



**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.

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**  
**5<sup>th</sup> October 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 8.00am ( Public holiday)  
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 **Vincent Sammut, Mary (Mollie) Tierney, Peter Meharg (St G.Basin) and Drew Lintern**- Moss Vale-(grandson of Ron & Meg Rice). Also **Tony Russell, Daphne Fossey, Helen Power, Charles Portelli, and Reg Bennett**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**Feastday: Oct 7<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Our Lady of the Rosary.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**, will recommence next Sunday 12 Oct, 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.

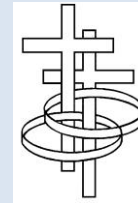
**MORNING TEA:** Next Sunday 12 Oct, after 9.30am Mass Nowra. Gather at the Parish Centre. *All parishioners welcome.*

**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.



**HOUSE CLEANER:** A Parishioner urgently looking for work, and within walking distance Nowra CBD. Please call **Philomena 0416 889 945**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October has been designated as A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING for the Synod on the Family.** This proposal is part of a prayer campaign for the success of the Synod and begins with the distribution of prayer cards at parish Masses on Sunday 5 October, the opening day of the Synod. Chairman of the Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life, Bishop Eugene Hurley of Darwin, said this day of prayer and fasting is an ideal way for parish communities, institutes of consecrated life, associations and movements in Australia to pray for the success of the Synod. The Pontifical Council for the Family states *"It is evident that the social and spiritual crisis of today's world has an impact on family life and creates a situation of genuine pastoral urgency, which justifies the convocation of an Extraordinary General Assembly. "The family is seen in an ideal embrace between the Extraordinary Synod of October 2014 and the General Synod of 2015. This is an original approach that involves and calls on people and entities in the Church and beyond. In the choice of the family, with its new challenges and great resources, the Church breathes deeply, for herself and for the whole of humanity."*



**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 this week for six sessions, as follows:

**Berry; Tues 7 Oct, 4 - 5pm. Nowra; Wednesday 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. *Catechists please advise the Parish Office as soon as possible of the approx. number in each school who are interested. Thank you, Fr. Pat.*

**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 10 Oct, 7.15-9.15pm.

**HOLY SPIRIT, Vincentia: SUPER RAFFLE** 10 PRIZES – dinner vouchers donated & remaining after Fair. Purchase tickets before/after Sat. & Sun. Masses. Drawn Sunday after 9.30am Mass.

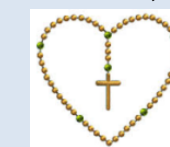
**Praying the Liturgy of the Hours:** Various parishioners have expressed an interest in learning more about how to pray the Liturgy of the Hours aka the Prayer of the Church and The Divine Office. Please register your interest in participating in a workshop about how to pray the Liturgy of the Hours meaningfully. A suitable venue and date of the workshop will be notified. Email [michael.dyer@dow.org.au](mailto:michael.dyer@dow.org.au) or call parish office 4423 1712

**CWL Nowra: Wedding Anniversary Mass & Luncheon.** Special anniversaries (25<sup>th</sup>; 40<sup>th</sup>; 50<sup>th</sup>; 60<sup>th</sup>) 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.

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** within Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Berry on Tuesday 21 Oct at 10.30am. Parishioners of all regions of the parish are most welcome. Please bring a plate to share for lunch.

Mubarak Hano, 74, and his wife Agnese, 68, come from the Iraqi city of **Qaqraqosh**, which was formerly known as the Christian capital of the country. They married in 1965 and have 10 children – one of whom is a priest – and 12 grandchildren. This elderly couple who lost everything after fleeing their home due to ISIS violence met with Pope Francis on Sunday, saying the encounter gave them hope because they know they are not alone.

**OCTOBER, the MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY.....** we



are reminded of the importance of uniting our prayers with the Mother of God and conforming ourselves to Christ as revealed in the mysteries of His life. We grow in our appreciation of Christ through meditating on these mysteries. We do, however, need

to be careful that our prayer does not become wordy and mechanical. *Without contemplation, the Rosary is a body without a soul.*..... Pope Paul VI.



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**CCD SPRING CATECHIST RETREAT DAY** Theme: **the Joy of the Gospel. Illawarra-Shoalhaven Monday 20 Oct**, St Mary's Star of the Sea, Gerringong 10am - 2pm. No cost for the day. Morning tea provided but we ask that you bring a packed lunch. Come along for some time out to refresh your body and soul. Register with Cindy Oliver on 4640 8550 or email [cindy.oliver@woll.catholic.org.au](mailto:cindy.oliver@woll.catholic.org.au)

**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](mailto:nowrafs@shoalhaven.net.au)

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

**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](http://www.smartloving.org) Ph: 02 9319 6280, [info@marriageRC.org](mailto: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<sub>am</sub>-2<sub>pm</sub> four days a week. Transport can be provided. Further info 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.

**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.**