



St Michael's Parish, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: office@nowraparish.org.au

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1st Sunday of Advent (Sun B Cycle, Weekday 1)

30th 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: Please note Monday 9.30am

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: Wed, 3rd St. Francis Xavier

We prayerfully remember **Veneta Cummins, Joe Fernandez** (Fr Duane's uncle), **Jan Schaefer, and Toni Grant** who died this past week. Also **Maurie Hanley, Krystyn "Krysia" Brimmer, Peter Paul Fernando, Erna Silk** (Canberra), **Margaret Pryde** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace*



NEW ROSTERS Readers & Cleaners, Nowra available for collection in the Churches. Please consider our environment by providing your email to Wendy at: pwreid25@yahoo.com.au for easy distribution of future rosters.

FIRST SATURDAY MARIAN DEVOTIONS December 6th: 9am Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction at 10.30am. Morning tea and a short talk by Fr. Duane follows in the Parish Centre.

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.

End of Year Catechists' Mass with Morning Tea: Monday, 1st December, 9.30am. At this Mass we will formally acknowledge Lyn West's years as our parish Catechists' Co-ordinator, as Lyn is now retiring. This will also be an opportunity for those who have worked as Catechists with Lyn over many years to express their appreciation.



It will also be an appropriate time to meet our new Catechists' Coordinator- Frances Fairs, who is keen to get to know all of you good Catechists. It is hoped that a member of the Diocesan CCD team will be present so as to offer Catechists an opportunity to express some of their needs and aspirations. 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.

CWL Bay & Basin Christmas Raffle ~ tickets on sale at Vigil Masses and Sunday Masses. Raffle will be drawn after 9.30am Mass, 7th Dec.

CWL Bay & Basin branch next meeting: Thursday 4th Dec. Meet at 12noon in the hall for lunch, followed by the meeting at 1pm. Contact Fay 4443 2837.

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

HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNITY VINCENTIA CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA PARTY in hall **Friday 5th Dec 10am -12.** Invitation to all! Treats to share would be appreciated. If transport is required please phone Judy 4441 7456.

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

SVdP Society ~ Annual Christmas Appeal will be held over the weekend of 6th & 7th Dec. *Your support would be very much appreciated.*

ADVENT reflection group: A small group of parishioners are meeting weekly for the next three weeks to reflect on the Advent Scripture readings and the mystery of God's Incarnation in the light of our new understanding of creation. Venue: 4/7 Carross Place, Worrigeer. Wednesdays 3rd, 10th & 17th Dec. 1.30 -3.00pm. Six places available. Ring Patricia Bourke 4421 0112.

REDEEM – DAILY ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS 2014 –. Copies are available at each of our Churches this week-end at just \$1.50 per copy.

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. If interested please REGISTER with parish office or michael.dyer@dow.org.au

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

We Welcome, at 9.30 am Sunday Mass Karen Sewell and Angela Mouawad into full membership of our Catholic community. Karen & Angela are already baptized and have been meeting with our RCIA team for six months preparing for this special occasion. Karen will make her commitment to our Catholic faith, then she and Angela will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and be welcomed to the Eucharistic table for the first time. Let us support them with our prayers and our warm welcome.

Pope Francis delivered back-to-back speeches during the week to the European Parliament and the Council of Europe (approx 750 members). His message was direct: "A Europe which is no longer open to the transcendent dimension of life is a Europe which risks slowly losing its own soul and that "humanistic spirit" which it still loves and defends..."...the continental drive toward unity seem to have been replaced by "the bureaucratic technicalities of its institutions." **"Where is that idealism that inspired and ennobled your history?"**





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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.

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.

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.

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!

DIocese of WOLLONGONG - THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC/CHRISTIAN RADIO PROGRAM

This week on “The Journey” which airs on 30 November & 3 December, we have a Gospel reflection from Mark Chapter 13; we hear some great music and we hear from Marilyn Rodriguez in her segment “The Peaceful Parent” reflecting on “Having a Team Behind You”. 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

CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL LITURGY – NOW OPEN

It is with great pleasure we seek expressions of interest for enrolment in the Certificate in Pastoral Liturgy commencing in Feb 2015. This course provides practical knowledge, skills and approaches, in liturgy for people who take active roles in preparing, coordinating and leading liturgy and liturgical music in parish and school. This course is modelled on the Certificate of Pastoral Liturgy previously offered through the Catholic Institute of Sydney. Enquiries, or to enrol in the course contact Darren McDowell, 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au

POSITION VACANT: DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR.

The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong is seeking applications from suitably qualified and motivated persons for the position of Youth Ministry Coordinator for the Diocese. The position is located in Wollongong and requires the ability to travel around the Diocese. Applicants should have a proven ability in providing support for and development of a youth ministry integrated into the life of parish and school communities. They should demonstrate a commitment to the mission of the Catholic Church. It is essential that applicants possess Page 4 experience in Church ministry and some tertiary qualifications relevant to the position are preferable. The position is full-time with some work required at nights and over weekends. Applications need to be submitted by close of business Friday 5 Dec 2014. For a copy of the position description, please contact Richard McMahon on (02) 4222 2464 or 0437 497 526 or richard.mcmahon@dow.org.au