If you would like to volunteer to assist contact: **Rosemary 4423 3330.**

WALK FOR THE UNBORN Kiama to Gerringong (12km) **Fri 23 May 2014** Pilgrimage walk praying for all mothers & their unborn children that are under threat of abortion. Meet at Kiama Catholic Church 9:30am Mass, walking to Gerringong Church for 3^{pm} Benediction. For non-walkers, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12noon Gerringong Church. Return shuttle bus back to Kiama Church. BYO lunch & water. For more info: **Sue Hill 0435 336 195/Gabriella De Battista 42 612500.**



A Prayer for Mothers: God of life and love, bless the mothers of our community. Sustain them by your spirit; bless them with joy, love, laughter and pride in their children, and surround them with many good and supportive friends. We pray this through Jesus the Lord. Amen



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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^{am}–2.30^{pm}**. Target age-group 16 and up. Cost \$20 (includes afternoon tea). BYO lunch. Info: **John Ransom**, generalmanager@carmelite.com, **0435 857 690** or **8795 3400**.

CATHOLIC MISSION 'HEAL THE BROKEN-HEARTED' RWANDA CAMPAIGN LAUNCH 7:30^{pm} Fri 23 May @ Xavier Centre Conference Room (next to Cathedral) 'focusing on the incredible work of the Rwandan Catholic Church since the 1994 genocide'

Join Bishop Peter Ingham as we listen to amazing stories of tragedy and survival, forgiveness and hope from two Rwandan genocide survivors. Marking the twentieth anniversary of the 1994 Rwandan genocide, Catholic Mission launches its 2014 Propagation of the Faith campaign 'Heal the Broken-Hearted' **RSVP (for light supper catering)** Catholic Mission Diocesan Director, **David Harrison 4222 2482 / 0449 716 363** or email wollongong.director@catholicmission.org.au

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Recruitment Month. "...our love must not be mere talk, but something real and active", from Gospel according to St. John. All 6 Conferences within the Parish are in need of members. Berry, S'haven Heads, St Michael's-Nowra, Sacred Heart –Care Conference, Culburra and Vincentia. Please give this apostolate your prayerful consideration

Pentecost Catechesis for Young Adults – Friday 6 June Bishop Peter Comensoli is inviting the young adults (aged 18-35) of the Archdiocese to join him for the annual Pentecost Catechesis on the topic of 'Human Rights and Religious Freedom in Australia' on **Friday 6 June** at St John's College within the University of Sydney. An optional Holy Hour will take place in the College Chapel at 5:30, dinner at 6:30pm, the Bishop's presentation at 7:30pm and concluding with dessert, tea & coffee around 9:00pm. All young adults are welcome but space is limited and **registration essential by 1 June**. Please send your RSVP to events@catholicyouthservices.org or call *Catholic Youth Services* on 9764 4357.

SPIRIT ALIVE YOUTH GATHERING – 7 June 2014

"Moving forward with Jesus". Please encourage young people in your community to come along to this special gathering to celebrate their life in Christ through Mass, song, meal & faith sharing. The young people value so much the presence of clergy at these gatherings. Please consider coming after vigil Mass, if at all possible, to connect with our young people. **Holy Spirit College, enter via Kent Street. 5.00pm--9.00pm.**

Save the Date: 21 June *Diocesan Workshops on Lay Pastoral Ministry* at W'gong
26 July *50th Anniversary of St Michael's P&F*. More information to follow.

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Tues 20 May 7:30-9:00pm Xavier Conference Centre 38 Harbour St W'gong, Thurs 5 June 9:30-1:00pm Meeting Room St Paul's Parish Tongarra Rd Albion Park

Over the Sunday's of this year we will be listening to Matthew's Gospel. Like each of the gospels, Matthew presents Jesus in his own unique way. Jesus is the one who fulfils 'the law and the prophets', he is the Messiah of Israel, the king and saviour of the world. He comes before us as the teacher & lawgiver, greater even than Moses. And of course he is presented as the son of man giving his life for us all. Over the course of 2014 I will be offering a series of stand-alone sessions exploring the rich themes found in this gospel. **Registration essential to Darren McDowell 4222 2463 cfl@dow.org.au**

E-CONFERENCE: POPE FRANCIS: MODELLING THE MINISTRY OF ST PETER

The first BBI E-Conference for 2014 is coming up on **Wednesday 11 June 10-3pm**. This e-conference will be streamed over the internet and available to everyone. Speakers include Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, Sr Monica Cavanagh rsj, Fr Gerard Kelly, Ms Selina Hasham and Fr Noel Connelly. If a parish or school would like support in hosting a gathering for the e-conference please contact Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au

FOSTERING LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY-WORKSHOPS WITH DR AOIFE MCGRATH Sat 21 June 9:15-2:00pm Xavier Conference Centre 38 Harbour St W'gong.

"What is lay pastoral ministry and how can it help my community?" This question and more will be discussed in these two workshops with Dr Aoife McGrath of the Pontifical University of Maynooth (Ireland). Two workshops will help 'break-open' this emerging area of ministry life within our Diocese as we continue developing our Parishes Working Together initiative. They are especially important for Pastoral Council and Finance Council members, ministry coordinators and leaders and those seeking to become more involved in parish life. Cost: \$10. Morning Tea & Lunch provided. Registration essential by 10 & 16 June to **Darren McDowell 4222 2463 cfl@dow.org.au**