



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 Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time - Year B

4th October 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 8.00am; 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: Mon/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 **Eduardo & Remedios Paliza, Kevin Williams, Doris Chang, Sarah LeBan, Alex McCoy, Shirley Jones, Tony Russell, Joseph Trotter, Maud Crossingham, Max Dowd, Ellen Murray & Daphne Fossey**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.
May they rest in eternal peace.



Feastdays: Wed 7th, Our Lady of the Rosary

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 14th Wed. 7.p.m. Parent First Holy Communion Evening.
Oct 20th (Tues -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.

Lady looking for accommodation - granny flat or unit. Currently nursing at Osborne Nursing Home and also attending TAFE. Would appreciate somewhere close. Please phone Judith 0403 132 483

The Papal Visit to the US.



Hundreds of thousands of people packed the 33 acres of the parkway – perhaps upward of a million – to participate in the Mass of the 26th. Sunday in Ordinary Time.

(An extract from the Pope's homily©
...”Faith opens a “window” to the presence and working of the Spirit. It shows us that, like happiness, holiness is always tied to little gestures. **“Whoever gives you a cup of water in my name will not go unrewarded”, says Jesus** (cf. Mk 9:41). These little gestures are those we learn at home, in the family; they get lost amid all the other things we do, yet they do make each day different. They are the quiet things done by mothers and grandmothers, by fathers and grandfathers, by children. They are little signs of tenderness, affection and compassion. Homely gestures. Like a blessing before we go to bed, or a hug after we return from a hard day's work. Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true **domestic churches**. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to become faith....

“Until recently, we lived in a social context where the similarities between the civil institution of marriage and the Christian Sacrament were considerable and shared. The two were interrelated and mutually supportive. This is no longer the case,” says Pope Francis

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.*

Wedding



by Mon 12 October. (No 9.00 am Mass that morning).

Anniversary Mass & Luncheon:

Sat, 17 October. Mass 10.00am, St Michael's Church 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

Mass with Anointing of the Sick ~ Tuesday 20 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' at St. Patrick's, celebrating the Conference's Golden Jubilee Sat, 24 October at 11am. *Please bring a plate.*

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

HELP NEEDED: It would be appreciated if someone with access to a chainsaw could assist in Fr Pat's garden in the next few weeks. This involves a small amount of work. Contact Therese: 4421 3526

Spring Soul Food ~ Next reflection and sharing group at the convent, **Mon 12 October**, 1.30-3.00pm. Enquiries: Sr Bev or Sr Sue 4421 2260.

Thank you to the 105 parishioners from all regions of the Parish who helped celebrate the Parish Feastday by attending the Parish Dinner on Sept 24th. Our guest speaker Michael Austin of CatholicCare gave a very informative address.



First Holy Communion Preparation

Government Schools: Berry Tuesday Oct 6th, 4-5pm; St Michael's Hall, Nowra Wed Oct 7th, 4-5pm. Mary Help of Christians, Culburra Thursday October 8th, 4-5pm



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Liturgy Catechists ~ Level 3 course commencing Mon 12 October. 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.

A recital by members of the Shoalhaven City concert Band will be held at Meroo Union Church (cnr. Boxsells Lane & Princes Hwy, Meroo Meadow), **Sun 18 October, at 2.00pm.** Entry \$10, includes afternoon tea. This event will raise funds for further restoration of the historic church, a union church where Christians of all denominations are welcomed.



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.*

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

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, 10am - 4pm, followed by 6pm 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.

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.