



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.

Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time - Yr B Sunday 28th June 2015



Sunday Masses:

Nowra: Vigil 6pm,
8.00-9.30am & 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
K Valley Mon, Tues, Thurs- 9.00am., Wed. 7.00am.
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; **Jennifer Riley, Elizabeth Ryan, Bede Walsh (Sydney- brother of Vonni Muller), Barbara Watson (Abermain).** Also, **Myrtle Austin, Alice O'Heir, Ross Johnson, Maria Trang and Peter Chung** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in peace.*



Feastdays:

June 29th. Mon – Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.
July 3rd Fri – St Thomas – Apostle

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**

First Saturday Marian Devotions ~ 4 July.

Mass at 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction at 10.30am. Morning tea follows in the Parish Centre. *All welcome.*

PLANNED GIVING: Thank you to the many Parishioners who had sought to bring their Planned Giving contributions up to date before the end of the financial year. Planned Giving is the financial 'life-line' of the parish. Insurance alone on parish properties, (not including the School) is \$41,000 per annum. 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.



Please collect your new Planned Giving Envelopes which are currently available at the Churches.

Annual Mission Appeal takes place within the parish this week-end. Sister Clara- SDB, from Chennai (Madras) is a guest speaker at Nowra. The parish has a great tradition of generously supporting the Missions. Perhaps you have known about Catholic Mission for years – or maybe you have only just heard of us. Catholic Missions supports a number of disadvantaged Dioceses in Australia and actively operates in more than 160 countries worldwide.



A RENEWED VISION FOR OUR PLANET – LAUDATO SI OF POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis has challenged 'every person living on this planet' to enter into a new dialogue toward building a better future in his encyclical letter **Laudato Si'** (www.popeecology.dow.org.au). Holding out the hope that "Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home", Pope Francis addresses several major themes including: the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet; the conviction that everything in the world, including the natural world, is connected; our responsibility to care for each other and the environment. Inviting us to build an integral ecology which clearly respects its human and social dimensions, the Pope in practical terms asks us to consider our 'throwaway' culture, technology and developing a simpler lifestyle in order that humanity and the planet can move forward in hope and life. More information soon regarding workshops focusing upon the encyclical.

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.

CWL Bay and Basin ~ meeting Thursday 2 July

12 noon for lunch followed by meeting at 12.45pm sharp in Church Hall. Contact Eileen 4443 8008 or 0417 119 133

First Reconciliation Change of Date: The 2nd information evening for Parents is now transferred to **Wed 12 August, 7pm in St Michael's Hall Nowra.** Classes for children attending State schools have not changed and will commence 4-5pm in: Berry on Tue 28 July; Nowra on Wed 29 July, and Culburra on Thur 30 July.

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

Pope Francis has released his much anticipated environmental encyclical "**LAUDATO SI'**" – "*Praise be to you, my Lord*" wherein he states that: "our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us". Two parish events are scheduled to acquaint parishioners with the beauty and the potential of this ground breaking encyclical; (i) **Parish Reading Circle: Wed 15 July 2015: 9.00 – 11.00am.** St Michael's Parish Centre. (ii) **An Interactive Workshop and Creation Prayer Hour:** facilitated by Deacon Michael and Sr. Sue at St Patrick's Berry **Sat 25 July 2015: 10.30 - 2.30pm.** Morning tea provided. BYO lunch. Further info and/or to register contact michael.dyer@dow.org.au or parish office 4423 1712.



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.



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THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

Same-sex attraction and the call for 'Marriage Equality' is the focus of *The Journey* Radio Program this week. We were really privileged to interview Mr James Parker, former director of Communications in the Archdiocese of Perth, about his personal story of adoption, abuse, same-sex attraction, embracing homosexuality and now life as a married Christian man, with a passion for drawing all people into the fullness of life offered in a walk with Jesus. His story is powerful, and he speaks with authority, sensitivity and love, drawn out of his own life journey. James is used to receiving criticism for what he has to say but there is no doubt he endeavours to compassionately speak the truth of his own experience into the debate raging around these hot button issues, and in doing so challenges everyone, Christians, non-believers and those with same-sex attraction. Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sunday at 11am or go to www.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE – Skilling you for Being Involved

Course Sessions: Option 1: Wednesdays 22 July – 16 Sept, 7:30-9:30pm and Option 2: Wednesdays 19 Aug – 16 Sept, 10am-2pm

Currently involved in your parish community? Would you like to develop further practical skills for enhancing your involvement? Are you new to ministry and want to learn more? Interested in developing skills for working with others in ministry? Serving God's People provides an overview of Christian ministry, equipping those involved or seeking to be involved in ministry with essential skills and knowledge for actively contributing to the life of the parish or Diocese. The Eastern Macarthur group of parishes will be running this course during third term (July-September) and you are invited to participate. Come along to the information session to find out more on how to become part of this exciting opportunity. For further information contact Darren McDowell, Parish Services, cfl@dow.org.au or 4222 2463. **Enrolment in the course is essential and must be completed by Friday 17 July**

CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL LITURGY – NOW OPEN FOR NEW ENROLMENTS.

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

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

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.

NEW NOTICE

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY – DATE CLAIMER

Our next diocesan assembly will be held on the morning of Saturday 5 September. Please reserve a spot in your calendar. More details available soon.

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