



**St Michael's Parish**, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: [office@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:office@nowraparish.org.au)

**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.

**18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> August 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 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  
**S'haven Heads** – Community Hall – 3.30.p.m.

**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 **Sister Philomena Barry SGS (Glebe), Debbie McKenzie, Bill Maloney and Stanley Warburton.** Also **Peter Marshall, Syd Sweeny, Peter Morrissey, Shirley Rigney, Albert Muller, Colleen Baker, John, Laurie & Hilda McBeath,** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**Feastdays: Mon 4<sup>th</sup> St John Vianney.**  
**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> The Transfiguration of the Lord.**  
**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> St Dominic.**  
**Fri August 8<sup>th</sup> St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.**

Sr Philomena Barry SGS- who died on Monday last was our Catechetical Coordinator for the Parish from 1996-2000, systematically visiting all State Primary Schools throughout the Parish.

The 11.30am Mass on Fri Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St Mary MacKillop, will be offered for the happy repose of the soul of Sr Philomena. Catechists are invited and encouraged, as best you can, to attend that Mass.

**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!

**For parishioners requesting to join the Planned Giving** - your envelopes are available in the North Street entrance of St Michael's Church this weekend. **Please collect your new Planned Giving envelopes, available at the churches.**

**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.** At Main Hall, Saint Mary Star of the Sea school, Harbour St, W'gong. Light refreshments provided. Cost \$10, this will be paid by the Parish should you contact the parish Office. If you are interested in attending as part of a Parish group please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible, to help us organise car pooling. Otherwise register directly by Friday 8 August with Helen Bennett: [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) or 42222403.

**SHOALHAVEN CROSSROADS** A *Christian Fellowship for people with a disability, encouraging integration into the Christian Church & wider community.* Meeting, Nowra Baptist Church, Old Southern Rd, Sth Nowra, **Fri 8 Aug, 7.15-9.15pm.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Every 9:30am Mass at Nowra,** for children aged 4 and up. New children always welcome to attend, to hear God's Word on their level and get to know other children of the parish.

**MORNING TEA: After every 9:30am Mass at Nowra.** Gather at the Parish Centre, all parishioners welcome – come along even for a short time to help build community!

**Every Christian has a Vocation – a "calling" from God:** Today, we begin National Vocations Awareness Week. This weekend we focus on each person's vocation, especially the call to holiness we all received through baptism. The call to holiness is to become all that God has created each one of us to be: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, and soul and to share our gifts and talents for the common good of all society. We pray that all young people will hear the call to dedicate their lives to God and make a commitment to serve His people. We pray that all may come to know the particular call of God in their lives, and for those who have already committed to a particular vocation, such as single life or marriage, ordained or consecrated life, we also pray for God's grace to rededicate ourselves and continue to live out this call in our life.



**DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP.** All are most welcome to attend the annual Diocesan Mass to celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop to be held on **Fri 8 August, 11am at St Paul's Parish, Tongarra Road, Albion Park.** Light

luncheon to follow in the parish hall. The principal celebrant is Bishop Peter Ingham.

**St Vincent de Paul Society Fundraising.** Our main fundraising event is the annual doorknock appeal, to be run over the last 2 weeks in August. Funds are getting extremely tight and we really do need parishioners' help. Please consider becoming a volunteer doorknocker. Every hour spent can reap \$100. Forms for recording names will be available shortly.

**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)

**HOLY SPIRIT VINCENTIA SPRING FAIR Saturday 6 September....5 WEEKS TO GO!!**

**URGENTLY NEEDED: Volunteers** for all stalls, **Jam makers & co-ordinator** for Craft stall. Please call Judy 44417456 / Michael 44437732.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Bay & Basin Branch** meeting will be Thursday 7 August at 12noon for lunch, followed by meeting at 1pm in Holy Spirit Church Hall.

**DATE CLAIMER: DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY Sat 6 Sept 10am-2pm, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic High School Hall.** Bishop Peter Ingham & the Diocesan Pastoral Council invite Clergy, Parish Pastoral Councils, Catholic School Leadership & all parishioners to participate in an assembly focusing upon parish & diocesan plans for 2015. This is an important occasion in responding to & developing ways of addressing the pressing pastoral concerns that face us as a Diocese. Contact Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or [darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au) further info. **RSVP: [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) by Wed 3 Sept 2014.**



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### **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.

### **ADULT STUDENTS' DISCUSSION GROUP FOR THEOLOGY.**

Are you undertaking a university degree or course in theology? Would you like to share your questions, reflections and insights with others doing similar study? We are looking to establish a 'Discussion Group for Students' who are studying theology and related disciplines (Liturgy, Scripture, Pastoral Care etc) as a way of offering support and encouragement on your journey. If you would be interested please contact Darren McDowell, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation, 4222 2463 or [cfl@dow.org.au](mailto:cfl@dow.org.au)

### **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.

**St Luke's Anglican Church Berry**, 68A Princess Street, Berry invites you to a Choral Evensong, *The Nature of God* Sun 24 Aug 2014 3pm. Ph: 4464 1058 /Email: [office@berry.anglican.asn.au](mailto:office@berry.anglican.asn.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.**

### **CATHOLIC MISSION: 'THE FRANCIS EFFECT'**

**COLLOQUIUM Thurs 25 September 2014 Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St, W'gong 9.00am – 3.30pm** Don't miss out on your chance to be a part of the one-day colloquium on how to incorporate Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium, Living the Joy of the Gospel* into our everyday life. We invite you to come in groups or an individual. Come along and be part of shaping our Church for our society today! Enquiries: David Harrison Diocesan Director [wollongong.director@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:wollongong.director@catholicmission.org.au) or 02 4222 2482

### **HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD?**

If it's God's plan for you, then it's the way you will find the deepest fulfilment. 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).

### **CatholicCARE Subsidised relationship counselling & education services now available.**

CatholicCare W'gong 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 please register or discuss the relationship support that best suits your needs. Call CatholicCare on 42271122. [www.catholiccare.dow.org.au](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au)

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

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