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**Website: [nowraparish.org.au](http://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 Easter, Year A 18<sup>th</sup> May 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 & 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 **Sheena Peters, Una Neilson and Neville McNamara** (Canberra -former RAAF-Air Chief Marshal -Shelley Grant's father): Also **Alexander Moses, Alan McRae Ted Armstrong, Jean Christian, and Catherine Brown** - whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.



**The Annual Catholic Mission Appeal** will take place next weekend **May 23-24** throughout the Parish. Catholic Mission operates in over 160 countries to support initiatives in 1100 dioceses, including remote Australia. "The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those in most need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty." ( Pope Francis 2013). Your customary generous support of the Missions will be genuinely appreciated.



**150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF FR JOHN TERRY Sun 25 May 2014.** Fr John Terry a pioneer Chaplain to the Colony of NSW arrived here in May 1820; and was virtually the only priest on the Australian mainland for the next 13 years. He was resident priest in Campbelltown which as a mission region extended to Yass, from 1835-1838. Fr Terry's cottage, where he stayed when in Campbelltown, is now located in the grounds of Bethlehem Monastery, 170 Narellan Rd, Campbelltown & will be open following 9am Mass from **10-12<sup>noon</sup>, & 2.30-4.30pm, Sun 25 May.**

### INVITATION

TO THE GOOD SAMARITAN SISTERS & VOLUNTEERS IN THE SHOALHAVEN PARISH DISABILITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM and **FAMILIES** who have members with special needs. You are all invited to attend a gathering to share our stories and pray together as we prepare for Pentecost. **Tues 27 May 2014 & share lunch together 12.00-1.30pm** RSVP Sr Jeanie Heininger sgs 46548709 (for voicemail), email: [jeanieh@materdei.org.au](mailto:jeanieh@materdei.org.au)



### 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 after Sunday Mass, \$15 each, includes lunch.* Contact **Sharon 0431 457 441** or **Judy 4441 7456**

**HOLY SPIRIT Vincentia, Parish Auxiliary Meeting** will be held on **Sat 24 May at 1.00pm.** All are welcome to attend, especially Coordinators of Parish Groups.

**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.

**URGENT CATECHISTS NEEDED** for Cambewarra, Shoalhaven Heads, Nowra & Falls Creek. Phone **Lyn West 4423 1009** for more information. (This need has arisen due to interstate work transfer of the husband of a Catechist who taught at four Schools)

**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 at home or form a small group in your parish. Find out more at [www.beingcatholic.com.au/genius-project/](http://www.beingcatholic.com.au/genius-project/)

**Taize Meeting For Youth.** Br Ghislaine from the Taize Community in France. Seminar: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre **Thurs 22 May 11am-2.30pm.** Age group 16 & up. Cost \$20 (includes afternoon tea). **BYO lunch.** Info: **John Ransom,** [generalmanager@carmelite.com](mailto:generalmanager@carmelite.com), **0435 857 690** or **8795 3400.**

**SVDP Recruitment Month.** There will be an appeal for new members at the end of this month. "...our love must not be mere talk, but something real and active", from Gospel according to St John.

**CATHOLIC MISSION 'HEAL THE BROKEN-HEARTED' RWANDA CAMPAIGN LAUNCH 7:30pm Fri 23 May, Xavier Centre Conference Rm 38 Harbour St W'gong (next to Cathedral) 'focusing on the incredible work of the Rwandan Catholic Church since the 1994 genocide'. Marking the 20th anniversary of the '94 Rwandan genocide, Catholic Mission launches its 2014 Propagation of the Faith campaign 'Heal the Broken-Hearted'. **RSVP (light supper catering)** Catholic Mission Diocesan Director, **David Harrison 4222 2482 / 0449 716363/email: [wollongong.director@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:wollongong.director@catholicmission.org.au)****

**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 3pm 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.**

### POSTPONED – New date 14 June 2014

**SPIRIT ALIVE YOUTH GATHERING** "Moving forward with Jesus". Please encourage young people in your community to come to this special gathering to celebrate their life in Christ through Mass, song, meal & faith sharing. **Holy Spirit College, enter via Kent St W'gong 5.00pm--9.00pm.**

**FOSTERING LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY-WORKSHOPS WITH DR AOIFE MCGRATH Sat 21 June 9.15-2.00pm** Xavier Conference W'gong. "What is lay pastoral ministry & how can it help my community?" Two workshops with Dr McGrath of Pontifical University of Maynooth (Ireland), will help 'break-open' this emerging area of ministry life within our Diocese.. Especially important for Pastoral/Finance Council members, ministry coordinators, leaders & those seeking to become more involved in parish life. Cost: \$10. **Morning Tea & Lunch provided. RSVP by 10 & 16 June to Darren McDowell 4222 2463 [cfl@dow.org.au](mailto:cfl@dow.org.au)**

**Sat May 24<sup>th</sup> :** Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians – Patroness of Australia.

**Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> :** (Feast of the Blessed Trinity): Confirmation Masses: 9.30.a.m. and 1.30.p.m.

**On Sunday, May 25, Pope Francis will begin his visit to Israel.** "It will be a new cornerstone of historic importance, not only in relations between Israel and the Holy See, but also between the Catholic Church and the Jewish people," Israeli Ambassador.



**PALMS Australia: “Teach a man to fish and he will live for a lifetime”** – Palms volunteers practice this every day as they share their skills with the poor. If you seek to live these values, come on a **Palms Encounter to Kiribati or Timor-Leste** & understand how you & your community can reach out to the most marginalised & fight poverty through just, sustainable, & peaceful development. **3-14 Aug (Kiribati) & 22 Sep-4 Oct (Timor-Leste)**. Info: <http://www.palms.org.au/encounters>, email: [encounter@palms.org.au](mailto:encounter@palms.org.au), or **ph 02 9518 9551**. Limited places remain.

**Free e-book for computer / e-reader: Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-2** Download free to a computer or e-reader, offers the Gospel for every day of the Liturgical Year A-2 (Sundays Year A, weekdays Year 2), with a reflection on each daily Gospel. Contains the Gospel passages not only for this Year, but for any A-2 Liturgical Year in the future, together with their respective reflections. It may be passed on to friends, acquaintances as desired. Carries the Imprimatur of the Bishop of Parramatta. [www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/)

#### **EXPLORING THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

**Tues 20 May 7.30-9.00pm Xavier Conference Centre 38 Harbour St W'gong, Thurs 5 June 9.30-1.00<sub>pm</sub> 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](mailto:cfl@dow.org.au)**

#### **Pentecost Catechesis for Young Adults – Friday 6 June**

Bishop Peter Comensoli invites young adults (18-35) of the Archdiocese to join him for the annual Pentecost Catechesis on '*Human Rights & Religious Freedom in Australia*' **Fri 6 June St John's College in the Uni of Sydney**. Optional *Holy Hour* in the College Chapel 5.30pm, dinner 6.30, the Bishop's presentation 7.30 & concluding with dessert, tea & coffee approx 9:00pm. All young adults are welcome but space is limited, **registration by 1 June**. Pls RSVP to [events@catholicyouthservices.org](mailto:events@catholicyouthservices.org) or call **Catholic Youth Services** on **9764 4357**.

#### **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](mailto:cfl@dow.org.au)

#### **Save the Date:**

26 July *50th Anniversary of St Michael's P&F*. More information to follow.

**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**.