



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 **Thelma Stewart, Felix Vella (Windsor) and Phillip McBeath** who died recently Also **Joseph Trotter, Maude Crossingham, Tony Russell, Anka Vahovec, and Juanita Petilla,** - whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace. 

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF FR JOHN THERRY (1790-1864), Sun 25 May 2014. A pioneer Chaplain to the Colony of NSW Fr John Therry arrived here in May 1820, and was virtually the only priest on the Australian mainland for the next 13 years. Fr Therry described his life in Australia for the next forty-four years as 'one of incessant labour very often accompanied by painful anxiety' Demands for his service came from the hospitals, gaols, farms, the government establishments, Sunday schools, from road-gangs and assigned convicts. He went, whenever summoned, to Wollongong, Goulburn, Maitland, Bathurst and Newcastle. He was resident priest in Campbelltown which as a mission region extended to Yass, from 1835-1838. Fr Therry's cottage, where he stayed when in Campbelltown, is now located in the grounds of Bethlehem Monastery, 170 Narellan Rd, Campbelltown. 

CULBURRA FAMILY GROUP The next function is lunch at Greenwell Point Bowling Club, **Fri 30 May, 12noon.** Pls rsvp **Margaret or Paul (4446 4117).**

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

HOLY SPIRIT Vincentia Movie Day - Sunday 1st June 1.00pm "Gardening with Soul" (Love, faith... & 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**

CATECHIST CORNER: Working with Children Check & CHILD PROTECTION COURSE Mon 26 May 9.30am-12, St.Michael's Parish Centre. Call **Cindy Oliver (02) 4640 8550.**

URGENT CATECHISTS NEEDED for 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)

BAY & BASIN CWL meeting & Remembering Friends day Thurs 5 June 10.30am. Guest Speaker, Dianne Dummet from the Bay & Basin Cancer Support Group followed by lunch & meeting. **Cost \$10.** All money donated to the local cancer support group. All welcome, **rsvp: Eileen 4443 8008 / Mary 4442 1528**

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? Enquiry evening: **Tues 27 May, St. Michael's Parish Centre 7.30pm.** Call Fr Duane or Sr Sue **4423 1712** for more information.

TAIZE CHANT – PENTECOST

To celebrate Pentecost we will be gathering at St Michael's for Evening Prayer using the Chants from Taize. Pls invite a friend to share in the spirit of reconciliation and trust. **Fri 6 June 7.30pm,** St Michael's Church, 20 North St Nowra. Followed by cup of tea in Parish Centre. *All Welcome*

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A
25th May 2014



The Mission Appeal 2014: April 1994— following years of ethnic tension between the Hutus and Tutsis, a series of mass killings broke out in the small African nation of Rwanda. Over the next one hundred days, one million people—twenty per cent of the population, were brutally tortured and killed in one of the worst genocides the world has seen. The theme of this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal is inspired by Psalm 147:3, **'He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.'** This year parishioners are invited to reach out to the hundreds and thousands of broken-hearted Rwandans who have still not healed, and help them in their process of forgiveness and reconciliation. Catholic Missions is endeavouring to ensure that this process which is an integral aspect of the Gospel message continues.

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-9.00.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY There is no Children's Liturgy next Sunday 1 June (the Year 3 Mass). Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 8 June, St Michael's 9:30am Mass. **WELCOME & HOSPITALITY GROUP** The volunteers will meet this **Wed 28 May 5:30pm, St Michael's Parish Centre.** Any parishioners interested in contributing to this ministry are welcome to attend.

St Vincent de Paul Society - As indicated earlier, there will be an appeal for new members next weekend. During the coming week, please give this matter your prayerful consideration. We need **YOU.**

Sun June 15 (Feast of the Blessed Trinity): Confirmation Masses: 9.30am & 1.30pm.

(May 24th) Pope Francis says his 3 day trip to Jordan, Israel and the West Bank is "strictly religious" and aimed at praying for peace in the region. On his visit to the Holy Land, he will meet with Syrian and Palestinian refugees. The visit will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the meeting between Pope Paul VI and the spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians.



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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**

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/

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/

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 or call **Catholic Youth Services** on 9764 4357.

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**.

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Pope Francis will meet in Jerusalem with the current Orthodox leader, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, whom he called his brother.