



**St Michael's Parish**, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: [office@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:office@nowraparish.org.au)

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**The Ascension of the Lord.**  
*“Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, He ascended not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where He, our Head and Founder, has gone before.*

(The Preface of the Mass)

**Sunday Masses:**

**Nowra:** Vigil 6pm, (at St John's this Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> May)  
 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: **Alfia Savoca**. Also **Phillip McBeath, Catherine Brown, Alexander Moses, Joe Fogarty, Alan McRae and Joseph Kashmer**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in peace*



Our sincere and prayerful congratulations to **Theresa and Ian McKinnon** and to **Joan and Greg Watts**, as both couples have recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversaries. May the Lord continue to bless you with good health and contentment.

**St. John the Evangelist High School**



**25th Anniversary Celebrations.** All community members are invited to join in our celebrations.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May** – An Evening of Reflection 7- 9pm in St John's Chapel.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Open School 4pm;

Blessing of the Anniversary Garden 5.30pm.

**The Silver Jubilee Mass 6.00pm in school hall (which will be the Parish Vigil Mass - Please note no Vigil Mass at St Michael's on May 23)** Followed by an evening of Celebration in E Block including memorabilia display & light supper. All parishioners welcome. Please confirm attendance for catering purposes with **Loreena Doumbos 4423 1666**. If anyone could supply items of the past uniform, for our display, please call 4423 1666.

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

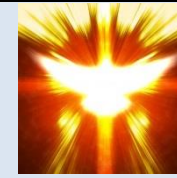
**Being a Catechist** involves sharing our faith with children, many of whom don't hear about God or pray with anyone else in their lives. The curriculum is easy to follow and the lessons are usually 30min in duration. If you would like to take part in this rewarding and valuable ministry, please contact Frances 4423 1712.

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

**St Vincent de Paul Society** ~ Many thanks to all who supported our annual fundraising dinner. We achieved the minimum 100 guests we were hoping for and made a profit similar to last year (just over \$6,000), although with 22 fewer people present. We are now into our general winter appeal time of the year. Our next major event will be the doorknock at the end of August. *Thank you.*

**CWL Nowra Branch** Mother's Day Afternoon Tea was a very enjoyable & joyful occasion, despite the weather. Thankyou to all those who attended or helped to make the afternoon so special. For information about CWL contact Theresa 4422 6878 or Judy 4421 8565.

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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015**



**Holy Spirit Vincentia ~ Morning Tea on Pentecost Sunday, 24 May.** On the day we will farewell Michael King who will leave our community at the end of the month. Please call Sharon 0431 457 441 or Judy 4441 7456 for further details.

**Mary Help of Christians- Culburra;** A Social Evening in conjunction with the Patronal Feast, will be held at the Culburra Bowling Club, **Saturday evening May 30<sup>th</sup>**, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Michael Dyer** who as a seminarian has been pastorally engaged in many aspects of parish life for almost twelve months, is to be ordained Deacon on Sat June 13<sup>th</sup>. **As is the canonical practice of the Church in relation to all who apply for ordination to the Diaconate and Priesthood the Diocese issues the following announcement:**



*Michael Dyer has applied for ordination to the Order of Deacon and in due time to be advanced to the Priesthood, and to serve in this capacity permanently for service within the Diocese of Wollongong. If anyone knows of any reason why he should not be so ordained, he or she should report to the parish priest immediately.*

**Walk for the Unborn ~ Kiama to Gerringong (12km) Fri 22 May 2015.** Pilgrimage walk praying for aborted children & their mothers, the prevention of youth suicide, & the strengthening of families. Meet at Kiama Catholic Church 9:30am Mass. Walk & pray along the Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong Catholic Church for Benediction 3pm. For non-walkers, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 12noon, Gerringong Church. Return by shuttle bus back to Kiama Church. BYO lunch & water. Contact: Sue Hill 0435 336 195 or Gabriella De Battista 42 612500.

During a private audience on Sunday "Raúl Castro thanked Pope Francis for his mediation between Cuba and the U.S.. Mr Castro gave Francis an artwork of a cross made up of relics from wrecked barges depicting a migrant in prayer, & a medal of Havana's Cathedral. The Pope he said "is a Jesuit, & I, in some way, am too. I always studied at Jesuit schools."



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The pope presented a copy of his Apostolic Exhortation – a document which outlines his views on important issues – and a medallion. Mr Castro joked that "even I am a Jesuit in a certain sense" because he was educated by the Jesuits before the 1959 revolution. "When the Pope comes to Cuba in September, I promise to go to all his Masses, and with satisfaction," he added at a news conference at the office of Italian Premier Matteo Renzi. "I read all the speeches of the Pope, his commentaries, and if the Pope continues this way, I will go back to praying and go back to the church, and I'm not joking," he said.

**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.*

**Wanted: Nowra St Vincent de Paul Society** is looking for volunteers in the role of receptionist at our Centre in Berry Street. Once a week or fortnight, between 10 am and midday. Simply to take details of persons seeking assistance, both face to face and by telephone. For further information, please contact Janine 44231051.

**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.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM** This week on "The Journey" Fr Graham Schmitzer reflects on the Gospel for the Feast of the Ascension, Sr Hilda tells us how to pray for others and Bruce Downes, the Catholic Guy talks about the importance of having friends you can rely on. Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sunday at 11am or go to [www.radio.dow.org.au](http://www.radio.dow.org.au) where you can listen in and subscribe to weekly shows.

### **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](mailto:seth.harsh@dow.org.au)

### **MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE – MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND DYING \*\* NOTE DATE CHANGE \*\***

This course provides general formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who minister to the Sick and Dying. The course comprises two sessions and covers the following topics: (a) The experience of sickness and dying in the context of the paschal mystery; (b) pastoral care in the context of the ministry of Jesus; (c) The ministry of the whole Church in the care of the sick; (d) overview of the various rites contained in the Pastoral Care of the Sick; (e) pastoral issues around the experience of sickness and dying; (f) celebration of the rites for the sick; (g) celebration of the rites for the dying; (h) practical and pastoral skills required for this ministry.

The course is held at the Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St, W'gong, Sat 27 June, 10:00am–1:00pm. Morning Tea provided. Further info [www.liturgy.dow.org.au](http://www.liturgy.dow.org.au), or contact Paul Mason [liturgy@dow.org.au](mailto:liturgy@dow.org.au) or 4222 2462. Cost \$10. For enrolment registration contact Helen Bennett [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) or 4222 2403 or [rsvp@dow.org.au](mailto:rsvp@dow.org.au)