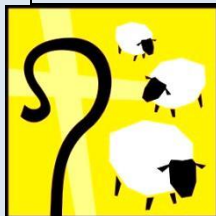




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Fourth Sunday of Easter - Yr B Vocation Sunday - 26th April 2015



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 8.00am
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 May 2nd 5.00 - 5.30pm- only
Culburra Sat 5.30pm
Vincentia: Sat 5.00–5.30pm

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Antonia Buono, Keith Lee and Walter Scerri**. Also, **Michelle Christian, Jennifer Heffernan, George Rouen, and Bob King** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace



Parishioner support to Project Compassion this year has reached a record high for the Parish, exceeding \$21,000. Whilst there were a number of very generous individual donations, the overall total is deserving of our sincerest admiration and thanks. (The Bank was a little bemused that we had \$55 in 5cent pieces), but obviously every little counts. Congratulations to parishioners and thank you.

Please note the change to Mass-time for Sat May 2nd First Saturday Marian Devotions. Mass at 8. am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction . Morning tea served in the Parish Centre. *All welcome. (No Confessions at 9.30.a.m. - 10.30.a.m. on Sat May 2nd.*

A small sum of money was found in the Church mid-week. Enquiries can be made at the Parish Office

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

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

CWL Nowra ~ Mothers' Day Afternoon

Tea: Saturday 2nd May, 2pm, St Michael's Parish Hall. Entertainment by "Trilogy". *All Welcome.*



Enquire: Theresa 44226878, Judy 44218565.

CWL Bay & Basin ~ Mothers' Day Raffle & Trading

Table at this weekend's Masses, Sat 25th & Sun 26th. The raffle will be drawn after 9.30am Mass on Sun 26th.

St. John the Evangelist High School 25th Anniversary Celebrations, Sat 23 May, 4pm

-Open School, 6.00pm -The Jubilee Mass- which will be the Parish Vigil Mass at 6.00.p.m. will be celebrated in School Hall, An Evening of Celebration in E Block. 1990-2015.

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...

Catechist News: Please contact Frances in the Parish Office for any of the following:

Smartboards: Would you like some help using the Smartboard and/or the 2015 USB? Support in and out of the classroom are both possible.

Wanted: A Catechist is needed for a wonderful class in Nowra. Wednesdays 10:30-11am.

The Shoalhaven Lydian Singers performing 'Eternal Light, A Requiem' by Howard Goodall, Sat 2 May, 7.30pm & Sun 3rd May, 2.30pm at the Nowra School of Arts. Tickets \$30, Conc. \$25. Available from Shoalhaven Visitors Information Centre. Ph.1300662808.

SVdP Society Annual Charity Dinner ~

Friday 1st May – Although numbers have improved, we are still short of the desired 100. Absolute last days for receipt of acceptances are Monday and Tuesday this week. For late acceptances please ring Ivor on 44210929. If necessary, payments can be made on the night. Remember, **May 1st at only \$60 per head.** Will be a very enjoyable night.



Children's Liturgy begins again this Sunday!

Newcomers are always welcome. At the 9:30am Nowra Sunday Mass, Children aged 4 and up celebrate the Liturgy of the Word on their own level. **Morning Tea also follows these Masses** – everyone is most welcome to attend, to get to know each other better. **Thanks to all volunteers for your continued generosity in both of these ministries – new volunteers always welcome**

Walk for the Unborn ~ Kiama to Gerringong (12km)

Fri, 22 May. Pilgrimage walk praying for all mothers and their unborn children that are under threat of abortion. Meet at Sts Peter & Paul Church Kiama for 9.30am Mass, followed with coastal walk to St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong for Benediction at 3pm. For non-walkers, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12noon, St Mary's Gerringong. BYO lunch & water. Enquire: Sue Hill 0435 336 195, Gabriella De Battista 42612500.

Journey Magazine (ANZAC Centenary Edition).

Collect your copy from the Church foyers and read about the *ANZAC event through the eyes of Faith* as well as other great feature articles.



As the Church celebrates **Good Shepherd Sunday - 4th Sunday** of the Easter Season, the Wollongong Diocese rejoices in the ordination to the Priesthood, on Saturday May 2nd of **Stephen Varney**. The celebration will take place at St Francis Xavier's

Cathedral at 10.00.a.m. We pray that the Lord will bless Stephen with a joyful and fruitful priestly ministry.



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Pub Theology invites young adults to our next event 'Two Nuns & a Priest Walk into a Bar' for a Q & A Session! Here's your opportunity to ask our religious panel any question on Church teaching. Come grab a drink and a feed on Wed 22 April at 7pm at Dicey Rileys Pub, 333 Crown St, W'gong. Further info, contact Marilyn 0439 397 731, or visit our website www.pubtheo.com.au.

'Ruah'~ A Catholic Young Adults Group based in W'gong for people between ages 18-35. Meet twice a month (every 2nd Friday); for faith formation and/or social catch up. *Ruah* is a great way to grow in your faith and to make friends with other young Catholics. Its free, participation is totally optional and *Ruah* takes part in larger events such as summer and weekend retreats, as well as pilgrimages. I'm Ben, I'm 25 and I grew up in Nowra. I've found growing up here that there aren't many young people around that share my faith. Recently I did some research and found *Ruah* which I joined in Dec 2014. I've only been going for 4 months and since joining *Ruah* I've made great new friends, attended Summer camp, an Easter pilgrimage, & general social catch ups. *Ruah* comprises of a great bunch of people who are all very friendly and welcoming to new people, and they are very proactive in their faith. I'm really glad I went along; give it a go!"

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

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – Airs 26 April 2015 This week on "The Journey" Deacon Stephen Varney shares his reflection on the Gospel, Peter Gilmore shares his insights into "Learning to Lean Back" and don't miss the interview with Tracey Coombes, mother of two and a singer/songwriter. 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.

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.

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.

The Most Rev Bishop Peter Ingham will celebrate the 15th Anniversary of UOW Catholic Society on May 17 at 10:30am Mass at the cathedral. ALL present and past students and staff are most welcome. Mass is followed by lunch in Xavier Centre. RSVP to Mariachaplain@hotmail.com or call [0402452342](tel:0402452342) or UOW Catholic Society facebook.

MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE – MINISTERS OF MUSIC

This course provides general formation for ministers of music and is intended for all who participate in music ministry - singers, musicians, choir directors, cantors and accompanists. It provides a foundation upon which to build an understanding of the various ministries that serve the Church at prayer. Course comprises 3 sessions and covers: context for music in the liturgy; the ministerial role of music; the various ministers of music and their particular roles; the structure of the Mass, the parts of Mass and priority for singing; the considerations for choosing music for the liturgy; the various forms of liturgical music; explore practical examples of liturgical music and their application to parish situations - funerals, weddings, baptisms, confirmation and reconciliation; discuss questions and issues in choosing music. At the Xavier Conference Ctre, 38 Harbour St, W'gong, Sat 16 May, 10am - 4pm. Morning Tea, lunch & afternoon tea provided. Further info: www.liturgy.dow.org.au, or Paul Mason liturgy@dow.org.au or 4222 2462. Cost \$10. For enrolment registration contact rsvp@dow.org.au or 4222 2400.

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