

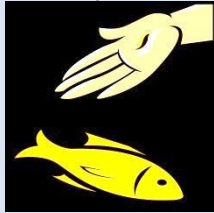


St Michael's Parish, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: office@nowraparish.org.au

Website: 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.

Third Sunday of Easter -Yr B
19th April 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** Thurs 5.30pm
Vincentia Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00am; Tues/Wed 5.30pm
S'haven Heads Fri 3.30pm
Confession/Reconciliation
Nowra: Sat 9.30-10.30am & 5-5.30pm
Culburra Sat 5.30pm
Vincentia: Sat 5.00–5.30pm

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Bryan Blanchette** and **Thea Henry**. Also, **Veronica Lawrence, Deborah Davis, Bishop William Murray, and Fr Leo Stevens** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace



Leading into the Centenary of Anzac Day- we will have a time of **prayer for Peace at St Michael's on Friday evening- April 24th at 7.00p.m-** Night Prayer, some Reflective time and Benediction.

The Mass to Commemorate the Centenary of Anzac Day will be celebrated at St Michael's Saturday next April 25th at 8.00.a.m. - We will remember them. - Lest we forget. After Mass the Catholic Women's League will provide morning tea in the Parish Centre.



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

Confirmation Preparation Evening Wed 29th April: Signs and Symbols- 7.00.p.m. – 8.00p.m.

This Evening is for Candidates and parents, and an integral aspect of Confirmation preparation for all Candidates as the Sacrament will be very thoroughly explained.

CATECHIST NEWS: Lessons for Confirmation for Nowra start this Wed 22 April, 4-5pm at St Michael's Hall for all children in public schools.

The last session of the level 1 course for Catechists will be held at the Parish Centre Tue 21 April from 9:30am. Please bring a small plate to share for lunch.

Wanted: Catechist for small class in North Nowra (Thursdays 9:10-9:40am) and for class in Nowra (Wednesdays 10:30-11am). Helpers also needed across the parish. Being a Catechist is rewarding and enjoyable, if you are interested please contact Frances at Parish Centre, 4423 1712.

SVdP Society Annual Charity Dinner ~ Friday 1st May

– To date we have only had 55 acceptances for our annual fundraising dinner, for which we are grateful, but to make the event worthwhile, we need at least 100 – last year we had 130. Remember, **May 1st at only \$60 per head – only 2 weeks away!** No need to make up whole tables, there will be plenty of vacant spots. Bomaderry Bowling Club are charging us for food only, they have kindly donated the cost of 2 rooms at the venue (no interference from next door, as the first dinner). If more invitations required or any other information, contact Ivor on 4421 0929.



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

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 10.30am for tea/coffee, with the performance at 11.00. Paul & Margaret Casey 02 4446 4117 pjmecasey@gmail.com

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea: Saturday

2nd May, 2pm, St Michael's Parish Hall.

Entertainment by "Trilogy".

All Welcome.

Enquire: Theresa 4422 6878, Judy 44218565



Lay Missionaries of Charity – Soup Kitchen: We are in need of a supply of take-away containers. If you could spare some would you please leave at the Parish Centre. Grateful thanks to all who have donated money or goods. Shannon 0414 521 404 and Sue 4447 3197.

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.

So as to provide an appropriate lead up to the Silver Jubilee Mass there will be a "Twilight Retreat" on Monday evening **May 18th** 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..

Rite of Admission to Candidacy: I thank parishioners for your prayers and support over recent times. Thanks also to those who attended the Vigil Mass on Saturday with Bishop Peter Ingham and the concelebrating priests. In particular I am grateful to Fr Pat for his graciousness towards me. Be assured of my prayers for all parishioners. Kindly pray in earnest for me as I approach my ordination as a Deacon on Saturday 13 June 2015, 10.00am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong. *Michael Dyer*

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For more info contact Marilyn on 0439 397 731, or visit our facebook page www.facebook.com/ruahyoungadults.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

This week "The Journey" starts with a Gospel Reflection from Fr Ken Cafe, Wisdom from the Abbey with Sr Hilda Scott who shares her Easter 2015 reflection and Trish McCarthy talks about the importance of Freedom and Authenticity in our lives. Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sun at 11am or go to www.radio.dow.org.au where you can listen in and subscribe to weekly shows.

INSTITUTION OF ACOLYTES DEFERRED

Please note that the Institution of Acolytes planned for April are deferred pending an update to ministry authorisation processes to incorporate Working With Children Checks. A further announcement will be made within the next two weeks outlining the new schedule of dates and the revised authorisation process. For further information, contact Paul Mason liturgy@dow.org.au or 4222 2462.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN PARISH MINISTRIES

Xavier Centre, Wollongong Thursday 30 April 9.30am–11.00am **OR** 7.00pm–8.30pm. Overview of Working with Children Check requirements for parish ministries and best practice for lay people in ministry. Anyone

involved in a parish ministry is welcome to attend. RSVP by 27 April to helen.bennett@dow.org.au

MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE – INTRODUCTION TO LITURGICAL MINISTRY

This is an introduction for all who participate in the Church's liturgy. It provides a foundation upon which to build an understanding of the various ministries that serve the Church at prayer. The course is being offered on multiple occasions this year at different locations, either in a single session Saturday morning course, or in two week night sessions.

Option 1: Xavier Centre, Wollongong Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm, 29 April (session 1) and 6 May (session 2).

Option 2: Xavier Centre, Wollongong Saturday, 10am-1pm, 9 May (session 1 and 2 combined). Further info www.liturgy.dow.org.au, or contact Paul Mason liturgy@dow.org.au or 4222 2462. Cost \$10. For enrolment registration contact Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403.

FIRST PREPARATION MEETING - MANY CULTURES ONE IN CHRIST MASS

17/04/2015

This is the first and very important planning meeting for the *Many Cultures One in Christ* Mass for 2015. The annual celebration of the cultural diversity within our Diocese, also marking Migrant & Refugee Sunday, occurs on Sunday, 30 August, 2015 and will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Mount Carmel Catholic College from 2pm. Those interested in taking part in this celebration are invited to attend this first preparation meeting. **For more information please contact Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au**

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.