



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.

Immaculate Heart of Mary - Yr B Sunday 14th June 2015

The Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary-



Diocese of Wollongong 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: 7.00 a.m.; Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am.
Fri 7.00am and 11.30am. Sat . 9.00.a.m.

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 those who died over the past week; **Peter Visser** (St George's Basin), Sr. **Maureen Shelvey**, SGS, **Mavis Prendergast** (B'derry), **Cec Lawton** (Culburra). Also **John Baumann**, **Margaret Casson**, **Ray Owen**, **Anne Monteith**, **Kevin O'Brien**, **Margaret Leary**, **Marcy Sherry**, **Molly Devereaux**, and **Charlie Power** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in peace*



Sacrament of Confirmation:

Mass Practice -Thursday June 18th –
5.30pm. and 6.30pm St Michael's Hall.

Confirmation on Sunday June 21st at

St. Michael's - Two sessions: 9.30am and 1.30pm.

We advise parishioners not directly associated with Confirmation to attend a Mass other than the 9.30.a.m. at St Michael's on Sunday next (**June 21st**.) as that will be a Confirmation Mass; perhaps 9.30.a.m. at Bomaderry!

Catechist and Classroom Helper needed for Callala Public School, midday Fridays. Please contact Frances for more details 4423 1712



Diocesan Statistics;

The Wollongong Diocese lists 186,000 Catholics.

32 Parishes, approximately 34 active diocesan priests.

Six parishes are cared for by Religious clergy.

29 Catholic Primary Schools - 10,400 pupils

15 Catholic Secondary Schools - 12,100 pupils.

Today we observe our Diocesan Feastday: Mary is patroness of our Diocese, under the title of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

This was the title chosen by Pope John XXIII when on June 6th 1959, he dedicated what was then a new Diocese to Our Lady. The title is a devotional one, which originated in the 17th cent. The Sacred Heart, the feasts and the devotions originated at a time when there emerged a 'Spirituality of the Heart'.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is an image of the Church - for she too was guided and nourished by faith and hope. With humility she acknowledges the saving and merciful action of God, in her life. And as Mary through prayerful reflection discerned the hand of God in her life, we too are invited to see the action of God in the journey of our diocese.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is the cradle of all Christian meditation on the mysteries and teaching of Christ her Son. She is that woman of discernment, courage and serenity who knew and trusted her son Jesus, He who calmed the troubled waters and the threatening storms.

PLANNED GIVING: As the end of the financial year is fast approaching it would be greatly appreciated if parishioners are able to bring their Planned Giving contributions up to date.

We encourage new subscribers to the Parish Planned Giving Program; simply contact the Parish Office.

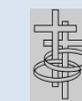


Michael Dyer. We congratulate Michael on his Diaconate ordination on Sat. June 13th. Michael comes to his ordination with a broad background within

Catholic Education and youth formation. He is blessed with persevering faith, pastoral zeal and a compassionate disposition. We pray that his will be a very joyful and fruitful pastoral ministry.

Culburra Family Group: The next function for the Culburra Beach Family group will be a movie plus evening meal to share on Tues, 16 June at 4 pm at Jean Helliwell's home, 7 Ormonde Cres, Orient Point (4447 3018).

Marriage: Words from Pope Francis on Sun



June 7th. "Allow me to call your attention to the value and beauty of marriage. The complementarity of man and woman, summit of divine creation, is being questioned by the so-called gender ideology, in the name of a more free and just society. The differences between man and woman are not for opposition or subordination, but for communion and generation, always in the 'image and likeness' of God"

38 of Australia's religious leaders, representing major religious traditions and a broad diversity of faiths and cultures, have written a public letter to the Prime Minister, Tony Abbott, urging him to resist attempts in Federal Parliament to redefine the meaning of marriage. They include the Catholic and Anglican Archbishops of Sydney, a bishop of the Lutheran Church, bishops from various Eastern and Orthodox Churches, Christian pastors representing major Protestant denominations, senior rabbis from the Jewish community and leaders from both the Sunni and Shia Islamic communities.

A new parish in the MacArthur region to include Bringelly, Catherine Field, Leppington, and Oran Park, will be dedicated to **St Mary MacKillop**.



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and conclude the four unit series with "Building the Liturgical Assembly" in Semester 1 2017.

This course provides practical knowledge, skills and approaches, in liturgy for people who take active roles in preparing, coordinating and leading liturgy and liturgical music in parish and school. This course is modelled on the Certificate of Pastoral Liturgy previously offered through the Catholic Institute of Sydney. The Diocese offers scholarships for study, as explained on the enrolment form. Expressions of interest in enrolling are invited by contacting Paul Mason, on 4222 2462 or liturgy@dow.org.au

pilgrimage will be available soon – watch this space!
Contact: Seth Harsh 02 4222 2460 or email: seth.harsh@dow.org.au

SVdP ~ Piety Stall (Berry St Nowra) is well worth a look for your religious gifts. Items can also be ordered from the catalogue in store. Also available to order, handmade First Holy Communion veils. Ph: 4421 7244.

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.

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. The 9.30.am. Mass is followed by **Morning Tea**

MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE – MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND DYING – SAT 27 JUNE

This course provides general formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who minister to the Sick and Dying. There will be two sessions which will cover in part 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. The venue is Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong, on Sat 27 June, 10:00am – 1:00pm. Morning Tea is provided For enrolment registration contact Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403

CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL LITURGY – NOW OPEN FOR NEW ENROLMENTS.

It is with great pleasure we seek expressions of interest for new enrolments in the Certificate in Pastoral Liturgy. Prospective students can enrol for Semester 2 unit "Word in the Liturgical Assembly" commencing in July 2015, continue with "Eucharist in the Liturgical Assembly" in Semester 1 2016, the either "Initiation in the Liturgical Assembly" or "Music in the Liturgical Assembly" in Semester 2 2016

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM This week on "The Journey" Trish McCarthy challenges us to "Hold Life Lightly", Marilyn Rodriguez reminds us how important it is to keep Sunday as a day of rest, and Byron and Francine Pirola share their wisdom on "War and Peace on the Home Front". Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sun at 11am or go to www.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

From **3-5 December 2015** the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is hosting the **Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Adelaide**. This event is for those from Year 9 through to 25 years of age, and is an excellent opportunity for young people to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia. For more information, please contact Seth Harsh at the Youth Office on 02 4222 2460 or email: seth.harsh@dow.org.au

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