



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

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A Reflection for Mothers' Day:
"The closest experience on earth to God's intense constant, and compassionate love for His people, is that of father or mother for a child,"

(Pope St. John Paul.11- 1999)..

A Prayer for Mothers. (the Rite of Baptism).

God the Father, through his Son, the Virgin Mary's child, has brought joy to all Christian mothers, as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their children. May he bless the mothers of our community as they thank God for the gift of their children. May they be one with them in thanking Him for ever in heaven, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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 & 5.00–5.30pm
Culburra Sat 5.30pm
Vincentia: Sat 5.00–5.30pm

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **John Psaila, Val Murdoch, Bronwyn Jeffrey, John Meany, Alfia Savoca and Leslie Wells.** Also **Kevin Robinson, Cec Peters, Bernard Court**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in peace*



St. John the Evangelist High School

25th Anniversary Celebrations Our preparations are well underway. All community members are invited to join in our celebrations~ please invite any former associates.

Monday 18th May – An evening of Reflection 7pm-9pm in St John's Chapel.

Saturday 23rd May – Open School 4pm; Blessing of the Anniversary Garden 5.30pm'

The Silver Jubilee Mass will be in the school hall 6.00pm (which will be the Parish Vigil Mass- Please note no Vigil Mass at St Michael's on May 23rd.)

This will be followed by an evening of Celebration in E Block including a memorabilia display and light supper. All parishioners welcome. Please confirm attendance for catering purposes by phoning Loreena Doumbos [4423 1666](tel:44231666).

Next Parish Spiritual Reading Circle: Tuesday 12 May 9.30-Midday. We will discuss articles from *Journey*, our diocesan magazine and view an evocative film about Óscar Romero the former Archbishop of San Salvador, martyred whilst saying Mass in 1980. Romero will be beatified later this month. To register please contact the Parish Office and/or: michael.dyer@dow.org.au

The Culburra Family Group's notices:

"Fruit Cake Sunday": Mass this Saturday. The diverse ingredients of a fruit cake symbolise the many kinds of people that make up our community. A piece of fruit cake will be offered to all at the end of Mass.

The next function for the Culburra Family Group will be a *High Tea* at Myra and Peter Pead's home at Currarong on Thurs, 14 May, 2.30. (Ph 0438239272).

Combined picnic lunch on Sun, 17 May, at Bicentenary Park, Callala Bay, for the Nowra and Culburra Beach FGs.

Spirituality In the Pub: 2015 Theme: 'Sipping from the Cup...' Monday 11 May, 7.30pm, Jamberoo Pub.
Sipping from the Fickle Cup of Luck – some practical measures for a fairer more compassionate economy. For more info contact: Marie Milne 4232 1535, Eileen Radford, 4232 3121. Meals available 5.30pm.



Sixth Sunday of Easter - Yr B
Sunday 10th May 2015

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.

Taize Chant ~ Pentecost. To celebrate Pentecost we will gather at St. Michael's for Evening Prayer using the chants from Taize. Please invite a friend to share in the spirit of reconciliation and trust. **Fri, 22 May, 7.30pm, at St. Michael's Church, Nowra.** A cup of tea afterwards in the Parish Centre. *All Welcome.*

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 needed for small Kindergarten class, Tuesdays 2:15-2:45pm. Please contact Frances in the Parish office, if you can help.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Lessons will continue each Wednesday, 4-5pm in St Michael's Hall for all Public School Children.

CWL Nowra ~ Monthly meeting. Tues 12 May, 9.30am morning tea, followed by Meeting at 10am in Parish Centre. Contact Judy 4421 8565.

St John's: If anyone is able to help with items of the school's earlier uniform needed for a uniform display please phone St John's on the number above.

- Senior girls' tartan skirt & jumper
- Any boys' items including socks

YOU ARE INVITED to ~ An Awareness Mass, Sunday 31 May, 6:00pm at St Michael's Parish Hall, 20 North Street, Nowra. Those with additional needs will have special roles as a way of highlighting their skills and joy in this celebration. Refreshments served afterwards. *All parishioners welcome.*



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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.

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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

In **July 2016** World Youth Day is being hosted in **Krakow, Poland**. The Diocese is preparing to launch its own World Youth Day pilgrimage for those aged 18 and above. This event is an opportunity to personally experience the universality of the Church; to share with the whole world the hope of many young people who want to commit themselves to Christ and others. More information regarding the launch and diocesan pilgrimage will be available soon – watch this space! Contact: Seth Harsh 02 4222 2460 or email: seth.harsh@dow.org.au