



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.

Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time - Year B

16th August 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 7.00am; Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am,
 Fri 7.00am and 11.30am. Sat. 9.00am.
Berry: Tues 5.30pm **Culburra:** Thurs 5.30pm
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00am; Tues/Wed 5.30pm
Shoalhaven Heads Community Hall, 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:

Thurs 20 Aug, St Bernard
 Fri 21 Aug, St Pius X, Pope.

Sat 22 Aug, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased. Also, **Dennis Rennell** (St. Georges Basin), **Edward & Marija (Maria) Alamango, Damien Baker, Christine Couch and Doris Lansdowne**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



CWL Nowra Branch ~ Fashion Parade, Saturday 12 September, 10am, St. Michael's School Hall. B & M Fashion Culburra. Cost \$8.00 includes Morning Tea and Lucky Door Prize. Contact: Theresa 4422 6878 or Judy 4421 8565

Winter Soul Food: in response to a number of requests, the monthly reflection afternoon at the convent will resume. Before we say goodbye to winter, let's share some "winter food for the soul!" **Monday 24th August** 1.30. -3.00 p.m. Repeated **Wednesday 26th August. 1.30 – 3.00 p.m.** if numbers require two groups. If interested, call or leave message for Bev or Sue 4421 2260

St Vincent De Paul Society Winter Appeal ~

We are still hoping more parishioners might come forward to assist us with our doorknock appeal, 22nd to 30th August. For those willing to assist, whether you have recorded your name or not, please call into the parish centre on the Saturday or Sunday 22/23 or 29/30 after 9am, to collect information and material. For more info phone Mary 4421 0717.



Each Conference of the Society within the Parish has its own story and varying demands. **The Nowra-Bomaderry Conference** rates as one of the most pressurised in the Diocese. On average for the months of April, May and June, 220 persons per month have been assisted, with an out-lay of close to \$12,000 per month. Such facts demonstrate the urgent need for the Doorknock.

"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 Classes.



Culburra Family Group ~ Fr Peter McGrath cp will be running a Renewal Day for family group members and other interested people on Saturday 22 **August, beginning 9.30 for 10.00 and finishing at 3.30. It will** be held at the Casey's home (4446 4117) at Callala Bay. Morning tea and lunch provided.

Berry Family Group ~ Our next gathering will be Sunday 23 August at the home of Bev & Denham Cathro, 154 Bundewallah Rd, Berry. Ph 4464 3614. All welcome. This will be a brunch type picnic so BYO with maybe a plate to share with tea & Coffee. Time: 11.30 onwards. Weather permitting maybe some outdoor games.

Holy Spirit Vincentia, Spring Fair on 5th September

The Spring Fair is only 3 weeks away! There will be a meeting to finalise details after the 9.30am Mass this Sunday 16th September. Volunteers are needed so if you can help, please come to this meeting or contact Judy Lenehan on 4441 7456.

ST MICHAEL'S FEASTDAY: All parishioners are invited to gather at the Nowra Golf Club, Thurs 24 Sept, 6.30pm for 7pm to celebrate our parish Feastday – St Michael. There will be a guest speaker. More precise information will be available in the weeks ahead..

Some dates to note on the parish Calendar:

Sept.5th Sat – Spring Fair – Holy Spirit Community
Sept 12th Sat - CWL Fashion Parade- St Michael's.
Sept 16th (Wed); Year 12 Mass- St John's – 630pm
Sept 24th (Thurs): Parish Festive function – 6.30.p.m
Oct 17th (Sat) - Significant Marriage anniversaries- Mass at St Michael's -10.a.m..
Oct 20th (Tues) Berry- Mass with Anointing of the Sick
Oct 24th (Sat): Berry St V.de Paul Conference- 50th Anniversary – Mass at 11.00.a.m at St Patrick's

With the recent appointment of Fr David Catterall to the newly established Parish of St Mary MacKillop at Oran Park-Leppinton, Fr Richard Healey has been appointed Parish Priest to St Paul's – Albion Park. Fr Richard ministered in the Nowra parish from 2006 -2010; we wish him every blessing and a fruitful pastoral ministry.

MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE – THE MUSIC COORDINATOR: – SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

This course provides general formation and resources for those who coordinate music ministry at Mass, including Choir Directors, Ensemble and Small Group Leaders, Organists and Cantors in parishes and schools. Paul Mason and Angela Quinn will facilitate two sessions at the Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong, on Sat 19 Sept., 10:00am – 1:00pm. A Resource Kit and Morning Tea are provided. For further information visit www.liturgy.dow.org.au, or contact Paul Mason liturgy@dow.org.au or 4222 2462. Cost: \$10 For enrolment registration contact Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403.



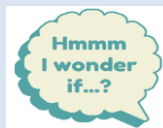
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Thinking of becoming Catholic?

Join us for our second Inquiry session
no commitment needed to attend.
Monday morning 10th August 9.30am
OR



Tuesday evening 11th August 7.30pm St. Michael's Parish Centre
For more information ring: 4423 1712 or speak to Fr Duane, Fr Pat or Sr Sue

LIVE SIMPLY SO OTHERS CAN SIMPLY LIVE: LAUDATO SI – CHAPTER 6

Over the last few instalments in these reflections on Laudato Si you will notice Pope Francis has been speaking about the big picture and our overall theology. In this final chapter of Laudato Si the Pope turns to the actions that we can do in our everyday lives. If we hope to have ecological conversion and a better world we need to have a conversion of heart, a new lifestyle which “opens the possibility of bringing healthy pressure to bear on those who wield political, economic and social power” (LS 206). The integral ecology of which he speaks “is also made up of simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness” (LS 230). To undertake this path Pope Francis calls us to live with moderation, living simply and undertaking the regular examination of consciousness and conscience. These two practices can lead us to reflection and action in our daily life. Let us never underestimate the change and hope that can be brought by one single person.

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!

DATE CLAIMER - DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 5 SEPTEMBER – MERCY AND HEALING

Our next diocesan assembly will be held at Mount Carmel Catholic College, Varroville on Saturday 5 September, 9.30am registration for 10am start. It is a very practical assembly giving you an opportunity to partake in workshops with a focus on the upcoming Year of Mercy and our focus on Healing for 2016. Please reserve a spot in your calendar. More details available soon.

DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG - THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC/CHRISTIAN RADIO PROGRAM

This week on *The Journey* we kick off the show as usual with the Gospel and Fr Richard Healey; Sr Hilda's piece this week, “the selfie”, is just brilliant; in *Milk and Honey*, Trish McCarthy explains a few things about right judgement and Bruce Downes *The Catholic Guy*, chimes in with some great advice too. 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.

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. The specific time and 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.