



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.

23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

7 September

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 **Jean Walsh, Lillian Jean Tracey, and Marlene James.** Also **Athol Henry, Christopher Delaney, William John Wilson, Joyce Johnson, Emanuel & Carmen Abela** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastday: Mon 8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 13th St John Chrysostom



The Sacrament of First Reconciliation

will be celebrated in September as follows: Sept 9th (Tues) at **Berry** following the 5.30pm Mass, **Culburra** Sept 11th. (Thurs) following the 5.30pm Mass. **St Michael's Nowra:** Sept 16th (Tues) and 17th (Wed) at 7.00pm. **Vincentia:** Sept 8th (Mon) at 4.00pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Due to the students' Grade 1 Mass next Sunday 14 Sept., (9.30am Mass), there will be no Children's Liturgy that day.

INVITATION – **Sister Jeanie & Helpers** in the Shoalhaven Parish Disability Connections Program are invited to gather on Wed, 24 Sept, 12^{noon}-1.30^{pm} for prayer & luncheon in the Parish Centre, Polding Rm. **RSVP Wed 17 Sep, jeanieh@materdei.org.au** or Ph: 0405 158 763.

DIOCESAN CLERGY SUPPORT FUND – THE BISHOP'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL:

Again this year Bishop Ingham wishes to use Fathers' Day as the day on which there will be a **special collection to support the clergy of our Diocese.** The collection is a practical way to support our sick and retired clergy, and assist the work of promoting priestly vocations. All loose money in the 2nd Collection will go to this Appeal.



ST MICHAEL'S FEASTDAY: Parishioners are invited to gather at the Nowra Golf Club, Thurs 25 Sept, 6.30^{pm} for 7^{pm} to celebrate our parish Feastday. Guest speaker, **Alan Clark** (local historian; topic- the Shoalhaven –WW1). There will be a set menu; main meal & dessert \$22.50 pp, payable on the night. Please inform the Parish Office if you have dietary requirements. Please indicate your interest by inscribing your name on the sheet at the Church door, or calling the Parish Office on 4423 1712, to book.

INVITATION - **St. Michael's School Feast Day Mass** will be held Fri, 19 Sept 2014, 11.30^{am} in school hall. This year the Parents & Friends Association are celebrating their 50 yr anniversary & would be honoured if past & present members could attend. Following Mass, morning tea provided in Parish Centre.

CWL Nowra monthly meeting, Tues 9 Sept, St.Michael's Parish Centre 'Polding Room', 9.30am morning tea, followed by 10am meeting. Contact Judy 4421 8565.

CWL Nowra Branch: FASHION PARADE Presented by: B&M Fashion Culburra, **Sat 20 Sept, 10am** St Michael's Parish Hall, 30 North St Nowra. Admission \$8.00 includes Lucky door prize & morning tea. Contact: Theresa 4422 6878 or Judy 4421 8565.

CWL Nowra: Wedding Anniversary Mass & Luncheon. Special anniversaries (25th; 40th; 50th; 60th) will be celebrated on **Sat 18 Oct** at St Michael's Nowra. Mass at 10.30^{am} followed by luncheon in the School Hall. RSVP Judy 4421 8565 or Parish Office 4423 1712 by Fri 3rd Oct.

THE MALTESE COMMUNITY A concelebrated Mass on Tuesday, 16 Sept, 10.30am, at St Francis of Assisi Church, Flagstaff Rd, Warrawong. Afterwards, lunch at Illawarra Master Builders Club, Wollongong. RSVP for lunch on 4233 1960.

How can I know what path God is calling me to?



Priesthood? Marriage? Religious Life? Single life? A Men's Discernment Retreat is being held **NEXT WEEKEND**, 13th-14th September, at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, 50 Abbotsford Rd,

Homebush. Talks from a Bishop, priests, a nun; chats with seminarians; Mass, inputs, spiritual direction, confession, quiet time for prayer, and reflection. Contact Fr Duane for more info on duane@nowraparish.org.au, or RSVP Sr Anthony Mary RSM on 9390 5970 or sr.anthony.mary@sydneycatholic.org (no cost for the retreat, but RSVP is essential for catering purposes).

St Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank all who assisted us with our recent doorknock appeal. The final figure collected will be reported shortly. As a continuation of our fundraising, we wish to encourage parishioners to make use of the **Poor-Boxes** in our various Churches, which in recent times have been mostly neglected. At St Michael's we are using our collection buckets at each entrance which are to be emptied after every Mass.

Pope Francis to Fathers "Teach your children well!"



Reflecting on the vocation of St Joseph within the Holy Family, Pope Francis earlier this year spoke on the vital role of fathers within the family : the great mission to be guardians and protectors. Fathers are called to be teachers, and enablers of their children to grow in God's grace. Pope Francis said the vocation of fatherhood 'enabled fathers to impart various skills, the value of work to their children, reverence for the Lord, and fidelity and obedience to God's will.' May the fathers of the community be affirmed and respected in our society. May the Lord bless them and enable them to provide guidance and security for their children.

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. Directed by Richard E Robbins. Contributions by Meryl Streep, Cate Blanchett, Anne Hathaway. 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 invites 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"**. 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.

CATECHIST RETREAT Mon 20 October, Gerringong. All welcome. 9.30_{am}-2.30_{pm}. Enquiries: Lyn West 4423 1009.

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.

Smart Loving Marriage Seminar - Because Every Marriage Matters. **Wollongong Sep 20 & 21. Residential Retreat Nov 28-30**
You want your marriage to be the best ... committed, intimate, joyful & passionate. Presented in a Catholic context, the seminar is a private experience open to married couples of any faith. Proven results, private & confidential, spiritually sound. Bookings Essential. Meals included. Save \$200 with the Australian Government Stronger Relationship Trial Subsidy. www.smartloving.org
Ph: 02 9319 6280, info@marriageRC.org

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 10_{am}-2_{pm} four days a week. Transport can be provided. Further info pls ring 4422 4161.

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. 4,11,18 Sept. Fee: \$10 per session.

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.**

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 & supported environment. 68 Shoalhaven St Nowra. Fridays: 12 Sept. 10am-12.30pm. No Fee.

DIOCESAN CHOIR - ALL CHORISTERS INVITED In preparation for the Significant Anniversaries Mass at **St John Vianney Co-Cathedral on Sat 21 Sept**, 2.00pm and Bishop Peter's Jubilee Mass at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Fri 26 Sept** at 5.30pm.

Diocesan Choir rehearsals in September are:-

- 6.30pm Sept 9 & 17 & 1.00pm Sept 21 - all rehearsals at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral Fairy Meadow
- 6.30pm Sept 23 & 25 & 4.30pm Sept 26 - all rehearsals at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, W'gong (Programs to follow). To register for the Diocesan Choir, go to <http://www.liturgydow.org.au/diocesan-choir.html> or contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403, helen.bennett@dow.org.au.

INTRODUCTION TO PASTORAL CARE WORKSHOP
Thurs 18 Sept, 9:30-3:30pm, Xavier Conference Ctre, 38 Harbour St W'gong Pastoral Care is a way of responding to the invitation of Jesus to *"Love one another as I have loved you"* (John 13:34). This Introduction to Pastoral Care is an opportunity to visit people who are aged in nursing homes or in their own homes. More info: Carmen Karauda, Diocesan Aged Care Advocate Ph: 4640 8515 or 0448 930 287 Email Carmen.Karauda@catholiccare.dow.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – 90YR CELEBRATION
Sat 27 Sept, St Francis Xavier Cathedral, W'gong 10:30am-11:30am Come and celebrate 90 years of the St Vincent de Paul Society in the Diocese of Wollongong. Contact Teresa Harm 4627 9177 or teresah@svdpwgong.org.au

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC/CHRISTIAN RADIO PROGRAM This week on "The Journey" Catholic Radio Program which airs on 7 September, Trish McCarthy will have some brilliant tips for living well according to the Scriptures, hot on the Heels of her return from a stint of evangelisation in the South Pacific. Also we will have the debut of Fr Michael Fallon on the show. Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sun at 11am, repeated Wed 10pm or listen in via podcast anytime at www.radio.dow.org.au

Praying our Sunday Scriptures by LECTIO DIVINA. NOWRA GROUP meet Thursdays 7-8pm, St. Michael's Parish Centre. **CULBURRA GROUP** meet Mondays 1-2pm. Please consider joining this weekly group. *All welcome.* Further info please contact: Michael Dyer, michael.dyer@dow.org.au or the parish office 4423 1712