



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.

Twelfth Sunday Ordinary Time - Yr B Sunday 21st June 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: 7.00 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

Feastdays:

Mon 22nd. Sts John Fisher and Thomas More
 Wed. 22nd Birth of St John the Baptist.

We prayerfully remember those who died over the past week; **John Donnelley, Sue Cohen (nee Best), Steve Wise (Sanctuary Pt), and Josef Grabiec.** Also, **Monsignor John Purcell-** (21st anni) **Marie Batton, Jack Christian, Noreen Christian, Kevin O'Brien,** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in peace.*



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. Planned Giving is the financial 'life-line' of the parish. We encourage parishioners to do your best to review your contribution in terms of today's costs, and of course we are always glad to enlist new subscribers to the Parish Planned Giving Program, simply contact the Parish Office 4423 1712.

A brief explanation as to why there are two Collections at Sunday Mass!

The First Collection: The contributions to this collection throughout the Diocese is disbursed as follows: Domestic needs (groceries) for the Presbytery are paid from this collection after which the remainder is forwarded to a Diocesan Central Fund from which clergy monthly stipends are paid, health fund payments for the clergy are made, contributions to retired and sick priests.



2nd Collection: (Planned Giving Envelopes and loose money): All parish expenditure, ie; all repairs and maintenance, electricity, water, wages, printing, stationery, telephone, insurance (for the Nowra Parish: \$41,000 per annum), clergy allowance for cars, parish programmes, and ministries. (All parish accounts are externally audited annually.) **Please collect your new Planned Giving Envelopes which are available at the Churches this weekend.**



Annual Mission Appeal will take place within the parish next week-end. We anticipate one guest speaker. The parish has a great tradition of generously supporting the Missions.

Afternoon of Christian Friendship:

Nowra Branch of CWL is hosting an Afternoon of Christian Friendship, theme: *Companionship*, guest speaker: Robyn Presdee, on **Friday 10 July in the Parish Hall.** Service at 2.00pm followed by Afternoon Tea. Everyone welcome. Further information: Theresa McKinnon 4422 6878, Judy Thompson 4421 8565.

Catechist urgently needed for Callala Public School, midday Fridays. **Classroom Helpers** needed Wednesday mornings in Nowra & Berry. Please contact Frances for more details 4423 1712

It is with a profound sense of gratitude to God that I thank parishioners for your prayers and best wishes on the occasion of my ordination to the diaconate. That many of you could be present last Saturday at the Cathedral for the splendid Ordination Mass will always be a sacred and lifelong memory for me. To Fr Pat in particular I express my thanks for the gracious support I've received over the past twelve months. God bless our Bishop Peter, priests, deacons, religious sisters, lay ministers and all parishioners! Please continue to pray for me as I will for you. It is with delight and a deep sense of humility that I can now sign this note as **Deacon Michael.**



Holy Spirit Vincentia - Spring Fair Meeting

There will be a meeting to discuss this year's Spring Fair on **Sunday 28 June after 9.30am Mass.** Stall Coordinators are especially invited, but all are welcome to come with ideas and offers of help.

Shoalhaven Crossroads - On Sat 27 June, from 10am till mid-day, members of Shoalhaven Crossroads are having morning tea at 'Lynburn', home of Margaret Perkins, 13 Mattes Way, Bomaderry. Parishioners are encouraged and welcome to join Crossroaders for a morning together. Enquiries; Margaret 0402 092 415.

"PUB THEOLOGY": 7pm Wednesday June 24th, Dicey Riley's Hotel, 329-333 Crown Street Wollongong. Young people aged 18-35 gather monthly to discuss issues of faith and morality, listen to music, have a pub meal and meet other young Catholics. This month's topic is "Morality in Gaming", presented by internationally renowned scholar Peter Holmes. For more info go to www.pubtheo.com.au



Sacrament of Confirmation:

Bishop Peter is visiting the parish this Sunday June 21st to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for 64 young parishioners. Confirmation is always a very significant occasion for the entire parish, and Bishop Peter regards it as a very important aspect of his pastoral ministry. Many parishioners who are not directly involved with Confirmation are deeply interested in the celebration and are supporting us in prayer – Thank you sincerely. **A special thank you** to many people who are directly associated with the candidates' preparation. St Michael's School - Mrs Maree Hamilton, Ms Renae Maguire, and Paul Brodie REC., State Schools: Mrs Frances Fairs, Mrs Rickie Gilligan, Mrs Carmel and Phillip Hurrell (Bay and Basin), Mark Fuller (St John's), and Francene Devoy – music.



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.

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 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

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