



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

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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.

Catholic Womens League, Bay & Basin ~Monthly meeting: Thursday, 7 May. Commencing with a shared lunch at 12noon, followed by the meeting at 1pm. Contact Fay 4443 2837.



Thank you to the CWL Nowra for the beautiful Morning Tea provided after Mass on ANZAC Day. This was very much appreciated by all.

Holy Spirit Vincentia, Parish Auxiliary AGM will be held on **Saturday 9 May** at 1pm. *All are invited to attend.*



The ordination to Priesthood of Stephen Varney. We pray God's blessing on Fr Stephen, who was ordained on Saturday by Bishop Peter for the Wollongong Diocese. May the Lord bless him with a joyful and fruitful priestly ministry.

PARISH SPIRITUAL READING CIRCLE

The next Spiritual Reading Circle is on **Tuesday 12 May 9.30-Midday** at 21 Osborne St Nowra. We will discuss various articles in the recently published *Journey* magazine. This is freely available at the church entrance. We will also view and reflect upon an evocative film, *Romero*. Óscar Romero was the Archbishop of San Salvador assassinated whilst saying Mass in 1980. He was declared recently a martyr by Pope Francis. Romero was an unwilling hero who was forced by his conscience to speak out for those too frightened to speak for themselves. He will be beatified later this month. His story remains inspirational! For further information and/or to **Register**, contact the Parish Office and/or: michael.dyer@dow.org.au

Walk for the Unborn ~ Kiama to Gerringong (12km) Fri, 22 May. 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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Yr B
Sunday 3rd May 2015

St. John the Evangelist High School 25th Anniversary Celebrations, Saturday, 23 May, 4pm: Open School, 6.00pm: The Jubilee Mass (which will be the Parish Vigil Mass at 6.00pm), will be celebrated in the School Hall. An Evening of Celebration in E Block.



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. (Expressions of interest in the Twilight Retreat would be very helpful for planning purposes. Inscribe your name on the sheet at the Church door, or ring the Parish Office.)

It is with a certain reluctance that I bring to your attention yet another Appeal by Caritas Australia, this time for the plight of the millions of people in Nepal. following so quickly on your very generous response to Project Compassion. The Message from Caritas is self explanatory.



Caritas AUSTRALIA "Our prayers and thoughts are with the communities in Nepal, and neighbouring countries, devastated by a 7.9 magnitude earthquake on 25 April 2015. Caritas Australia staff are currently on the ground working with local partners to respond to immediate needs. We urgently need your help to provide food, shelter and clean water and to support the long-term recovery." **I suggest that you place an extra donation for Nepal in the Second Collection at this Sunday's Masses, or in an envelope next week, marked accordingly**

Mary Help of Christians- Culburra; A Social Evening in conjunction with the Patronal Feast, will be held at the Culburra Bowling Club on Saturday Evening May 30th, following the Vigil Mass. Cost \$20; children can order and pay on the evening. Please contact Barbara Power or Jeanette Easton: bookings with payment by May 23rd.

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 9.30–10.30am & 5.00–5.30pm
Culburra Sat 5.30pm
Vincentia: Sat 5.00–5.30pm

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **John Psaila and Edna Bourke –** (Culburra). Also, **Bonnie Nelson, Don Allen, Sir Neville McNamara** (Vincentia), **Patrick Firmstone**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in peace*



Children's Liturgy: during every 9.30am Mass at Nowra, for children aged 4 & up. New children always welcome to attend, to hear God's Word on their level and get to know other children of the parish.

Morning Tea: After 9.30am Mass at Nowra. Gather at the Parish Centre, all parishioners welcome.

Catechist News: Confirmation ~ Please note, the second lesson for Confirmation is this Wednesday, 6th May, from 4-5pm in St. Michael's hall for all public school children.

The Shoalhaven Lydian Singers are performing 'Eternal Light, A Requiem' by Howard Goodall on Sat, 2 May at 7.30pm & Sun, 3 May at 2.30pm at the Nowra School of Arts. Tickets \$30, Con.\$25. Purchase from Shoalhaven Visitors Info Centre. Ph 1300 662 808.



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The Catholic Church in Nepal ~ The presence of Catholicism in Nepal dates back to the 17th century, though established Christianity in the country is slightly more recent.

In 2015, Nepal remains predominantly Hindu, but with a growing Catholic population. There are currently over 7,200 Catholics living in Nepal, and in 2007 the Church was considered by Pope Benedict XVI large enough to be declared an Apostolic Vicariate—one level below being classified as a diocese. On 26 April 2014, Bishop Paul Simick was appointed the Apostolic Vicar of Nepal.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – This week on “The Journey” we interview Stephen Varney, who is ordained to the priesthood this weekend. We hear from Sr Hilda Scott from the Abbey and Dr Byron and Francine Pirola share secrets of keeping married. Our prayers and thoughts are with the communities in Nepal, and neighbouring countries, Our prayers and thoughts are with the communities in Nepal, and neighbouring countries, couples connected. There's some awesome music this week too. Listen anytime you like by going to www.radio.dow.org.au and subscribe to weekly shows, or tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sunday from 11am.

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

UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY

OF AGEING: Wed 27 May 9am–3:30pm Xavier Ctre, 38 Harbour St W'gong. Would you like to understand the journey into old age, learn how to maintain a holistic well-being during this journey, addressing the physical, social, psychological, emotional and spiritual needs; Wanting to pastorally support others as they advance into old age. This workshop will explore the ageing process. Facilitated by Carmen Karauda, Diocesan Aged Care Advocate. **Cost: \$10** Morning Tea & Lunch provided. **Registration Essential by Wed 22 May tog)** to **Helen Bennett 4222 2403 / helen.bennett@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.