



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

**Website: [nowraparish.org.au](http://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.

## Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time - Yr B Sunday 5th July 2015

### Sunday Masses:

**Nowra:** Vigil 6pm, 8.009.30am & 6.00pm

**Berry:** 8.00am

**Bomaderry:** 9.30am

**Culburra:** Vigil 6.00pm,

**Vincentia:** Vigil 6pm, & 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.am

**Berry:** No Tuesday Mass...**Culburra:** Thurs 5.30pm

**Vincentia:** Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00am; Tues/Wed 5.30pm

Shoalhaven Heads: Friday 3.30.p.m.

**(Clergy in-service this week)**

### 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; **Kerry Lynch, Ellen Mortlock U.K.** (mother of Ellen Burton –Berry), **Patricia Smith, Anne Ebsworth** (Sanctuary Pt.), **Evelyn Fossey** (Margaret Skelton's sister), **Frances Farington**. Also, **Frank Birtles, Frank Mathers, Mark Riley and Ron Nelson**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in peace.*



**Feastdays: Mon July 6<sup>th</sup> – St Maria Goretti**  
**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> BI Peter To Rot** (New Guinean Catechist)  
**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> St Benedict**

**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. 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 still available at the Churches.**

St Michael's Church Nowra has been blessed over many years with a dedicated group of ladies decorating our Church weekly with fresh flowers, a practice not so evident in many parishes throughout Australia it seems to me. We are also very fortunate that our Parish Priest recognising the importance of this practice, allows the ladies to purchase the flowers from a local Florist (at a discounted price). Unfortunately Joan Dempsey and Joan Watts are no longer able to continue with their wonderful work spanning decades. Consequently we are looking for parishioners to fill this gap - **you DON'T need to be a florist** - just someone who loves flowers and can spare one Friday a month arranging them. Please contact me on 0407013551 to find out more. **Robbie Forsythe**



**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**



**The Marriage debate! The mission of the Church is to speak God's word of truth.** (This includes us). The Church does not consider that same-sex relationships can ever amount to marriage. (Such relationships have already been given legal recognition and protection in many countries including Australia). The meaning of marriage however is confined to the relationship between a man and woman entered into voluntarily for life to the exclusion of all others and which is open to the procreation of children. The Church's defence of the inherent sacredness and uniqueness of Marriage is not simply based on Scripture and Christian teaching, but on **the Moral/Natural Law** which governs all human beings. Neither Supreme Court verdicts nor political legislation can alter the reality of the Moral (Natural) Law.

### WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR COMMON HOME?

'Our Sister Cries out to us: *'What is happening to our Common Home'* Chapter 1 of **Laudato Si** by **Pope Francis**. In chapter 1 Pope Francis asks us to listen closely to the world around us to become deeply aware, to dare to turn to what is happening to creation, to our common home in order that we can take meaningful action from the heart. He outlines four principle areas of concern: *pollution and climate change, availability of water, rate of animal and plant extinction and the decline in the quality of human life and societal breakdown*. Each of these concerns touches the poorest countries and individuals most severely. Whilst acknowledging the need for deep and honest debate about these issues the Pope notes the 'weak responses' often made in the face of these issues and a 'complacency and cheerful recklessness' that exists within society at large. However, there is hope and we are called upon, as individuals and governments to address these issues within our own neighbourhood and sphere of influence. **Two parish events** to acquaint parishioners with the beauty and the potential of this ground breaking encyclical; (i) **Parish Reading Circle: Wed 15 July: 9.00–11.00am**. St Michael's Parish Centre. (ii) **An Interactive Workshop & Creation Prayer Hour:** by Deacon Michael and Sr Sue at St Patrick's Berry, **Sat 25 July: 10.30-2.30pm**. Morning tea provided. BYO lunch. More info & to register please contact [michael.dyer@dow.org.au](mailto:michael.dyer@dow.org.au) or Parish office: 4423 1712.



### WORLD YOUTH DAY ~ OFFICIAL DIOCESAN LAUNCH WILL BE ON 31 JULY 2015.

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 info regarding the launch and diocesan pilgrimage available soon. Contact: Seth Harsh 4222 2460 / email: [seth.harsh@dow.org.au](mailto:seth.harsh@dow.org.au)





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**Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time - Yr B**  
**Sunday 5th July 2015**

### **2015 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES**

**MASS ~ If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60 years** of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham on **Sunday, 20 September 2015 at 2.00pm**, please contact **Helen Bennett 4222 2403** or email **[helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)** by **Monday 3 Aug** and an invitation will be sent to you.

### **THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM ~**

This week *The Journey* celebrates a major milestone - its 100th birthday! Kicking off with a Gospel reflection from newly ordained Fr Stephen Varney. We also hear from Sr Hilda Scott OSB, who challenges us to consider what really matters in our lives and Trish McCarthy encourages us to surrender our lives to God. Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sun at 11am or go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

**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.

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

### **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.

**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

**Did you know?** Being a Catechist is not about being the best speaker or the greatest teacher. It's about being yourself and sharing the message of the Gospel. Never forget that YOU are the Good News! You can make a difference. For more information on being a Catechist contact Frances 4423 1712.

**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 Tues, 28 July; Nowra on Wed, 29 July, and Culburra on Thurs, 30 July