



**St Michael's Parish**, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: [office@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:office@nowraparish.org.au)

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## Second Sunday Ordinary Time (Yr C) 17<sup>th</sup> January 2016

### Sunday Masses :

**Nowra:** Vigil 6pm, 8.00am, 9.30am and 6.00pm

**Berry:**..... 8.00am

**Bomaderry:**..... 9.30am

**Culburra:** Vigil 6.00pm,

**Vincentia:** Vigil 6.00pm,  
and 9.30am

**Kangaroo Valley:** 11.00.am.

### Masses during the Week

**Nowra:** Mon. 7.00.a.m Tues/Wed/Thurs. 8.15 a.m.

Fri. 7.00am and 11.30am, Sat. 9.00 a.m.

**Berry:** Tues. 5.30 pm

**Culburra:** Thursday 5.30.p.m.

**Vincentia:** Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00 am, Tues/Wed 5.30 pm

**Kangaroo Valley:** Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9.a.m.; Wed. 7.a.m

### Confession / Reconciliation

**Nowra:** 9.30.a.m- 10.30.a.m. 5.00 - 5.30pm,

**Culburra:** Sat. 5.30pm

**Vincentia:** Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased:

**Phillip Hurrell, Pamela Vanzino and Raylee**

**Humphries.** Also **Anne Moses, Victor Sutherland,**

**and Stan Bright** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**'Ordinary Time'.** As we leave behind the Christmas

Season, we move into what is referred to Liturgically as 'Ordinary Time'. However there is nothing ordinary about 'Ordinary Time' as it is during these weeks that we hear and reflect on all the extra-ordinary things that Jesus said and did during His ministry.

Throughout the Ordinary Time in this C- Cycle the Sunday Gospel for the most part will be from St Luke. However this particular Sunday, why I am not clear, the Gospel is St John's account of the Wedding at Cana. This Gospel reminds us of God's abundant gifts, also that Jesus graced a Wedding by His presence.

John doesn't say that Jesus did «miracles». He calls them «signs» because they point toward something deeper than what our eyes can see. They point to Jesus' person and describe His saving ministry in our regard..



### The Year of Mercy:

**Parishioners are invited to a two part presentation for the Year of Mercy... Feb 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.** (Mon/Tues)

by Fr Michael Fallon MSC a well experienced Retreat Director at Douglas Park. Fr Michael will speak (Monday) on Mercy in New Testament and the Pope's initiative on Mercy. (Tuesday) - on what we need to do to welcome this mercy in our lives and share it with others. Morning sessions at Berry: 10.30.a.m; evening sessions at Nowra: 7.00 p.m.

### Mercy Lenten Program 2016

**Ash Wednesday this year is February 10<sup>th</sup>.**

The theme and title of the Diocesan Discussion Program this year as is to be expected is, **MERCY**, a **weekly program**, based on the Sunday Scripture readings during Lent. The Diocese has secured the wisdom of **Fr Ken Barker MGL** (Founder of the Missionaries of God's Love) and **Sr Hilda Scott OSB** (Jamberoo Abbey) to lead us in our Reflections for Lent, in this Year of Mercy.-

Our Lenten Program "**Mercy**" begins on the week of Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. Books will be for sale shortly @ \$5. Lists are now posted in the Church foyers for Nowra/Bomaderry You are cordially invited to join a group.

**Enquire:** Francene 4421 5962; Tina 4422 9250; Bernie 4421 2968.

Contact for Berry, Greg Troy 4464 1770; Callala, Theresa Vella 4446 5184; Culburra Beach, Harry Ray 4447 2941; Currarong, Connie Heap 4448 3157 / Vincentia/Bay & Basin, Fr Leo Duck 4441 5571.

**Date for your diary** ~The Parish Paschal Meal, Palm Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 12.30 for 1.00p.m..

**LMC Soup Kitchen** will be opening its' doors again on **Friday 5th February** for lunch at our new venue – **The Annexe Hall** (between School of Arts and Vinnies). We invite anyone who is interested in joining our roster to please call/text Shannon on 0414521404 over the coming week. We'd also love to hear from anyone who is able to assist in any way (food, donations, takeaway containers, contacts etc). Please remember our work and the people we serve in your prayers. Thank you, God Bless and please spread the word! Shannon Chittick and Sue Hill.

