



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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT -Yr B 8th March 2015

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. 7.00am and 11.30am, Sat. 9.00am.
Berry: Tues. 5.30pm.
Culburra: Thursday 5.30pm.
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00am, Tues/Wed 5.30pm
Kangaroo Valley: Mon/Tues/Thurs 9am, Wed 7am.
Shoalhaven Heads: Community Hall, Fri 3.30pm
Confession / Reconciliation
Nowra: Sat 9.30am–10.30am and 5.00-5.30pm
Culburra: Sat 5.30pm
Vincentia: Sat 5.00–5.30pm

SVdP Rosary: Tues 9.30am, St Michael's Church.
 All welcome.

We prayerfully remember, **Doris Bennett, Bernard Weir, Patricia Kennelly**, who died this week. Also **Jim Dempsey** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.



St. Michael's Cuppa & Play: school hall foyer every Monday 9am-10.30am. Parents please bring a snack for your child, if required. Tea/coffee/biscuits available for parents. Gold coin donation appreciated. *All welcome.* Contact: Tracey 0412 462 140.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

NOWRA: Fridays 7.00pm.
CULBURRA: Wed. 6.00 pm.
VINCENTIA: Fridays of Lent, after the 8.00am. Mass

CHOIR Practice in preparation for Holy Week and Easter ceremonies will be 12th, 19th, 26th March *All most welcome.*

The Second Rite of Reconciliation at St Michael's– Thursday March 26th at 7.00pm.

CATECHISTS: Level 1 course starts this **Tues 10 March**, 9:30am in the **Berry Centre** for all new Catechists or Catechists wanting a refresher in *Classroom Management* and *Child Protection*. This first session of five is recommended to Catechists who have not covered these important topics in 2 years. The other four sessions, at St. Michael's Parish Centre, March 17, 24, 31 & April 14. Please bring own lunch, morning tea provided.

WANTED: We are in need of a Catechist to teach Kindergarten, Nowra on Wednesdays and another for the small number of Catholic children at Falls Creek on Thursdays. Please contact Frances at the Parish Centre if you can help.

CWL Nowra ~ monthly meeting, **Tues 10 March**, 9.30am morning tea, followed by Meeting at 10am in Parish Centre. Contact: Judy 4421 8565.

Parent Sacramental Meetings:

(These Meetings apply to parents of children at the Catholic and Government Schools)



Reconciliation- (Government Schools- Children Year 3 and upward) Wed March 18th. St Michael's Hall – 7.00pm (Parents only).

First Holy Communion : Wed. March 25th. at St Michael's Hall .

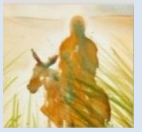
7.00pm. (Parents only)

The Bay and Basin region will make local arrangements, which will be communicated to the families.

St Vincent de Paul Society Annual Charity Dinner. Friday 1st May – keep the date! The Society's annual dinner keeps improving. Come along and enjoy a real fun evening, includes 3 course meal, entertainment, raffles, auctions, etc. Tickets only \$60. All proceeds to go towards our local homeless services. Blue coloured invites are available in all our churches. If more required, please contact Ivor on 4421 0929

HOLY SPIRIT VINCENTIA Parish Auxiliary meeting, Sat 14 March at 1pm in the Church Hall. *All welcome.* Contact: Sharon Johnson 0431 457 441.

“ARISE” ~ LENT 2015 ~ We are now half way through our program and the details for our Parish Paschal Meal are as follows: Please give your numbers to Bernie (see below) by Mon 23 March.



Help to set up the hall on the day; Palm Sunday 29 March, 10.30am -1pm. Everyone welcome, especially the children. Enquire: Francene 4421 5962, Tina 4422 9250, Bernie 4421 2968. **Reminder to group leaders** : please send money for Lenten programs to Parish Office asap.

