



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.

33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year A
16th November 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. 9.00.a.m. 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.

Feastdays: Mon. 17th Nov. St Elizabeth of Hungary.
 Fri 21st The Presentation of Our Lady.
 Sat 22nd. St Cecilia- patroness of music.

We prayerfully remember parishioners who died over the past week: **Ola Woods, Carmel Barry, Lila Schipp, and Margaret Martin.** Also **Tim Wiley, Jane McBeath, Will & Lies Siero, Kevin Hereward, Dave Sherry, and Molly Cloran,** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Every 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.

ST. MICHAEL'S Cuppa & Play: held in the school hall foyer every Monday from 9am. *All welcome.* Any donations of toys would be greatly appreciated. Contact Frances 0413 539 370 or Sophie 0439 018 374.

Do you consider yourself "new" to the Parish? Please introduce yourselves to us! Blue cards are now available at the doors of each Church, for any new parishioners to fill in your details. These cards also provide the option of requesting a visit from members of the Parish. We hope you quickly feel at home here!

First Holy Communion on Sunday next November 23rd – Feast of Christ the King.

Over eighty children will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday next throughout the parish. A very sincere thank you to our teachers and Catechists who have prepared the children with such diligence. Parishioners at St Michael's who are not directly involved with First Holy Communion are asked to attend a Mass other than the 9.30.am on Sunday next which will be the First Communicants Mass, and will in fact be very full. There is also a First Holy Communion Mass at 11.30.a.m. We apologise for any inconvenience.



CWL Nowra Branch Christmas Raffle – tickets will be on sale at all Masses on 22nd, 23rd and 29th, 30th November.

White Ribbon Day - ribbons will be distributed at all Masses in the Parish this weekend to raise awareness of domestic violence towards women.

CULBURRA FAMILY GROUP: The next function for the Culburra Family Group will be attending the *Wizard of Oz* at the Nowra Entertainment Centre **this Sunday 16 November.** Please meet at the Entertainment Centre at **1.30pm.**

ADVENT RETREAT DAY – Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo.

Awaiting gold, frankincense and myrrh: "Opening their treasure-chests, they offered him..." (Mt 2:2,10). An INVITATION to a Parish Advent Retreat Day at the Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo on Monday, 8 Dec. Depart St. Michael's 7.30am; return 4.45pm. Facilitators: Sr Sue Barker and Mr Michael Dyer. Transport: car pooling. Information / or to register contact parish office 4423 1712 or email: smbarker@hotmail.net.au

SPIRITUAL READING CIRCLE: A new spiritual reading circle will form during December. Book possibilities include: *Dangerous Memories: A Mosaic of Mary in Scripture* by Elizabeth Johnson or *"Breath of Life": A Theology of Creator Spirit* by Denis Edwards. Both authors are renowned theologians and reader friendly ones. If interested please REGISTER with parish office or michael.dyer@dow.org.au

REDEEM – DAILY ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS 2014

– This booklet is a beautiful Diocesan production. Copies are available at each of our Churches this week-end at just \$1.50 per copy. As in past years this is an excellent way to prayerfully participate in the Liturgical Season.

Congratulations and our prayerful best wishes to Fr Michael Williams, Parish Priest of Camden, who is celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his priestly ordination this week-end. Michael served in the Nowra Parish for a total of six years, one year as deacon, and as the resident priest in Vincentia from 1993-1995.

Taize Prayer evening: St. Patrick's Church Berry on Friday, 28th November, 7:30pm. Supper following prayer. "Taize is an ecumenical sung and silent participatory prayer service designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song and silence."

Accommodation needed ~16 year old from St John The Evangelist High School Nowra looking for share accommodation in Nowra. Able to look after herself and pay rent. Please contact Fr Duane for more details, on 4423 1712 or duane@nowraparish.org.au

End of Year Catechists' Mass with Morning Tea: Monday, 1st December, 9.30am. I would be grateful if Catechists could try to provisionally estimate class numbers for 2015. Please pass those numbers on to the Catechetical coordinator at the local School, or ring them through to the Parish Office. Thank you. P.J.F.

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP was installed as the ninth



Archbishop of Sydney during a solemn Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, on Wed 12 November. As well as the many Australian Bishops who concelebrated the Mass, there were bishops from overseas, priests of the Archdiocese of Sydney and of other dioceses and religious congregations. For the first time in the long history of the Cathedral, both parents of the new Archbishop witnessed the ceremony. Archbishop Fisher, 54, has admitted to being "excited, daunted and intimidated" by the role. We pray that the Lord will guide him and prosper his pastoral ministry.



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Catechist needed as soon as possible for Cambewarra Primary School on Wednesday afternoons. Please phone Anne – 0432 557 681 or Parish Office 4423 1712.

Berry Hospital, 'Karinya' ~ Christmas Carols. Would you like to join in the singing of carols for patients? Tues, 23 Dec, 10am. Pls call Eric Bate 0434 848 945.

CatholicCare: Community Visitors Scheme. Can you listen with patience & understanding? CatholicCare is in urgent need of you to visit at a local aged care home. This is a program for residents in aged care who experience loneliness and social isolation. You would be matched with a resident to provide regular companionship of one hour per week or fortnight for a chat, read, play cards, or walk. Contact Nicolle 0418 483 413 for more info.

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 4422 4161.

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.

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 Worrige St, Nowra.