### Parish Statistical information for 2015:

*Having entered a New Year it is timely to consider how as parishioners we can be more supportive of ministries and needs within our parish. The following statement going back to the days of Pope Paul VI, is always relevant: The parish has an indispensable mission in the life of the Church*

- to create Christian community, to assist and lead people to participate in the Liturgical life of the Church.
- to conserve and renew the faith in to-day's people
- to serve - to provide opportunities - as a school for taking the saving message of Christ to the modern world.
- to provide in humble charity opportunities for good and compassionate works.

Much of the Church's pastoral work and ministries cannot be statistically quantified. Statistics can indicate to some extent how we are travelling. There is however much good accomplished by people individually and through organisations in very practical and compassionate ways within parishes which go beyond facts and figures.

### Statistics from the Parish Registers for 2015:

**Baptism:** 123

**Confirmation:** 65

**First Holy Communicants:** 91

**Marriage:** 28

**Funeral:** 92

We extend our prayerful sympathy to Carmel Hurrell and her family (Sanctuary Point) on the unexpected death of her husband Phillip during the week. Phillip and his wife Carmel as well as being faithful parishioners were both committed Catechists at Bay and Basin.

Deacon Michael Dyer has been leading short **Pilgrimages to various Oases of Mercy** on Fridays in this Year of Mercy. On Friday Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> it will take him to the *Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo & St Joseph's Kangaroo Valley*, departing St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 7.a.m. To Register and/or for more information contact: michael.dyer@dow.org.au and/or phone 1300 162 855. BYO.



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### “2016 WITH JESUS”- Year of Mercy.

An invite to a day of retreat at the Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo. Take a personal walk with Jesus through prayer, scripture reflections, a consideration of the Eucharist and silence. Participants may bring along writing materials. Date: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 9am – 3.30pm. Participants are very welcome to stay on for Vespers at 5pm, Cost: \$20. The day will be led by Sr. Hilda. Morning & afternoon tea provided. Please bring your lunch. To book call Petrina, 02 4236 0533 (Mon – Fri, 10am-3pm), [www.benedictineabbey.org.au](http://www.benedictineabbey.org.au).

Have you considered serving your parish as an Acolyte, Adult Altar Server, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? The 2016 Diocesan Training courses in these ministries are scheduled for Saturday 13 February, with institution and commissioning ceremonies to be held during May. More info can be found in the Ministry Directory publication available from the parish office, and on the website <http://www.liturgydow.org.au/ministry.html>. You can express your interest in any of these ministries using the form at: <http://www.liturgydow.org.au/expression-of-interest.html>.

### FEBRUARY 2016 LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING CALENDAR

- **Acolytes and Adult Altar Servers** 13 Feb 2016, 10am - 4pm Xavier Conference Centre Ingham & Wilson Rooms, 38 Harbour St, Wollongong
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** 13 Feb 2016, 10am - 1pm Xavier Conference Centre Ingham & Wilson Rooms, 38 Harbour St, Wollongong
- **Sacramental Preparation Coordinators and Team Members (Special In-Service)** 20 Feb 2016, 10am - 1pm Xavier Conference Centre Ingham & Wilson Rooms, 38 Harbour St, Wollongong

### THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – SUMMER EDITION

This week and right throughout the summer period *The Journey* Catholic Radio program will continue to bring you weekly Gospel reflections, great music and wonderful inputs from the likes of Sr Hilda Scott, Bruce Downs, *The Catholic Guy*, Dr Byron and Francine Pirola, Fr Dave Callaghan MGL, Trish McCarthy, Pete Gilmore, Sam Clear and Marilyn Rodriguez. What a great way to prepare for 2016 and the Year of Mercy. Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sun at 11am or go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) to get weekly updates sent to you.

### CALLED TO MINISTRY?

### 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 the website for an application form, or contact Paul Mason 4222 2462 or [liturgy@dow.org.au](mailto:liturgy@dow.org.au)