



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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT -Yr B 22nd 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

Wednesday March 25th: The Feast of the Annunciation.

We prayerfully remember, the recently deceased: **Marjorie Hopley, Paul Wilkins** (Lillian's son who died in Victoria), **Fr Maurice Rosa, Kit Durongpisitkul**, (Fr Duane's uncle), **Maureen Gibson** and **Leigh Collin**. Also **John O'Shaunnessy, Nadine Alamango, Phyl Lake, Kevin McBeath** and **James Thomas Fryer**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

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



CHOIR Practice in preparation for Holy Week and Easter ceremonies. Thurs 26th March, 5.30pm at St Michael's .

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.

The Second Rite Of Reconciliation

Pope Francis speaks frequently of the importance of the Sacrament of Penance-Reconciliation.

He practises what he preaches:

Acknowledging a popular objection to the Sacrament, Pope Francis noted, "someone can say, 'I confess my sins only to God.' Yes, you can say to God, 'forgive me,' and say your sins. But our sins are also against our brothers and sisters, against the Church. This is why it is necessary to ask forgiveness of the Church and of our brothers, in the person of the priest..While the celebration of the Sacrament is personal, it is rooted in the universality of the Church, which accompanies us on the path of conversion," he explained. "Forgiveness is not something we can give ourselves," cautioned the Pope. "One asks forgiveness, one asks it of another person, and in Confession, we ask forgiveness from Jesus."



The Second Rite of Reconciliation at St Michael's– Thursday March 26th at 7.00pm. There will be four priests present for the Sacrament.

Parent Sacramental Meeting.

(The Meeting applies to parents of children at the Catholic and Government Schools)
First Holy Communion Parent Meeting– 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.

"ARISE" ~ LENT 2015 ~ Our Parish Paschal Meal, Palm Sunday, 29 March, 7pm for 7.30pm. We would appreciate help to set up the Hall on the Sunday morning from 10.30–1pm. Table numbers for groups please phone Bernie by Mon. 23 March. *We look forward to seeing you.* Francene 4421 5962, Tina 4422 9250, Bernie 4421 2968.



CATECHISTS: Level 1 course will continue in the Parish Centre this Tue 24 March, 9:30am-1:30pm. The topics this week are: *Introduction to the Bible, Using an Authorised Curriculum* and the *Mission and Ministry of the Catechist*. This course is essential for new Catechists, but also a wonderful opportunity for others wanting to contribute their experiences and refresh their knowledge. Please BYO lunch, morning tea provided. **If you require more books for your classes, please let Frances know ASAP as the final book order will be sent this week.**

KINDERGARTEN Enrolments 2016 ~ St. Michael's Primary School.. Phone 44213630, Ms Sue Easter. Enrolment interviews will be held 2nd May.

SVdP Society Annual Charity Dinner. Fri 1st May, keep the date! Tickets only \$60. Get 8 or 10 people together to make up a table. Blue coloured invites are available in all our churches. If more required, please contact Ivor 4421 0929. We need YOU!

Lay Missionaries of Charity ~ Soup Kitchen

Thankyou to all those who have so generously committed to helping. Our initial meeting together is on Fri 27 March, 9.30am. Please try to be there. Starting at the Church, and then heading to showground. Call Sue 44473197 or Shannon 0414521404 for more info. *See you there.*

We have had graphic images of the devastation caused in **Vanuatu** by the recent cyclone. **Caritas Australia** is already involved in assisting. Rather than have an extra Appeal, let us try to be as generous as we can in supporting the Lenten Project Compassion, which will in turn be channelled in part to Vanuatu.

The Diocese was saddened on Wed by the news of the death of **Fr Maurice Rosa**, after a period of illness. He was for many years Diocesan Director of the Missions. Fr Maurie's funeral is on Tuesday at 11.30.a.m. at Corrimal



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Spiritual Reading Circle: Next meeting, **24 March, 9.30–11.30am. 4/40 Lyndhurst Dr, Bomaderry.** Reading Circle topics which will be discussed, include: the Christian response to international terror/freedom of speech; the approach taken by the Catholic Church and other faith traditions to work together on behalf of natural disaster victims and social injustices; the need for local parishes to be missionaries to an unchurched culture. More information/registration/reading material contact parish office or michael.dyer@dow.org.au

YOU ARE INVITED TO “A DAY OF PILGRIMAGE” 12th April at **Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo**. There are sites all over the world to which seekers of God go “on pilgrimage”, and in so doing come to know more deeply the landscape of their own present journey. You are invited to come to the Abbey for such a pilgrimage day. Share Eucharist at 9am, walk within our grounds, stop and reflect, listen to some input, be silent, walk again, sing with the Community at prayer and meet the God who will likewise be on Pilgrimage with you. BYO lunch, a journal/paper to write on, some drawing things if you like, a cushion if you feel the need, all else is here. For details and booking please contact Petrina 42 36 0533. And visit our website www.jamberoo.org.au

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.

HARTZER PARK: Six Day Guided Retreat 11 – 17 April. Presenter: Fr Chris Chaplin MSC
Theme: “Dwelling in the space between Heaven and Earth: From Meditation to Contemplation”
Venue: Hartzler Park, 25 Eridge Park Rd, Bowral.
Cost: \$550. RSVP: 6 Apr, Cathy or Sr Jenny on 02 48613223 or email hartzprk@bigpond.net.au

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.