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14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

6 July 2014

Celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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 7am, 11.30am Sat 9.00am

Holy Hour Fridays 10.30-11.30am

Berry: Tuesday 5:30pm Mass cancelled this week only

Culburra Thurs 5.30pm

Vincentia Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00am; Tues/Wed 5.30pm

Friday Mass at the Heads will not be celebrated again until August 1st. No Tuesday Mass at Berry this week only.

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 the recently deceased **Maureen O'Connor**. Also **Ron Nelson** and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastdays - Fri 11 July: St Benedict.

ONE DAY RETREAT Saturday 12 July: Facilitated by Kathleen Evans, whose miraculous recovery from lung cancer was the second miracle that saw Saint Mary MacKillop canonised. 10am-2:30pm, at the Jim Da Silva Farm, 38 Old Bamarang Rd Mundamia. Please bring food to share for "Pot Luck Lunch". All welcome, RSVP Veronica on 46272999 or veronica@svdpwgong.org.au

2014 PARENT CONFERENCE: How do our children find meaning in their life? An opportunity to acknowledge, support & celebrate parent involvement in education. Parents & educators have access to high profile speakers on issues relevant to families today. Keynote speakers, workshops, & more. **Sat 19 July, Chifley Hotel, Harbour St W'gong. \$35pp. Ph: 42530993 more info / www.dow.catholic.edu.au/parentforum.htm**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Nowra

Branch will be hosting an *Afternoon of Christian Friendship* on Friday 11 July, 1.30pm in the school Hall. Everyone invited. Further information: Theresa McKinnon 4422 6878, Judy Thompson 4421 8565



NOWRA CWL monthly meeting Tues, 8 July, St. Michael's Parish Centre 'Polding Room', 9.30am morning tea, followed by meeting at 10am. Contact: Judy 4421 8565.

PLANNED GIVING: An envelope was received for Planned Giving on Sunday 15 June with no identification. It was addressed to Rev Father Patrick, "weekly donation to St Michael's Church for 8 weeks" and contained \$50. Please phone the Parish Office.

Please collect your new Planned Giving envelopes, available at the churches.

2014 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

MASS. If you are celebrating **25, 40, 50 or 60 yrs** of marriage this year & would like an invitation to the Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham on **Sunday, 21 Sept 2014 at 2.00pm**, contact **Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au** at the Office of the Bishop by Mon 11 Aug, and an invitation will be sent to you.

SHOALHAVEN CROSSROADS: A Christian Fellowship for people with a disability, encouraging integration into the Christian Church & wider community. Next Meeting: Nowra Baptist Church, Old Southern Rd, South Nowra, **This Friday 11 July, 7.15-9.15pm.**

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY Saturday 6 September 10am – 2pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic High School Hall.

Bishop Peter Ingham and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invite Clergy, Parish Pastoral Councils, Catholic School Leadership Teams, all parishioners and other interested people to gather and participate in an assembly focusing upon parish and diocesan plans for 2015. Please contact Darren McDowell on darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or 4222 2463 for further information. RSVP is essential, please contact Helen Bennett: helen.bennett@dow.org.au by Wednesday, 3 September 2014.

Fr Duane and Seminarian Michael Dyer will be away in Campbelltown this Tuesday to Thursday at the Clergy In-service. Many thanks to Fr Ronan for kindly attending to the pastoral needs of the parish during this time.

Prayers requested for Fr David Catterall: Many of you would recall that Fr David Catterall was diagnosed with cancer in the year 2000. After a number of years in good health, he recently informed the clergy and parishioners of the diocese that he has now been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Fr David has begun treatment, and will continue to serve as Parish Priest at Albion Park to the best of his capacity, with assistance from local priests. Fr. David holds fond memories of Nowra parish, and asks our prayers for him and his family.

Fr David wrote: *"The reality is that The Lord has asked me to take on a new ministry – one that I never planned. It will be a ministry of prayer and offering-up of my treatment for the work of the diocese and my parish family of Albion Park. I would be grateful if you could please pray for me and my family, through the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, to whom I attribute the positive and welcome outcome of events in 2005. I look forward, through the Grace of God, to faithfully serving the people of the diocese in whatever capacity my health allows."*

NAIDOC week (6th July – 13th July): NAIDOC stands for the "National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee." St John Paul II said in Alice Springs in 1986:

"The Church in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you (Indigenous people) have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others."

The public appearance of the Diocese of Wollongong

before the Royal Commission concluded on Friday, 27 June 2014, earlier than anticipated. Our Bishop has written to us after appearing at the Royal Commission, and his letter is available in the foyer of the Church. Please take and read.

The Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary: Patroness of our Diocese of Wollongong.

In 1959 Pope John XXIII dedicated our diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On this day as we celebrate our Patronal feast day, we entrust our diocese, with its many good works and its many needs, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: may her constant prayers for her children help us to become more faithful bearers of Christ's love. "Let us turn to the Virgin Mary: her Immaculate Heart, a mother's heart, has fully shared in the "compassion" of God, especially in the hour of the passion and death of Jesus. May Mary help us to be mild, humble and merciful with each other." *Pope Francis, June 2013.*



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INVITATION – ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL Parents & Friends 50th anniversary social event, Sat 26 July, 5pm School Walk; 6pm Mass, 7pm Dinner (BYO drink). **Where:** school hall, **Dress:** Black & White theme, **Cost:** \$40pp. Entertainment provided. **RSVP: 18 July, Karen 0418440021 / karenmuller289@gmail.com**

DATE CLAIMER: SPIRIT ALIVE YOUTH FESTIVAL – FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER, VARROVILLE PARISH HALL Start planning to attend! Contact our Youth office on youth@dow.org.au or 4222 2460 for more information.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Theme for 2014 – Seeing with New Eyes, Monday 14 July, 7.30pm, Jamberoo Pub. **Coming to our Senses – Imagining Jesus Anew.** Further info: Eileen Radford 42323121 / Marie Milne 42321535. Meals available from 5.30 pm



LITURGY · MINISTRY · MISSION - An Evening with Fr Paul Turner Thursday 14 August 7:30pm - 9pm

Attention all parish liturgy ministers: This evening will be an opportunity to gain further insights into your ministry in the context of mission and the new evangelisation at Main Hall, St Mary Star of the Sea, Harbour St, W'gong. Light refreshments provided. Cost \$10. Register by Fri 8 August. **RSVP:** Helen Bennett 4222 2403 helen.bennett@dow.org.au.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST HIGH SCHOOL Annual School Production,

'Sherlock Holmes' set within the framework of late Victorian England, this musical is an hilariously extravagant send-up of the great detective and the ever-bumbling Watson! Purchase tickets via school office or school website. **Thur 17, Fri 18, Sat 19 July 7.30pm. Adults \$12 Concession/Student \$7.**



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.**

HARTZER PARK SIX DAY GUIDED RETREAT – “The Exodus Story” *It's significance for our understanding of Jesus*, 19-25 Sept 2014. Held at Hartzler Park, 25 Eridge Park Road, Bowral. Presenter: Fr Michael Fallon MSC Cost: \$550 **RSVP:** 10 Sept Cathy or Sr Jenny on (02) 48613223 or email hartzprk@bigpond.net.au

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/

THE JOURNEY – CATHOLIC RADIO

'The Journey' is the Diocese's weekly Catholic Radio Program. It is about faith, hope, love and life and airs on Pulse 94.1 from 11am-12pm Sundays or Wednesdays 10-11pm or via live streaming or podcasts at any time, just go to radio.dow.org.au