



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 Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time - Year B

27th 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 7.00am
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 **Jack Ison, Charles Portelli, Helen Power, Colleen Ryan and Stephan Golod**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastdays: Tues 29th, Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael;
Wed 30th, St Jerome
Thurs 1st, St Therese of the Child Jesus
Fri 2nd, The Holy Guardian Angels

Some dates to note on the parish Calendar:-

Oct 17th (Sat): Significant Marriage anniversaries: -
Mass at St Michael's – 10.00am (No Mass at 9.00am.)
Oct 20th (Tuesday -10.30am): 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
Nov 2nd (Mon): – Mass at St Michael's for the Faithful Departed at 11.30am.
Nov 7th (Sat): Worrigeer Chapel – Annual Liturgy at 10am.

First Saturday Marian Devotions ~ 3 October

Mass at 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction 10:30am. Morning tea follows in Parish Centre. *All welcome.*

We celebrate Social Justice this Sunday



The 2015–16 Social Justice Statement is titled: **For those who've come across the seas: justice for refugees and asylum seekers.** In this Social Justice Statement, Australia's Bishops ask us to re-examine our responses to the plight of refugees and asylum seekers. They remind us of the nearly 60 million people around the world who are displaced from their homes and of the war and violence that are devastating countries in the Middle East, Africa and Asia. We are being encouraged to endeavour to focus on this massive global issue, with fairness, compassion and a genuine regard for the dignity of people in desperate need. In a few weeks, a date will be advertised for those who would like to come together in the parish to share our reflections on the Statement. A limited number of copies are on sale for 50 cents per copy. Available also on-line if you prefer a soft copy. For further details on the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call 02 83063499.

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 44231712 by Mon 12 October. (No 9 am Mass that morning).

Mass with Anointing of the Sick ~ Tuesday 20th October, St Patrick's Berry at 10.30am.

Would you like to attend this Mass but need transport? Please contact Karen Sweeney on 44234676 as soon as possible. *Please bring a plate for lunch.*

SVdP Conference Berry ~ 'Festival Mass' held at St. Patrick's, Sat, 24 October at 11am. *Please bring a plate.*

The **Culburra Beach Family Group's** next function will be the movie *Everest* in 3D at the Roxy Theatre on Wednesday, 30 October at 12.25. We will have a cup of tea/coffee afterwards.

New Name Badges for Catechists: please collect your new name badge from the Parish Centre for the start of Term 4.



Would you like to help?

Our parish community offers a more welcoming face to visitors and new parishioners if they are greeted by a smile at the door and a few warm words as you hand them the parish bulletin. If, when you arrive for Mass, no one is doing that, could you be

the person to do that today? *No need for a roster. Let's all be involved! If you can smile, you have the gift for welcoming.*

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

CWL Bay and Basin ~meeting will held in the Church Hall on **Thursday 1st November** at 12noon for lunch, followed by the AGM at 1pm. Contact Eileen 4443 8008

Special Mass on Monday 2 November for the Faithful Departed at 11.30am, and the Annual Liturgy at Worrigeer Chapel, Saturday 7 November at 10am. We would like to contact via a personal letter those who have experienced bereavement during the year, to invite them to our November liturgies and offer them special hospitality on the day.

The main focus of Pope Francis' visit to the US will be



his attendance at the largest-ever World Meeting of Families opening in Philadelphia on Tuesday with more than 17,500 participants from more than 100 countries registered for the

four-day congress. "All have come to affirm their commitment to the family as the foundation of a fruitful life," Archbishop Chaput



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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.**

Liturgy 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.

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 27 SEPTEMBER 2015

This week on *The Journey* Fr Graham Schmitzer reflects on the Gospel of Mark; Sr Hilda Scott OSB challenges us to “Trust in God” totally; Trish McCarthy asks us to “take a moment” and receive God. Also this week, listen to some great songs from amazing artists. 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. Cost \$10. Enquiries: Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au Registration Essential: Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

FR LIAM LAWTON TOUR

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish Bowral and the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong, in conjunction with Ministry Hub, are pleased to present internationally acclaimed liturgical music composer and performer, Fr Liam Lawton, on Sunday 8 November 2015 10am - 4 pm, followed by 6 pm Mass with Bishop Peter Ingham. The music will be directed by Fr Liam, who will be accompanied by some musicians and singers of his own. Cost: \$25 per person. Visit www.liamlawton.dow.org.au for more information and to book your tickets.

FATHERS DAY COLLECTION THANK YOU

As at September 23, a total of \$28,409 has been donated from 17 Parishes towards the recent Bishop's Fathers' Day Collection. *“I thank you for your support of this important work of caring for our elderly, retired and sick priests and for the education of those who will follow. God Bless.” Bishop Peter Ingham.*

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.