



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

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Divine Mercy Sunday -Yr B 12th April 2015

Sunday Masses:

*He is Risen
Alleluia
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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 . 7.00.a.m and 11.30.a.m. Sat 9.00am
Berry: Tues 5.30pm..... **Culburra** Thurs 5.30pm
Vincentia Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00am; Tues/Wed 5.30pm
S'haven Heads resume Fri 17th, Mass 3.30pm

Confession/Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 9.30-10.30am & 5-5.30pm
Culburra Sat 5.30pm .
Vincentia: Sat 5.00–5.30pm

A sincere thank you to so many parishioners who prepared our Churches and Liturgies for Holy Week and Easter: Liturgies, music, flowers, Church cleaning, Altar linen, grounds etc. All of this enhances the sacredness and beauty of the Feast and Season. We congratulate and welcome Terrence, Sharon and Sky who were received into the Church at Easter.

Project Compassion: We don't yet have a final figure for donations, but the early indications are that it will be very generous indeed.

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased ; **Michael Keys** (Banora formerly Nowra) **Anne O Donnell** (Callala), **Bryan Blanchette**, **Doreen Paterson** (Culburra) **John Thompson** (Vincentia) and **Patrick Portlock**. Also, **the Dempsey and Hockey families**, **Elva Merriman** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace



St. John the Evangelist 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.

Nowra Parish and Wollongong Diocese have a number of exciting activities in the works for high school aged youth, and also young adults aged in their 20s and 30s. If you're interested to know more, email Fr Duane on duane@nowraparish.org.au

New 2015 Smartboard USBs are available to pick up at the Parish Centre in the Catechist Room. The updated USBs have more songs and activities. Please place your old USB into the zip locked bag labelled '2014 USBs' before collecting a new one from the container to avoid a mix-up.
Anzac day: If you would like a lesson plan, and resources for Anzac day, please contact Frances at the Parish Centre.

SVdP Society Annual Charity Dinner ~ Friday 1st May – keep the date free! Come along to our annual dinner and help support our homeless services. Tickets only \$60. Blue coloured invites are available in all our churches. If more required, please contact Ivor on 4421 0929.



Catholic Womens League, Nowra ~ Monthly meeting, **Tues 14 April**, 9.30am morning tea, followed by meeting at 10am in the Parish Centre. Contact: Judy 4421 8565.

Pastoral Care volunteers from the Bay & Basin area are keen to visit the elderly and house-bound. If anyone needs visiting please contact Ron 4441 5723. If you would like to join us in this activity give us a call.

'The Culburra Family Group's next function will be the 'Vera Lynn' concert at the Nowra Entertainment Centre on Wednesday 22 April. Meet there at 10.30 am for tea/coffee, with the performance on at 11.00.' Paul and Margaret Casey 02 4446 4117 pjmecasey@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Sunday – Vincentia, Holy Spirit:

Devotions from 2.30pm- this Sunday including Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; Reconciliation will be available afterwards.. Followed by afternoon tea.



We are very pleased to welcome Bishop Peter Ingham to the parish to conduct **Rite of Admission to Candidacy** for Michael Dyer during the Vigil Mass this Saturday April 11th. We congratulate Michael on this decisive step on the road to Holy Orders (Diaconate and Priesthood). Please keep Michael and the seminarians of the Diocese in your prayers.

Pope Francis' Message at Easter:



Pope Francis has condemned indifference and "complicit silence" to attacks on Christians as he presided over Holy Week and Easter ceremonies. The number of Christians being martyred today

surpasses that of the first century, Pope Francis has said. During the Easter Vigil Mass in St Peter's Pope Francis baptised a total of 10 people: from Italy, Portugal, Albania, Kenya and Cambodia. They included a 13-year-old Cambodian girl a 66-year-old woman from Kenya and a 29-year-old Italian citizen of Egyptian origin, whose name indicated he might have been born into a Muslim family, who took the baptismal name Paul.....“We proclaim the Resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able to share it with others; when we know when to smile with those who smile, and weep with those who weep; when we accompany those who are sad and at risk of losing hope; when we recount our experience of Faith to those who are searching for meaning and happiness.Let our lives be conquered and transformed by the Resurrection.”



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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



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Morning tea will be served directly after this Mass by the CWL

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So as to provide an appropriate lead up to the Silver Jubilee Mass there will be a "Twilight Retreat on Monday evening at the School Chapel; 7.00pm-9.00pm This will consist of two short inputs, reflective prayer time, some Taize chant, Night Prayer and Benediction. All are welcome, students, past and present, Teachers, parents and Parishioners..

Wed 29th April: Signs and Symbols- Confirmation