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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 7am, 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

**Friday Mass at the Heads will not be celebrated again until August 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**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 **Shirley Hegarty, Dorothy Neilsen, and June Rutherford.** Also **Nicholas Smith, Albert Muller, William Thomas Horwood, Garry (Dusty) Rhodes, Peter Cahill, Ellie Schutz, and Fran Denton** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**Feastdays:** **Tues 22 July** St. Mary Magdalene  
**Fri 25 July** St. James, apostle  
**Sat 26 July** Sts Joachim and Anne

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

**A new team of CLEANERS is needed for St Michael's, Church, Nowra. Please consider joining this essential ministry. Call WENDY on 44226002 for more info, or to be included on the next roster. Thank you!**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** The second Information night for Reconciliation is **this Wednesday 23 July, 7pm in St. Michael's School hall.** Parents only attend.

**CATECHISTS:** State school children lessons for **First Reconciliation**, next week: Berry, Tues 22 July, 4pm; Nowra, Wed 23 July, 4pm; Culburra, Thur 24 July, 4pm.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** begins again this weekend during 9:30am Masses at St Michael's. **MORNING TEA will also be provided in the parish centre after every 9:30am Sunday Mass at St Michael's** from now on during school term. Come along, & invite others, to help build the spirit of community in our parish! *Thank you to all the volunteers for your generous contributions to these important ministries of Children's Liturgy and Welcome & Hospitality.*

**ANSWERING ATHEISM with Fr Duane & the "Compass" group: THIS FRIDAY, 25 July, 7pm for 7:30pm start, at Saint Michael's Parish Centre.** Supper provided. Fr Duane (former atheist) will lead a discussion on atheism. Topics such as science and religion, evil and suffering, and more. **All welcome** – and bring along anyone you think may be interested! *"Compass" is a fellowship group for adults and families in the parish, which occasionally runs events for the whole parish. New members always welcome, for more info contact Shannon on 0414521404 or chittick7@hotmail.com*

**INVITATION – ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL Parents & Friends 50<sup>th</sup> 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: 21st July, to Karen 0418440021 / [karenmuller289@gmail.com](mailto:karenmuller289@gmail.com).** The Parish Sesquicentenary book "A Faithful People" will be on sale at the dinner.

**FORMATION EVENING for readers, acolytes, music ministers and communion ministers of the Parish:** An evening with renowned liturgist Fr Paul Turner, Thur 14 Aug 7:30pm-9pm. A unique opportunity to gain further insights into your ministry in the context of the "new evangelisation". At Main Hall, Saint Mary Star of the Sea school, Harbour St, W'gong. Light refreshments provided. Cost \$10. If you are interested in attending as part of a Parish group, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Alternatively, register directly by Friday 8 August by calling Helen Bennett on 42222403 or email [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au).

**YOUTH EVENT: "Spirit Alive" – Friday 12 September, Varroville Parish hall.** Any young people in our Parish (16-25 years old or so) who may be interested in going to this Diocesan event please contact Fr Duane on 44231712 or [duane@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:duane@nowraparish.org.au). This will help us to organize transport to and from this event – the road trip could be the best part! Contact Fr Duane if you would like more info.

**MARRIAGE WORKSHOP: Because Every Marriage Matters.** Wollongong, Sept 20 & 21. Every marriage can become more committed, intimate, joyful and passionate. Presented in a Catholic context, the **SmartLoving Marriage Seminar** is open to married couples of any faith. Whether you've been married for one year or fifty years, if you long for deep, satisfying, intimacy with your spouse, this seminar is for you. Proven results, private & confidential, spiritually sound. Bookings Essential, [www.smartloving.org](http://www.smartloving.org) or 9319 6280.

**SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS 2014:** 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](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)** at the Office of the Bishop by Mon 11 Aug, and an invitation will be sent to you.

**PRIESTHOOD – YOUR CALL OR GOD'S CALL?** What does God want you to do with your life? Take time to listen for God's call. For help with your reflection, contact Fr Duane at the parish, 44231712, or Vocations Director Fr Richard Healey on 0401621591 or [priesthood@dow.org.au](mailto:priesthood@dow.org.au).

