



**St Michael's Parish**, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: [office@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:office@nowraparish.org.au)

**Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE**

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.

**23rd 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 24<sup>th</sup> St Andrew Dung Lac

We prayerfully remember **Craig Worth** who died this past week. Also **Geoff Wilkins, Richard Brown, and Frank Hall** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Next Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> Nov) 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.* Grateful thanks for the many donations of toys which have been received. Contact Frances 0413 539 370 or Sophie 0439 018 374.

**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH, Culburra ~ Christmas Raffle.** Please leave donations at the church. *Thank you.*

**Taize Prayer evening: St. Patrick's Church Berry on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 7:30pm. All are cordially invited**

**REDEEM – Daily Advent-Christmas Reflections –** Diocesan production. Copies are available at each of our Churches this week-end at just \$1.50 per copy.

**First Holy Communion this Sunday - November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Feast of Christ the King.**



Eighty-six children throughout the parish will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time on this the Feast of Christ the King. A very sincere thank you to all parents for supporting your children in their preparation. A special thank you to our Teachers and Catechists who have prepared the children with such diligence. At St Michael's Jayne Willshire, Anne Dempsey, Fran Tyler, Paul Brodie (REC), and Francene Devoy (Music), Catechists: Rickie Gilligan, (Nowra) Greg Troy (Berry), Jeanette Easton (Culburra) Carmel and Philip Hurrell (Vincentia), Mark Fuller (St.John's) also Bernice Royston, Maree McMillan, and Alecia Longford for their work in preparing the Hall and transforming it into an appropriate sacred environment.

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

**CWL Bay & Basin Christmas raffle** ~ tickets on sale at Saturday 6pm Mass. Also at 6pm Mass Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. & 6th Dec. Again at 9.30am Mass Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. & 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. *Raffle will be drawn after Sunday Mass on 30<sup>th</sup> Dec.*

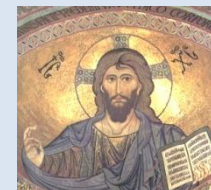
**End of Year Catechists' Mass** with Morning Tea: Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 9.30am

**ADVENT RETREAT DAY – Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo.** 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](mailto: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":. If interested please REGISTER with parish office or [michael.dyer@dow.org.au](mailto:michael.dyer@dow.org.au)

**The Feast of Christ the King**

is appropriately placed as the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year in the revised Church Calendar. As well as being a Feast of magnificent vision and challenge – as described in the Preface "***an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace***" it also puts before us in summary the ultimate goal of the Mission of Jesus and His Church. We pray that we might be numbered among the blessed in the Kingdom of God.



The Feast came on to the Church's Calendar in December 1925- and was promulgated by Pope Pius XI. As a papal nuncio/delegate in Eastern Europe, he had first hand experience of the impact of the First World War, with an estimated 16 million having died as a result of the War. The Feast was and is intended to be a rallying **Call**, to focus on the Person of Christ, the dignity and destiny of the human person and also has a very significant social message.

On the last day of the Church's year we are challenged by Christ our King to give our true allegiance to what really matters. Not ambition, greed, status and power, but the quiet revolutionary work of making the world a more just, compassionate and peaceful place for everyone to live

**SACRED HEART CHURCH, Bomaderry ~ Piety Stall.** If you would like a Daily Mass Book for 2015 (\$24), please see Suzie Alamango after 9.30am Mass on Sunday at Bomaderry, or call 4448 6219. First Holy Communion, Advent & Christmas items are also available at the stall & by special order.

**DRIVE FOR COPIES OF Reader's Digest MAGAZINES.** Year 7 students at St John the Evangelist High School will be involved in some Christmas craft in the coming weeks and need old copies of *Reader's Digest* magazines. Please drop them into St John's High School or St Michael's Parish Centre. *Thank you.*



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As in past years this is an excellent way to prayerfully participate in the Liturgical Season.

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**Taize Prayer evening: St. Patrick's Church Berry on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> 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."

**End of Year Catechists' Mass** with Morning Tea: Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

**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](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.

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.

**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!