



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.

Twenty Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time - Year B

20th September 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
Kangaroo Valley: Tues/Thurs. 9.00am. Wed.: 7.00a.m.
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

We prayerfully remember **Ray Abood, Shirley Jones, Mollie Cahill, Alex McCoy, Malachy Frawley**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Some dates to note on the parish Calendar:-

Oct 17th (Sat): Significant Marriage anniversaries: - Mass at St Michael's - 10am
Oct 20th (Tuesday -10.30.a.m.): Berry- Mass with Anointing of the Sick
Oct 24th (Sat): Berry St V.de Paul Conference- 50th Anniversary – Mass at 11am at St Patrick's



FIRST RECONCILIATION:

Thank you to St Michael's Teachers Sandrine Butler, Tracee Cinello, Leanne de Roo, and Paul Brodie; our Catechists: Frances Fairs, Rickie Gilligan, Jeanette Easton, Greg Troy, Camel and Phillip Hurrell who prepared the children so conscientiously for their First Reconciliation.

SVdP ~ Doorknock Appeal. The final total counted for the two weekends of the Appeal is \$9,363. *Thank you to all involved for your time and effort during this important annual event.*



ST MICHAEL'S FEASTDAY:

We will gather at the **Nowra Golf Club, Thurs 24 Sept, 6.30pm for 7pm** to celebrate our Parish Feastday – St Michael. The guest speaker will be Michael Austin, Diocesan Director of CatholicCare.

Wedding Anniversary Mass & Luncheon:

Sat, 17 October. Mass 10.00am, St Michael's Church North St, Nowra, followed by a light luncheon. Couples celebrating significant anniversaries (25th; 40th; 50th; 60th) are invited to attend. Please contact Judy 44218565 or Parish Office 4423 1712 by Mon 12 October. (No 9.a.m. Mass that morning.)

Catechists ~ Level 3 course commencing Monday 12 Oct.

Duration, over six Mondays in Term 4. No prior learning required to take part. The first topic is **Sacraments: Baptism, Penance, Anointing of the Sick** with Seth Harsh (Youth & Young Adults Coordinator). For registration or info, contact Frances 4423 1712.

Special Mass on Monday 2 November for the Faithful Departed: 11.30.a.m. and the Annual Liturgy at Worrigeer Chapel, Saturday 7 November at 10.a.m..

We would like to contact via a personal letter those who have experienced a bereavement during the year, to invite them to our November liturgies and offer them special hospitality on the day. **Last call for volunteers. Contact Sr Beverley 4421 2260.**



Holy Spirit Vincentia is holding a get together in the Church Hall for the Maltese community. **Sat, 17 October, 12noon** for lunch in the Church Hall Please bring a plate to share. More info, contact Lily 4441 5138

Dear Parishioners, My name is Ben & I am looking for a granny flat or two bedroom house for lease. I am basically homeless, and I am in need of a place to 'call home'. Your help & phone call will be very much appreciated. God bless. Ph: 0452 344 645 email: ben2.1959bm@gmail.com

FAREWELL ST JOHN'S YEAR 12 STUDENTS



This week marks the conclusion of schooling for our 110 Year 12 students. We trust that their years at St John's have prepared them well for life's journey. May they always feel the love of God in their hearts and reflect on the Gospel as a roadmap for life. Year 12 Graduation Mass was a very prayerful experience and a very beautiful and meaningful Liturgy. Our thoughts and prayers are with the students as they prepare for their HSC.

Goods News with a difference! - Prisoners allowed to visit the Sistine Chapel.

Fifty inmates from the Rebibbia jail visited the Vatican Gardens and St Peter's Basilica, before being given a private tour through the Vatican Museums including the Sistine Chapel, on Sunday last. The director of the prison, Stefano Ricca, said the visit would stay in their hearts and minds for a long time and was a beautiful contrast to their daily routine.

Prisoners released in Cuba.

The Communist Party daily *Granma* published the decision by the Council of State to free 3,522 prisoners on the occasion of the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis. "Cuba's Conference of Bishops expressed "profound satisfaction" with the news, calling it an "act of mercy" that bodes well for the Pope's visit."It's a reason for joy and spiritual relief for the inmates and their families," it said in a statement

SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY IN PALLIATIVE CARE

Wed 30 September, 9am-3:30pm, Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St W'gong. A workshop to gain knowledge and understanding of the Palliative Care approach in caring for those who are dying. carmen.karauda@catholiccare.dow.org.au Cost \$10. **Registration ESSENTIAL by Fri 24 September** to Helen Bennett, helen.bennett@dow.org.au 4222 2403.

SVdP ~ Piety Stall (Berry St Nowra) is well worth a look for 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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Positions Vacant - Pastoral Support Worker, School Chaplaincy. Based in various schools within the Diocese of Wollongong (Temporary part-time - minimum 10 hpw) commencing Term 1, 2016).

CatholicCare has been engaged to administer pastoral support services to Catholic primary schools in the Diocese under the National School Chaplaincy Program. We are seeking suitably qualified people to deliver a range of non-therapeutic welfare, faith formation, spiritual & emotional support to students, families and staff of Catholic primary schools. More info including application go to Careers page at www.catholiccare.dow.org.au or call Peter Burgoyne 4254 9354.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 20 SEPTEMBER 2015. This week on *The Journey* Fr Stephen Varney reflects on the Gospel of Mark; Sr Hilda Scott OSB shares a story of how Pope John XXIII revealed God's love to prisoners; Trish McCarthy challenges us to "Feel the Fear" and do it anyway; Fr Dave Callaghan asks us to "Think Again" and the Pirolas give us tips on the key to a successful marriage. 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.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN The Hermitage Retreat Centre, Mittagong, 16-18 October.

The Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia invite women of all ages to come away and be renewed with the Lord. Through the sacramental life of the Church (Mass, opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation, praying the Liturgy of the Hours, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament), private prayer & spiritual talks, the retreatant will grow deeper in her faith. The Hermitage provides comfort, privacy, beautiful scenery and delicious food, making the overall experience of the retreat truly a renewal in both body and soul. Cost: \$275

(flexible pricing \$250-\$290), may pay in instalments. Women of all ages (under 18 must be accompanied by mum or older sister). To register or for more information: sydney@op-tn.org

FAITH & JUSTICE: I WAS A STRANGER & YOU WELCOMED ME

Wed 14 October, 7:30-9:30pm, Ss Peter & Paul Parish Meeting Room, Kiama. The Catholic Church has a long tradition of reflecting on social justice and the problems of our day. How to respond to the global tide of refugees is one of those things that the Church has reflected upon using Scripture and Tradition to help discern how nations and individuals should respond. Facilitated by Rev. Dr Anthony Gooley, we will look at that teaching and reflect on the situation today in the light of this teaching. Cost \$10. Enquiries: Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au Registration Essential: Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au