SAVE THE DATE: St. John the Evangelist Catholic High School 25th Anniversary Celebrations, Sat 23 May, 4pm Open School, 6.00pm The Jubilee Mass in School Hall, 7.30pm An Evening of Celebration in E Block. 1990-2015 Celebrating 25 years of quality Catholic Education in the Shoalhaven.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2016 ~ St. Michael's Catholic Primary School. Applications for enrolment of Children in 2016 are now being accepted. Enrolment packages available from school office. Phone 4421 3630, Ms Sue Easter. Enrolment interviews with School Principal, Mr Chris Paton & Parish Priest Fr Pat Faherty held 2nd May. **Open Day (children welcome), Tues 10 March 9.30am-11. Open Evening, Thur 12 March 7pm-8pm.**

Mother Ruth Scholarship Fund ~**Theatre Gala Night “The Book of Everything” Wed 11 March 7.30pm**, Nowra Players Theatre, Bomaderry. Tickets \$35, includes Champagne on arrival and extended interval supper. Further information contact Denise Jones on 0419 248 889.

Mass For The Unborn As part of the forty days for life, a Mass will be celebrated for the unborn on **Wednesday 18 March, 8 am at Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama.** During this Mass we will pray for all expectant mothers, that all babies in their mother's womb be loved and cared for, that doctors and medical staff will always work to preserve life especially that of the unborn and for parents whose unborn babies have died in-utero. We present all unborn babies to God the Most High especially those who have died before birth.



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THE ABBEY Jamberoo: Position Vacant – COOK (Weekends only). Ability to cook for large numbers a necessity (ie 25 – 60 people). Please contact: Sr Agnes 4236 0628, The Abbey 695 Mountain Road Jamberoo.

St. Vincent de Paul ~ Piety Stall (Berry St, Nowra) is well worth a look for your religious gifts. Items can also be ordered from the catalogue in store. Ph: 4421 7244.

Lay Missionaries of Charity ~ SOUP KITCHEN

Help needed: Commencing approx. March for Friday lunch. If unable to volunteer your time on the day any monetary donations or home produce are most welcome. Cooking/serving/cleaning up ~ any time shared is sincerely appreciated. Call: Shannon Chittick 0414 521 404 / Sue Hill 4447 3197.

ANZAC DAY ~ Please consider joining us for our parish visit to **the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Albatross**. The Museum Director, Mr Terry Hetherington, has generously offered us the opportunity on Sunday, March 15th. Parishioners who wish to participate please contact the parish office by Feb 25th. (Admission \$10). Meet at the Museum by 11.30am for the inspection, followed by lunch at the Museum -approx. \$10

CatholicCare: Poppy Playgroup ~ For mothers with mental health issues, and their children age 0-5 yrs. At *Poppy* you can play with your children, enjoy the company of other parents & explore different parenting issues in a relaxed & supported environment. Five Friday mornings 10am-12.30pm. 30 Jan; 13, 27 Feb; 13 & 27 March at CatholicCare, 68 Shoalhaven St, Nowra. Cost: No Fee. Bookings: 4421 8248

CatholicCare: Rollercoasters 8-12 yrs. An 8 week program developed to assist children who are experiencing parental separation, divorce, or parents who have re-partnered. *Rollercoaster* helps children to understand change and loss; develop strategies for anger management & problem solving. Eight Thursday afternoons 4pm-5pm. 12, 19, 26 Feb, and 5,12,19,26 March, and 2 April. CatholicCare, 68 Shoalhaven St, Nowra. Cost: \$15 per session, per family.

CatholicCare: 123 Magic & Emotion Coaching ~ This time tested workshop provides easy to follow steps for disciplining children aged 2-12 years without yelling, arguing or hitting. Three Tuesday mornings 11.30am-1.30pm. 17,24 & 31 March. Sanctuary Point Connect, Sanctuary Point Primary School, Idlewild Ave, Sanctuary Point. Fee: \$15 per session. Bookings: 4421 8248