



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.

Thirty Third Sunday Ordinary Time- Year B

15th November 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. Mass 9..am.
Berry: Tuesday 5.30p.m. **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, **Max Hitchcock, Jane Fleming, Kevin Gray, Ronald Houghton**, who have died recently. Also, **Dave Sherry, and Molly Cloran**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*
Requiem Mass for Jane Fleming (late of Callala) at St Michael's on Monday 16th at 10.30.am.



“BELOVED” ADVENT PROGRAM :The Diocese's new beautiful 72 page pocket-size book, BELOVED, a series of *daily reflections* for the Advent and Christmas period (29 Nov to 10 Jan), is now available at the Church doors – cost \$2.00. Reading these short reflections is a great way to begin your day with the Lord. It is also a perfect gift idea or substitute for Christmas cards (there is a page included to write your gift message).

There is also a CD entitled CRY OUT, which is mainly the Advent Responsorial Psalms in a contemporary style. Go to www.advent.dow.org.au to download a sample of the music **but to order the CD you will need to use the sign-up sheet at church (not online)** in order to get our special discounted price of \$8 for the CD.

Level 3 course for Catechists ~ continues this **Monday 16 Nov, 9:30am - 2pm in the Parish Centre.** This week Peter Gilmore will present the topic: The Eucharist - Source and Summit. Please BYO Lunch. Morning tea provided. Next Monday 23 Nov will be our last session for the Level 3 course for this year.

End of Year Mass for Catechists ~ Monday 30 November at St Michael's Church at 9:30am. Please join us for this wonderful celebration of our year! Morning tea provided in the Parish Centre after Mass. For more details, please contact Frances 4423 1712.

The Culburra Beach Family Group's next function will be fish & chips at Zacs, Currarong, at 12.30 on **Thursday 19 Nov.** This will be followed by a cup of tea at Noel Reid's home. Please ring Noel if coming 4448 3215.

Summer Soul Food: our last Monday sharing at the Convent for 2015. **Monday 16th November,** 1.30 -3.00 p.m. Inquiries: Bev or Sue 4421 2260

PUB THEOLOGY WOLLONGONG presents Seth Harsh (Diocese of Wollongong, Youth Office Coordinator) with Catholicism and the Human Experience at Dicey Riley's Hotel, **7pm, Wednesday 18 November,** with musical guests (ages 18-30). pubtheo.com.au

POPE FRANCIS: SPEAKING OUR LANGUAGE - DISCIPLESHIP IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Thursday 19 Nov, 10am - 12pm & (repeated) 7:30-9:30pm, St Michael's Parish Meeting Room, Nowra. Pope Francis is a man on a mission - a mission to the 99 lost sheep!! In this workshop we explore his writings and actions to discover their meaning for us in our lives as people called to share our faith and love of God with all whom we come into contact.

Australia's Catholic Bishops last month launched their 2015 Social Justice Statement, titled *For Those Who've Come Across The Seas* on the matter of asylum seekers and refugees. In light of the positive response to our evening meeting several weeks ago, another evening & a daytime session will be offered for those parishioners who have not yet heard the Bishops' call to awareness and action. Available on-line, we will also show the document on screen, for those who have not read it. **Tuesday evening 24 Nov, 7.30-9.00pm, Wednesday morning 25 Nov, 10.30-12.00** Enquiries Parish Office

Seminarians: You are invited to keep the two seminarians for the Diocese of Wollongong in your prayers at this time: Victor Vincent who continues his pastoral placement at St John's Parish in Dapto, and for James Arblaster who concludes his first year at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd with a 30-day silent retreat. James will be on retreat from 15 Nov – 15 Dec and will be joined by other seminarians seeking to discern God's will in their lives, as they contemplate priesthood.. Grace and peace, Fr Richard M Healey (Vocations'Team)

HOLY SPIRIT VINCENTIA ~ Christmas Community Morning Tea, Sunday 13 Dec, following 9.30am Mass. Parishioners are asked to think of the people they know who often do not get to Mass or events due to difficulty with transport/mobility etc. & invite & assist them to attend. Contact: Judy 44417456 for details.

