



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.

Second Sunday of Lent (Yr C) 21st February 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. Sat. 9.00 am
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
S'haven Heads - Friday: 3.30 pm

Project Compassion material is now available

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

NOWRA: Fridays 7pm.
CULBURRA: Wed. Evenings 5.30 p.m. commencing on Ash. Wed
VINCENTIA: each Friday of Lent, after the 8.00am Mass, beginning this Friday, Feb. 12th

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased:

Catherine Longford, Valmai Tynan, Josephine Hall, (Brian Walsh- Albion Park), Dot Read. Also, **Simeona de Luna, Esmae Wilkinson (Shoalhaven Heads), Pat Conroy**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Catechists ~ Level 1 course for Catechists continues in the Parish Centre this **Tuesday** 23 Feb, 9:30am-1:30pm. The topics: SRE in the Parish and School; Children with Special Needs; & Development of the Child and Adolescent. Please BYO lunch.

Currently, we are in need of Catechists for Kangaroo Valley & Falls Creek on a Thursday and a Kindergarten teacher for Bomaderry on a Tuesday. Please contact Frances if you are able to help 4423 1712.

The Year of Mercy: *What rich fare we were given by Fr Michael Fallon MSC in his talks last Monday & Tuesday. About 90 people attended one or both sessions... a wonderful start to the Year of Grace in our parish! If you missed out, you might like to explore his website: www.mbfallon.com*



The Year of 'Mercy' Lent 2016

Twenty one groups have begun our Lenten program throughout the Parish. Six books have 'appeared' at the Parish Centre @\$5 if interested.

Enquire: Francene 4421 5962; Tina 4422 9250; Bernie 4421 2968. Vincentia/Bay & Basin: Fr Leo Duck 4441 5571.

Choir practice for the Easter Ceremonies will be held on Thurs 25th Feb; 3rd 10th & 17th March, at 5.30pm in St. Michael's Church. *All singers & musicians are most welcome.*

Invitation ~ Sr Jeanie and Fr Greg Burke invite volunteers & families who have children or adults with a disability to a luncheon & prayer gathering in the Parish Centre, **Wednesday 24 Feb, any time between noon & 1.30pm.** Sister is making necessary changes. Please indicate your attendance: Sr Jeanie 0405 158 763. Numbers are important for catering. *Many thanks.*

Grounds Maintenance Roster, St. Michael's Nowra. A huge thankyou to Bruce Davis, Bob Luxford, & Ron Rigney who have been on the roster for a very long time keeping the Church grounds in immaculate condition (with the aid of 2 other teams), and are now retired. If anyone feels they could commit to a **bi-monthly roster**, the Parish would be most grateful. Equipment available at the Presbytery. Ph Robbie Forsythe 0407013551, or the office

Morning Tea after Sunday 9:30am Mass at Nowra. *All welcome.*

Children's Liturgy commences this Sunday. Thank you to all our generous volunteers for your wonderful work in these important ministries. Any new volunteers are most welcome. Contact Kevin 0412 664213.

Confirmation 2016: The Sacrament of Confirmation

will be celebrated in the Parish on **Sunday May 22nd** ~ Children in Year 6 and upward who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are eligible for Confirmation. If you wish your child to be confirmed then please note the following information.



An introductory and information Meeting for parents and all candidates will be held on Wed. Feb 24th at St Michael's Hall at 7 p.m. It is essential that Candidates and Parent(s) attend this Meeting as important information regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation will be shared.

Pope Francis urges Mexican priests: Don't give up in



face of violence The Pope made his plea during a Mass Tuesday with tens of thousands of clergymen and seminarians at a stadium in Morelia, the capital of the western

state of Michoacan during his weeklong visit to Mexico..Michoacan endured some of the most gruesome episodes of Mexico's drug war, which has left 100,000 people dead or missing in the past decade, including around 40 clergy "What temptation can come to us from places often dominated by violence, corruption, drug trafficking, disregard for human dignity, and indifference in the face of suffering and vulnerability?" the Pope asked. "Faced with this reality, the devil can overcome us with one of his favourite weapons: resignation." Speaking on the sacredness of the family Pope Francis said: *"It is true that living in family is not always easy, and can often be painful and stressful but, as I have often said referring to the Church, I prefer a wounded family that makes daily efforts to put love into play, to a society that is sick from isolationism and habitually afraid of love..."*

We were greatly saddened in recent days to learn that Fr **Tony Daly** (parish Priest of Ruse) has been diagnosed with a very severe form of cancer. Please keep Fr Tony in your daily prayers.



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A Day of Mercy ~ Retreat. Reflect on the Gift of Mercy in our lives. The day will include REFLECTIONS on MERCY, SILENCE and PRAYER. **Sat 5 March, Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo, 9.00 am - 4.00 pm.** COST: \$30.00. Morning & Afternoon Tea provided. Please BYO lunch. PRESENTER: Sr Hilda Scott osb. Enquiries: 42 360533. Participants are very welcome to stay on for Vespers at 5.00 pm followed by Adoration and then Compline at 7.00 pm

World Day of Prayer ~ Friday 4 March.
6pm light tea, 7pm Service. Berry Community Church. *Everyone welcome.*

Year of Mercy- a simple explanatory leaflet is now available. Please read it fully and reflectively.

Date for your diary ~ The Parish Paschal Meal, Palm Sunday, 20 Mar 12.30 for 1.00pm.

Laudate Si'- a day has been organized in the Diocese for furthering our education on a theology & spirituality of Caring for the Environment...the topic of Pope Francis' recent encyclical. *Key speaker, Fr Denis Edwards, is an Adelaide priest, world renowned writer and scholar on this issue.* **Thurs, 25 Feb, 9.00 – 3.30pm.** See flyer for details. Venue: **St Mary's College Hall, Harbour St W'gong.** To register: darrenmcdowell@dow.catholic.org.au 4222 2463.

24 HOURS WITH THE LORD: On **Fri 4 March to Sat 5 March**, "Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life" (MV, n10) A time of prayer, Adoration and Reflection requested by Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy.. Details later.

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