



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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
21 September 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 and 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 **Annie Kelton** (Requiem Mass at St Michael's Tuesday 11.a.m.). Also those whose anniversaries occur: **Ray Abood, Jack Ison, Bill Harris, Fr John Ward and Ted Goswell.** *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastday: Tues 23rd St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina
Sat 27th St Vincent de Paul

CHILDREN'S LITURGY, during Sunday, 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.

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: Michael Dyer, michael.dyer@dow.org.au or the parish office 4423 1712.

NOWRA FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE invites you to the Annual General Meeting, Wed 22 Oct, 10.30am at Cottage 1/80 Park Rd, East Nowra. For catering pls RSVP by Wed 15 Oct on 4421 5499 or nowrafs@shoalhaven.net.au

ST MICHAEL'S FEASTDAY: Our Parish social evening is this Thursday 25 Sept 6.30pm at the Nowra Golf Club. If you are attending please inscribe your name on the sheet at the Church door, or call the Parish Office **by Monday** on 4423 1712. There will be a set menu; main meal & dessert \$22.00 pp, payable by cash or cheque on the night, at the club door **or** by calling into the Parish Office. Please inform the Parish Office if you have dietary requirements.



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 10.30am followed by luncheon in the School Hall. RSVP Judy 4421 8565 or Parish Office 4423 1712 by Fri 3rd Oct.

Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo Parish Retreat Day/s: "Come; let us go up to the mountain of the Lord [...] that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." (Isaiah 2:3) Sr Sue Barker and Mr Michael Dyer (seminarian) invite you to attend a day of reflection and prayer at Jamberoo Abbey on Friday 3 Oct or Monday 8 Dec. Depart St. Michael's 7.45am Return 4.45pm. Car pooling is planned. Please BYO lunch, a morning tea treat to share and a small financial donation for the Abbey. RSVP the parish office or email: michael.dyer@dow.org.au



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. *Children attending the State Schools in Year 4 and over, who have already been to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, are advised that preparation for First Holy Communion will commence in October for six sessions, as follows: Berry; Tues 7 Oct, 4-5pm, Nowra; Wed 8 Oct, 4-5pm, Culburra; Thurs 9 Oct, 4-5pm, Vincentia; Mon 13 Oct, 4-5pm.* You may collect letters with this information in the Sacristy after Mass. Catechist please advise the Parish Office as soon as possible of the approx. number in each school who are interested. *Thank you, Fr. Pat.*

Shoalhaven Parish Disability Connections Program prayer & luncheon with Sr Jeanie & Helpers this Wed, 24 Sept, 12noon – 1.30 in the Parish Centre, Polding Room.

HOLY SPIRIT, Vincentia: GROUP SINGING PRACTICE. Calling for singers to come and practise at Holy Spirit Church, on Mondays 3pm, commencing Mon 22 Sept. We are preparing for Advent and Christmas. *Please come along – you are most welcome.*

HOLY SPIRIT Date for your diary Friday 3rd Oct, 10am MORNING TEA & TRIVIA in Church hall.

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal Doorknock. The result of this year's doorknock was a little under \$11,000, which is about \$500 less than last year. Many thanks to all those who participated. Hopefully we will have many more next year. The local community is mostly supportive and generous. We just need people to help us knock on more doors. *Thank you.*

It is now one year on since our delightful Sesquicentenary of the Parish last September. It is an appropriate time once again to remind parishioners and visitors of our special publication of our Parish History – '**A Faithful People**' still available, which tells something of the story of our Parish and each community, as well as some of our parishioners, organisations and groups. Over the next two weeks as we celebrate the Feast of St Michael Sept 29th there is a special offer that your cannot refuse of '**A Faithful People**' \$15 per copy at each of our Churches..

ST.MICHAEL'S Playgroup: Mondays, commencing 13 Oct. Held in the school hall foyer from 9am. *All welcome.* Contact Frances 0413 539 370 or Sophie 0439 018 374

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick within Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Berry on Tuesday October 21st at 10.30.a.m. Parishioners of all regions of the parish are most welcome.

Each Sunday on ABC(1) TV. there is along running half hour programme – **Songs of Praise (BBC).** The quality of Hymn singing is generally excellent; a very uplifting programme for the sick or house-bound

We congratulate **Stephen Varney** on his ordination to the Diaconate for the Diocese of Wollongong, on Saturday. We pray that the Lord will abundantly bless Stephen on his journey to priesthood.



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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
21 September 2014

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 starts**, Sts. Peter & Paul School Hall, 98 Manning St Kiama.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – Sunday 28th September

In the Social Justice statement for 2014-15 the Catholic bishops of Australia encourage all Australians to rejoice in the physical capabilities that God has given us, to use them fairly and to challenge any practices that undermine good sportsmanship. The statement titled: "**A Crown for Australia: Striving for the Best in Our Sporting Nation**" celebrates the gifts that sport brings to our country and encourages all that is best in it. It also challenges the darker side of sport: violence on and off the field; abuse of drugs; racism; sexism and commercial exploitation. The statement invites us to look at the place of sport in our lives. It encourages us to ensure that sport can thrive and nourish our society and challenges us to confront the influences that undermine or distort its ideals. The statement and further resources can be downloaded from www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – 90 YEAR CELEBRATION Saturday 27 September St Francis Xavier Cathedral 10:30am-11:30am

Come and celebrate 90 years of the St Vincent de Paul Society in the Diocese of Wollongong. Information contact Teresa Harm 4627 9177 or teresah@svdpwgong.org.au

CATHOLIC MISSION AN EVENING WITH SR TERESIA:

Friday 3 Oct, 7:15pm (for 7:30pm start), Xavier Centre (next to Cathedral) 38 Harbour St, W'gong. To celebrate World Mission Month you are warmly invited to an evening with Catholic Mission's special guest from Jamaica, Sr Teresia Tinanisolo, a Fijian Marist Missionary Sister – who has dedicated her life to reach out and offer life-saving spiritual and practical support to the people of Mount Salem – one of Jamaica's most dangerous communities. RSVP David Harrison 0449 716 363 *Email:* wollongong.director@catholicmission.org.au

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING Friday 10 October for the Synod on the Family. The Bishops of Australia invite us all to pray earnestly for the Synod on the Family taking place in Rome 5th-19th October, and especially to join in a National Day of Prayer & Fasting on Fri 10 Oct.

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

Smart Loving Marriage Seminar - Because Every Marriage Matters. **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 – 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. Six Fridays: 10, 24 Oct, 7, 21 Nov, 5 & 19 Dec. 10am-12.30pm. No Fee.

CatholicCARE – Keeping Kids in Mind A post-separation parenting workshop. Learn how to deal more effectively with the emotional and practical issues of parenting after separation. Five Thursdays, 23, 30 Oct, 6, 13, 20 Nov 10am-12.30pm, 55 Worrigeer St, Nowra.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC/CHRISTIAN RADIO PROGRAM This week on "The Journey" which airs on 21 September, the Pirolas talk about avoiding accumulated hurts and Fr Graham Schmitzer reflects on the Gospel of Matthew. We also hear from Trish McCarthy in her Milk and Honey segment and Sam Clear in Walking the Walk. 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

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.**