NOWRA YOUTH EVENT for 13-18 year olds: Last one for the year – don't miss out! Led by the Youth Mission Team from Wollongong, **at St Michael's Hall, this SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER from 3:30pm.**



Please note that on Sunday next the Feast of Christ the King (Nov 21/22) First Holy Communion will be celebrated throughout the Parish. (St Patrick's Berry on Nov 29th - 1st Sunday of Advent). First Holy Communion Masses at St Michael's will be 9.30.am. and 11.30.a.m.. Parishioners who usually attend the 9.30.a.m. at St Michael's are encouraged to attend an alternative Mass on Sunday next. The Bomaderry Mass at 9.30.a.m. may be convenient as there are no First Communicants at the Bomaderry Mass.

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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The ordination to the Priesthood of Joseph McKay OFM, (Franciscan Friar) will take place at St Therese's Church, West Wollongong on Friday 11 Dec, at 7.00pm.

YEAR OF MERCY BEGINS ~ Pope Francis officially opens the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in Rome with the Opening of the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Tuesday 8 Dec, 9:30am - 12:30am Rome time. In the Diocese of Wollongong Bishop Peter Ingham will open the Holy Door of St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Wollongong on Sunday 13 Dec, 10:30am - 12:00noon. Full details & parish resources for celebrating the Year of Mercy are available on the Diocesan website at <http://www.liturgydow.org.au/year-of-mercy.html>.

DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL LITURGY ~ Pastoral Associates - Liturgy Coordinators - Liturgy Committee Members - Music Coordinators - Choir Directors - RCIA Coordinators - Sacramental Coordinators....This course is for you!

2016 units include the Core Unit "Eucharist in the Liturgical Assembly" (March - June), the elective Unit "Initiation in the Liturgical Assembly" (July - September), and the alternate Elective Unit "Music in the Liturgical Assembly" (July - September). Those who commence in 2016 will complete the certificate course in 2017 with the remaining two units. Go to website for application, or Paul Mason 4222 2462, or liturgy@dow.org.au

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 20-22 November Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville,

Let your love blossom this spring with a weekend.. Give the greatest gift, that of your time alone - invest in your most precious asset - your Marriage! Contact Ardell & Bill Sharpe 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

First Holy Communion - Cards & Gifts. Sacred Heart Church, Piety Stall Bomaderry has a range of stock, or order from the catalogue. *Christmas catalogue now available.* Open Sundays (9.30am Mass at Bomaderry), or call Suzie 4448 6219 or 0419 249 008

YOUTH LEADERS' FORMATION COURSE 2015

From 23 Nov to 19 Dec 2015 the 9th *Youth Leaders' Formation Course* (YLFC) will take place at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Richmond. The YLFC is a unique opportunity for 20 young adults from around Australia to live in community while being immersed in spiritual, pastoral & intellectual formation. The month includes over 30 presentations from dynamic speakers, daily Mass and prayer, silent retreat, parish mission, social outreach & life changing friendships! More info: www.catholicyouthservices.org/ylfc or contact ylfc@catholicyouthservices.org.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 15 NOVEMBER 2015

This week on *The Journey* Fr Ken Cafe takes us through his Gospel Reflection of Mark; we hear from the ever favourite Sr Hilda Scott OSB; Trish McCarthy in her "Milk and Honey" segment gives us some tips on meditation; Bruce Downes talks about "Getting Spiritually Fit" and Byron and Francene Pirola give us tips on "Five Ways to Help a Struggling Marriage." Add some great music to the mix and we have a great show this week. 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.

Uniting or Dividing? Christians and Muslims in our Globalised World

- Gleeson Auditorium, Australian Catholic University (ACU), 25A Barker Rd Strathfield, **Wednesday 2 Dec**, 7:30pm–9:00pm (followed by light refreshments). Keynote Speaker Prof John Esposito Cost: \$20 pp. This public talk is ideal for teachers, students, studies of religion, catechists, priests, pastoral associates, interfaith activists and concerned citizens. Acquire credit hours for professional development! For registration please phone (02) 9649 9040 or email info@isra.org.au