



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.

19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

10 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, Fri 3.30pm

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 **Cardinal Edward Clancy**, and **Liane Daws (U.K.)**. Also **Sister Margaret Whiting**, **John Joseph Bourke**, **Jack Silk**, **Sheila Bowden**, **Lilian Maguire**, **John & Kathleen Doran**, **Arthur & Eileen Doran** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastdays: Mon 11th St Clare
 Thurs 14th St Maximilian Mary Kolbe
Fri 15th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy day of Obligation

Vigil Masses (Thursday 14th)

Berry: 6.00pm Culburra: 5.30pm
Friday 15th.
 Nowra: 7.00am, 11.30am, 6.30pm
 Kangaroo Valley: 9.00am
 Vincentia: 8.00am and 6.00pm
 S'haven Hds: 3.30pm

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!

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Society Fundraising. Forms for recording names of those who are prepared to assist us with our annual doorknock appeal are now in Nowra and Bomaderry churches. We mostly need doorknockers, but if anyone feels unable to do this, an alternative is to sit in shopping centres. For non Nowra/Bomaderry parishioners who might like to assist, please contact Mary 4421 0717 or 0421834846. Dates are weekends of 23rd-24th and 30th-31st August. **We need your help!!**

INVITATION – St. John the Evangelist High School “G” Day. Grandparents, Guardians & Godparents of Yr 7 students are invited to Mass organised by Yr 7 in recognition & acknowledgement of the contribution these special people have made. Fri, 29 Aug, St John's School Hall, 10am-11am. Following Mass, tea/coffee/biscuits served near the school Chapel.

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, St.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 asap with Helen Bennett: helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 42222403.

CWL – NOWRA monthly meeting Tues 12 Aug, St. Michael's Parish Centre 'Polding Room', 9.30am morning tea, followed by meeting at 10am. Contact Judy 4421 8565.

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.**



HOLY SPIRIT SPRING FUN & FOOD FAIR ONLY 4 WEEKS TO GO! 6th September

If you would like to be a part of the fun, **VOLUNTEERS** are needed, especially **COORDINATOR for CRAFT STALL.** Please phone Judy 4441 7456 / Michael 4443 7732

Spiritual Reading Circle and the **Lectio Divina Sunday Readings Group** have commenced. The reading circle will meet fortnightly on Mondays from 8.45-10.15am. They will read, discuss and pray about the book: *Jesus and the Natural World - A Christian Approach to Ecology* by Father Denis Edwards an Australian diocesan priest and scholar. The **Sunday Readings Group** will meet at Culburra each Monday from 1.30-2.30pm. Both groups are being hosted graciously by various parishioners in their homes. We thank parishioners for supporting these two initiatives. Further information please contact: michael.dyer@dow.org.au or the parish office.

Calling the Christian Community to pray for Peace in Gaza

In union with Pope Francis, the Australian Bishops “call on parishioners to pray for peace and an end to the ongoing tragedy in the Middle East and Iraq. We offer our constant prayers for the innocent victims of the current conflicts and for an end to the continuing loss of life.” Archbishop Hart. Many Christian leaders have stated: “*Please do not see the conflict between Israel and Palestine as an inter-religious conflict, as between people of Jewish faith and of Islamic faith. The Christian leaders in Palestine have repeatedly told us that it's the occupation of the West Bank and the blockade of Gaza that is the reason for the lack of peace, not religious factors.*”

How can I know what path God is calling me to? Priesthood? Marriage? Religious Life? Single life? It can be difficult to know what God's plan is for us. A Men's Discernment Retreat is being held on the 13th-14th September, at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, 50 Abbotsford Road, Homebush. There will be talks from a Bishop, priests, a nun; chats with seminarians; Mass, spiritual direction, confession, quiet time for prayer, solitude and reflection. Contact Fr Duane for more info on duane@nowraparish.org.au, or RSVP Sister Anthony Mary RSM on 93905970 or sr.anthony.mary@sydneycatholic.org (there is no cost for the retreat, but RSVP is essential for catering purposes)



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Social Justice Group Kiama Parish: Feature film, “Girl Rising”, tells the stories of nine extraordinary girls born into unforgiving circumstances, exploring the power of an education to change a girl, change the world and to create a revolution. Directed by academy award nominee Richard E Robbins. Contributions by Meryl Streep, Cate Blanchett, Anne Hathaway. Come & be inspired! Sat 13 Sept, 6.30pm for 7pm film, Sts Peter & Paul school hall, Kiama. Cup of soup provided – pls bring own mug. Info: Gabrielle Fogarty 4232 2735 / Marie Milne 4232 1535.

Social Justice Group Kiama Parish is inviting you to join them in an initiative of the World Council of Churches “**In the shoes of another ... a Forty-day PILGRIMAGE OF JUSTICE, PEACE & ECOLOGY**”. An opportunity to actively show our support to help transform and bring about gradual change to local and global situations which demand our concern. Guest speaker, Arda Aghazarian, an Armenian Palestinian Christian from the Old City of Jerusalem. Fri 26 Sept, 7pm for 7.30 start, Sts Peter & Paul school hall, 98 Manning St Kiama.

Magnolia Cottage Adult Day Centre provides centre based respite for people living with memory loss, providing a break for their carer, or social interaction for those who are living alone. Groups operate 10am-2pm four days a week. Transport can be provided. Further info pls ring 44224161.

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 further info. **RSVP: helen.bennett@dow.org.au by Wed 3 Sept 2014.**

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.

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 **Smart Loving 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 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 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

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 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.

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

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.