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Sunday Masses:

Nowra: Vigil 6pm, 8.00 am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
Berry: 8.00am
Bomaderry: 9.30am
Culburra: Vigil 6.00pm,
Vincentia: Vigil 6.pm, & 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: Tues : 5.30.p.m....**Culburra:** Thurs 5.30pm
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00am; Tues/Wed 5.30pm
Shoalhaven Heads: Friday 3.30.p.m.

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; **Betty Koblenz**, (Requiem Mass Mon, B'derry 10.30.a.m.) **Marina Moon**, (St Michael's Tues at 10.a.m.), **Betty Corcoran** (Sanctuary Point), and **Lady Joan McNamara** (mother of Shelley Grant). Also, **Carolyn Garden, John Ryan, Albert Muller, Garry Rhodes, and Frank Wall** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in peace.*



Feastdays: St.Martha, Wed 29th; St. Ignatius, Fri 31st,
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Sat 1st.

Holy Spirit Vincentia Spring Fair meeting, Sunday, 26 July after the 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

FIRST SATURDAY Marian Devotions ~ 1 August

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.*

Morning Tea for Catechists: Please join us **Tuesday 4 August, 10:30am in the Parish Centre** for morning tea amongst friends in the ministry. Don't miss the opportunity to exchange ideas, share experiences & support each other. It wouldn't be the same without you! RSVP to Frances for Catering purposes, 4423 1712.

FIRST RECONCILIATION ~ The 2nd information evening for Parents is now transferred to **Wed 12 August, 7pm in St Michael's Hall Nowra.**

Lessons to prepare public school students for their first Reconciliation will commence next week:-

BERRY: Tues. 28 July, 4-5pm in St Patrick's Centre.
NOWRA: Wednesday 29 July, 4-5pm in St Michael's School Hall.

CULBURRA: Thursday 30 July, 4-5pm in Mary Help of Christians Church.

The lessons will be conducted weekly over the six week period prior to the celebration of the Sacrament in the second week of September.

WORLD YOUTH DAY ~ Official Diocesan Launch, 31 July at 6.30pm, at the Xavier Centre in Wollongong.

In **July 2016** World Youth Day is being hosted in **Krakow, Poland**. The Diocese is preparing to launch its own WYD pilgrimage for those aged 18 & over. More info on the launch and diocesan pilgrimage available soon. Contact: Seth Harsh 4222 2460 / email: seth.harsh@dow.org.au



Have you thought about becoming a Catholic?

A number of adults in our parish are beginning the journey towards Baptism or full membership of the Catholic faith. Have you sometimes thought about making that journey too and wondered what it would entail? Or, do you know someone who might be interested? Come along to an Inquiry Session...no commitment needed, to attend. **Monday morning 3 Aug, 9.30am, or Tuesday 4 Aug, 7.30pm, St Michael's Parish Centre.** Further info 4423 1712 or speak to Fr Duane, Fr Pat or Sr Sue.

Trivia Fundraiser ~ For Lachlan's Family and the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation.

Lachlan is in Yr 2 at St Michael's, seriously ill with brain cancer. **Sat 8 Aug, at St. Michael's Hall, 5.30pm** for a 6.30pm trivia start. \$30 per ticket, supper included, BYO drinks. Ages 16 & over. Contact Fr Duane (44231712) to join a parish table, or buy tickets directly from Nowra Radiology, 73 North St, Nowra (cash only), 44230888.

WINTER APPEAL ~ St Vincent de Paul Society.

As mentioned last week, we have our doorknock appeal during the last 2 weeks in August. Our funds are really low this year, but with no change in people needing our help. So this event is extremely important for us. We really need parishioners' help. To knock on doors is the most effective way to raise funds, but for those less able we also need people to sit in shopping centres. For more information, ring Mary on 44210717.

Deacon Michael Dyer as we announced last week, has been appointed to the Cathedral Parish, commencing in early August. There will be an opportunity to express our gratitude to Michael for the time he has so generously spent with us, at an afternoon Tea on Saturday August 1st at 2.00.p.m.in the Parish Centre. If convenient please take a plate. All are cordially invited.

Catholic Mission through the Diocesan Director David Harrison wishes to thank Parishioners for your response to the recent Appeal. The total received was **\$11,129.00**

"Thank you again for facilitating this annual appeal for the needs of the Church's missions and in particular Madagascar. Also, thank you for hosting Sr Clara and myself over the weekend." David Harrison

Caritas Australia has thanked thousands of generous supporters, including schools and parishes across Australia, who collectively helped to raise a record-breaking \$11.57 million nationally during Project Compassion 2015.

Thank you to the ladies who have volunteered to assist with flower preparation at St. Michael's. We have had a wonderful response for such a wonderful ministry in parish life.

NOWRA YOUTH EVENT – for 13-18 year olds. Our first event (in June) saw 30 young parishioners entertained and inspired by Youth Mission Team, Wollongong. The second instalment is coming up: Sunday Aug 16th, 4-8pm. Contact Fr Duane if you're interested, 44231712 or duane@nowraparish.org.au



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ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP ~ Diocesan Mass. Held at **Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Kiama, Saturday 8 August, commencing 11.00am**, to be followed by light lunch in the parish hall. Bishop Peter will be the principal celebrant. *All are welcome.*

NEXT INSTITUTION OF ACOLYTES – Saturday 29 August, 6pm, St. John Vianney Co-Cathedral.

The Institution of acolytes trained in February had been postponed from April. The new date is now set. Specific time & place will be advised shortly. Candidates and Parish Priests will be notified in the coming week of necessary preparations. If you need to update your Working With Children Check, visit www.liturgy.dow.org.au, click on the “Working With Children Check” icon in the header of the home page and follow the prompts. For further information contact Paul Mason liturgy@dow.org.au or 4222 2462.

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE!

Right across our Diocese, over 500 Catechists go into Government Primary Schools each week and teach nearly 10,000 Catholic School kids! These wonderful people teach the Catholic values of respect, love, service and justice to our next generation of Catholics. The Government is currently conducting a review into SRE and what can be done to improve it in the years to come. They want you to have your say! Have you had a child in Scripture? Have you taught Scripture? **We'd love for you to take the time to complete an online survey - bit.ly/sre-review.** Your help will guarantee the ongoing growth of this important ministry. Thank you!

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 by **Monday 3 Aug** and an invitation will be sent to you.

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.

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 high school student 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

WEEKEND RETREAT: A retreat for mothers.

Presenters: Mrs Marilyn Rodriguez & Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD. *“Come to me ... and I will give you rest”*. If you're feeling run-down, burnt out, or fed up, then let the Lord spend quality time with you and give you His peace. When: Aug 14 – Aug 16.

Weekend retreat: Gregorian Chant Workshop

Presenter: Mr Tony Vaughan
Learn chants & hymns in honour of Our Lady.
When: Aug 14 – Aug 16
Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. Cost: \$220 (concessions apply)
Ph 02 8795 3400 email: retreats@carmelite.com
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

This week on *The Journey* Sr Hilda Scott OSB challenges us never to give up, Trish McCarthy reminds us that love is what draws us closer to God and Peter Gilmore challenges us to take the time to examine ourselves by pondering on our relationship with God. Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sun at 11am or go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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

Bomaderry Grass Cutting Roster: Thanks to the two parishioners that came forward after the appeal last Sunday. We still need two more helpers – teams of two, twice per year. Contact **Ivor 4421 0929**.