



St Michael's Parish, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: office@nowraparish.org.au

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Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time - Yr B Sunday 2nd August 2015

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; **Cathy Morrissey, Marina Moon, and Betty Koblenz.** Also **Colleen Baker, Syd Sweeny, Peter Marshall, Shirley Rigney, John Laurie, Hilda McBeath, Lallie Quade** (of Trundle), whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in peace.*



Feastdays:

August 4th Tues. St John Vianney – patron of priests.
August 6th Thurs -The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 5th Fri St Dominic
August 8th Sat. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

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.*

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!



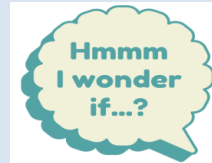
St Vincent De Paul Society ~ Winter Appeal.

This weekend, forms are in place in Nowra and Bomaderry churches, for parishioners to note their willingness to volunteer to assist with our doorknock appeal. **We really need your 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. Anyone needing more information, please ring Mary on 4421 0717.



Thinking of becoming Catholic?

Do you wonder what it might entail?



Come along to an **Inquiry session** ... no commitment needed to attend.
Monday morning, 3rd August 9.30am OR Tuesday evening, 4th August 7.30pm, St. Michael's Parish Centre. More information ring: **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.

CWL Bay & Basin ~ Meeting, Thursday 6 August at 12noon for lunch, followed by meeting at 1pm in Holy Spirit Church Hall. Contact: Eileen on 4443 8008.

For the Children' ~ Presented by Southland, an Australian International Performance Choir, Sunday 16 August, 2pm, Berry Uniting Church, Albert St, Berry. Cost: \$25, Concession: \$20. Afternoon tea provided. All proceeds donated to Mater Dei, Camden, a school and early intervention service for children with an intellectual disability. For Info: 0400 890 839.

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 16 Aug, 4-8pm.** Contact Fr Duane if you're interested, 44231712 or duane@nowraparish.org.au

"G" day Mass ~ An Invitation is extended to all Grandparents, Guardians and Godparents of students in Year 7, to attend a Mass in acknowledgement of the contribution these special people have made to the lives of Yr 7 students. **Wed, 26 August, 10am, at St. John the Evangelist School Hall.** Following Mass, morning tea served near the chapel, and our special guests will be able to view some of the students work from Religion.



HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE! Over 500 Catechists go into Government Primary Schools in our Diocese each week and teach nearly 10,000 Catholic School kids! These dedicated people teach the Christian 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. **We'd appreciate you taking 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.

Parent Evening for First Reconciliation on Wed August 12th at St Michael's Hall- 7.00.a.m. - Parents only.



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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.

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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's second birthday*, Fr Graham Schmitzer reflects on the Gospel of John; Marilyn Rodrigues talks about the importance of creating family memories and Fr Dave Callaghan MGL asks the question "What would heaven look like?" 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**.

SCIENCE & RELIGION: PARTNERS IN KNOWING GOD, THE UNIVERSE & LIFE

Thursday, 13 Aug, 7:30-9:30pm at Xavier Centre 38 Harbour St, W'gong.

Rev. Dr. Anthony Gooley is back, presenting on *Science & Religion*. In popular imagination and media science and religion (Christianity) are often pitted against each other as opposing forces. When we look at the relationship between them, especially Christian theology, we are surprised to learn just how close they are to one another and yet each has its own limits and proper way of doing things. We will look, in particular,

at the origins and development of the universe. **Registration is essential to Helen Bennett, 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au** Cost is \$10. Enquiries to **Darren McDowell, 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au**