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**Website: [nowraparish.org.au](http://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.

## Third Sunday Ordinary Time (Yr C) 24<sup>th</sup> January 2016

### Sunday Masses :

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

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

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

**Culburra:** Vigil 6.00 pm

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

**Kangaroo Valley:** 11.00 am

### Masses during the Week

**Nowra:** Mon. 7.00 am Tues/Wed/Thurs. 8.15 am

Fri. 7.00 am and 11.30 am,

**Please note Mass on Sat 30<sup>th</sup>. 8.00.a.m. due to Lachlan's funeral at 10.a.m.**

**Berry:** Tues. 5.30 pm

**Culburra:** Thursday 5.30 pm

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

**Kangaroo Valley:** Tues/Thurs: 9 am.; Wed 7 am

### Confession / Reconciliation

**Nowra:** 9.30 am - 10.30 am; 5.00 - 5.30 pm

**Culburra:** Sat 5.30 pm

**Vincentia:** Sat 5.00 – 5.30 pm

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased:

**Lachlan Thoroughgood (aged 8), Phillip Hurrell and Benedict Galea.** Also **Ann Moses, Mary Zammit, Ken Harris, Eithne Wood and Ivy Whitfield**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



We offer to Leanne and Nathan Thoroughgood, and their extended family our sincerest and prayerful sympathy on the death of their son Lachlan aged 7 years, after a long and complicated illness. Lachlan's funeral will take place at St Michael's on Saturday next, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> at 10.00.a.m.

### 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.

**Lent** ~ The books for our program "**Mercy**" are now available for sale @ \$5. Lists for the groups are in the foyers of Nowra/Bomaderry Churches.

**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..

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.

**LMC Soup Kitchen** will be opening its doors again on **Friday 5th Feb** for lunch at our new venue – **The Annexe Hall** (between School of Arts and Vinnies). Thanks to those who have offered to help at the soup kitchen. We are holding a brief meeting in **the Annexe on Friday, 29 Jan, 10am..** A chance to see the new premises, receive rosters and go over the running of things. We commence Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. It's not too late to volunteer - just turn up to meeting or call Shannon 0414521405. Thankyou.

**Anointing Mass ~ Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> Feb at St. Michael's.** If you know anyone who would like to attend, but requires transport, please contact Karen Sweeney 4423 4676.

**Culburra Family Group** ~ We will hold a Family Group planning meeting at Casey's (Callala Bay 4446 4117) on Friday, 29 Jan at 4.00 pm, followed by fish & chips.

**BISHOP PETER INGHAM CELEBRATED HIS 75TH. BIRTHDAY – Jan 19<sup>th</sup> – REACHING THE AGE OF RETIREMENT** .We send our prayerful congratulations to Bishop Peter who celebrated his 75th birthday in Jerusalem whilst on pilgrimage with teachers and educators from the Catholic Education Office. Bishop Peter has submitted a letter of resignation to Pope Francis as required by Canon Law on a bishop's 75th birthday. Currently the Vatican is running up to two years behind in effecting bishops' resignations, so the Bishop is not "holding his breath"! New bishops for four Dioceses are all on the queue before Wollongong. Auxiliary bishops for Brisbane and Sydney are also being sought. Besides Wollongong, the Bishops of Geraldton, Wagga Wagga, Port Pirie and Melbourne also turn 75 this year.

**Calling all Catechists!** ~ Our first meeting of the year held in the Parish Centre, **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9:30am.**



This is an important meeting for all Catechists (from all regions of the Parish) and also for those considering becoming a Catechist in 2016. At the meeting you can collect your books, teaching manuals, letters to parents & green cards for the teaching year ahead. Also, you will have the opportunity to select the class (es) that best suit you this year, and we can assign helpers to those who would like the assistance. Important dates for the year will be shared and all your questions answered. Please spread the word and invite your friends! Kind regards, Frances.

**13 Day Pilgrimage with Fr Wahid to the Holy Land including Petra.** Cost \$5,000 ALL INCLUSIVE. 15<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Contact: Shereen 03 95577597 / 0421114724 OR Allan 9792 4444.

**"MEETING THE GOD WHO WANTS TO MEET YOU".....a day for the young people of our diocese. (over 16 yrs).** Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo. Presenter: Sr Hilda. Commencing 9am (Mass), & day concludes 3.30pm.. BYO Lunch & drink. Morning & Afternoon tea provided. **To register contact Petrina 42 36 0533.**

### Calendar for the Week:

**Mon Jan 25<sup>th</sup>:** Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

**Tues Jan 26<sup>th</sup>.** Australia Day

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>** Sts Timothy and Titus : St Michael's School Staff will attend the 8.15.a.m Mass

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>** St Thomas Aquinas



**24 HOURS WITH THE LORD** “Mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life” (MV, n10)

On **Fri 4 March to Sat 5 March**, the Cathedral will respond to the Pope’s call to have “24 Hours with the Lord” during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. All the faithful, including the baptized who feel estranged from the institutional church, are invited to participate in the series of prayers and liturgies that will be held in the Cathedral for those twenty-four hours. The Official prayer of the Church will be prayed at the appropriate hours, Masses will be celebrated, there will be Adoration and Benediction, an hour of Songs of Praise and, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. This “24 Hours with the Lord” is an opportunity for all to be fed at the “oasis of mercy” at the Cathedral. A draft timetable is available on the cathedral website.

**FORGIVENESS, HEALING & HOPE: MEANING IN MY LIFE TODAY – A YEAR OF MERCY**

**Saturday 6 Feb, 2pm-5pm, St Paul’s Parish Hall, 24 Garrett St Moss Vale**

What could a ‘Year of Mercy’ mean in your life – forgiveness, healing, hope???? This afternoon of reflection, discussion and input will explore these themes, assisting you to get the most out of this Year of Mercy which Pope Francis calls us to experience, encounter and live during 2016. Please RSVP: Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) by Wednesday 4 Feb.

**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 Downes, *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?**

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 S, Wollongong

**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)