**SPIRITUAL READING CIRCLE, Aug–mid Oct.** Are you interested in reading and meeting fortnightly to discuss a contemporary Australian spiritual author? For example, Fr Dennis Edwards "*How God Acts – Creation Redemption & Special Divine Action*". Pls contact parish office or Michael our seminarian: [michael.dyer@dow.org.au](mailto:michael.dyer@dow.org.au)

**PRAYING OUR SUNDAY SCRIPTURES** by *Lectio Divina*. If interested in joining a weekly group to deepen your appreciation of the liturgical readings pls contact parish office or Michael our seminarian: [michael.dyer@dow.org.au](mailto:michael.dyer@dow.org.au)

**Fr David Catterall** has responded well to initial treatments. He thanks us for our prayers, and writes "*I cannot help but see the hand of God who says to me 'my plans for you are for peace not disaster' and 'be still and know that I am God'.*"

**Fr Pat returns this Friday** and we very much look forward to his return! Many thanks to Fr Bernard Gordon for so generously giving of his time to serve in our parish during these past 4 weekends. Thanks also to Fr Ronan, Fr Leo, Michael Dyer, Liz, Kerri-Anne, and parishioners for the extra work and support to help ensure the survival of the Parish – and of this "Acting Parish Priest" – during this time.



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**16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**  
**20 July 2014**

**MANY CULTURES ONE IN CHRIST Mass Preparation Meeting Thur 24 July 7:30-9:00pm Xavier Conference Centre 38 Harbour St W'gong.** The annual celebration of the cultural diversity within our Diocese, also marking Migrant & Refugee Sunday, occurs Sunday, 31 Aug, 2014. Held at St Francis Xavier Cathedral and St Mary Star of the Sea College Hall from 2pm. Those interested are invited to attend this second preparation meeting. Contact Darren McDowell 4222 2463 / [darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au)

#### **CatholicCARE – Poppy Playgroup**

For mothers with mental health issues and their children from 0-5 yrs. Play with your children while enjoying the company of other parents in a relaxed and supported environment. 68 Shoalhaven St Nowra. Fridays: 18 July, 1,15,29 Aug, 12 Sept. 10am-12.30pm. No Fee.

#### **CatholicCARE – Seasons For Growth (Adults)**

Participants cope with grief, loss and changes that occur throughout life. Assisting in developing skills for coping, problem solving, decision making. Restore self confidence. 55 Worrigeer St Nowra. Thursdays: 21,28 Aug, 4,11,18 Sept. Fee: \$10 per session.

#### **DATE CLAIMER: DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY Sat 6 Sept 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. With the approaching Synod on the Family, this Diocesan Assembly will prove an important occasion for assisting one another in responding to and developing ways of addressing the pressing pastoral concerns that face us as a Diocese. The assembly will also be a time for parishes, schools and agencies to share their own initiatives as we seek to live our call as *Bearers of Christ's Love*. Contact Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or [darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au) for further info. **RSVP essential, contact Helen Bennett via email [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) by Wed, 3 Sept 2014.**

**Saint Vincent de Paul Piety Stall**, 5 Berry St Nowra, Ph: 44217244. Religious items for sale. Other items can be ordered from catalogue.

**HARTZER PARK SIX DAY GUIDED RETREAT** – “The Exodus Story” *It's significance for our understanding of Jesus*, 19-25 Sept 2014. Held at Hartzer 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](mailto:hartzprk@bigpond.net.au)

#### **Subsidised relationship counselling and education services now available through CatholicCare**

CatholicCare Wollongong has been chosen as an approved provider of the Federal Government's *Stronger Relationships* program, providing couples with a \$200 subsidy for counselling or relationship education. So if you have been thinking about making that first important call to work on your relationship issues, now is the time to do it. To register or to discuss the relationship support that best suits your needs call CatholicCare on 42271122.

[www.catholiccare.dow.org.au](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.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/](http://www.beingcatholic.com.au/genius-project/)

#### **POSITIONS VACANT: YOUTH MINISTRY SUPPORT, CASUAL ROLES**

Our Diocesan Youth Office is seeking young, vibrant staff to work in a team environment assisting with youth ministry in the Diocese of Wollongong. Share your enthusiasm & experience in youth ministry, networking with like-minded people & support key youth ministry initiatives. Relevant experience and training in youth ministry is required & skills in areas such as drama, music, graphic design, event management and administration are preferred. Hours flexible. Includes occasional evening & w/end work. Driver's licence required. Resumes to [richard.mcmahon@dow.org.au](mailto:richard.mcmahon@dow.org.au) & should include Working with Children Check number & three referees, including your parish priest. Positions would suit university students studying for an appropriate degree or young people who are already working part-time or casual. **Applications close 31 July 2014. Enquiries: Richard McMahon 0437 497 526.**

#### **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](http://radio.dow.org.au)

**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.**