



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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Yr C) 6th March 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
S'haven Heads - Friday: 3.30 pm

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

The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at St Michael's on
 Friday March 18th at 7.00.p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

NOWRA: Fridays 7pm.
CULBURRA: Wed. Evenings 5.30 p.m
VINCENTIA: each Friday of Lent, after the 8.00am Mass,

We prayerfully remember Fr **Tony Daly** (PP of Ruse), and **Vincenzo Simone** (Italy) Also **Jim Dempsey, Patricia Lucas, Bernie Weir, Patrick Portlock** (St.George's Basin), whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Parish Office – New Hours

The office is open 9.30am – 3.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Catechists ~ Level 1 course will continue in the Parish Centre this **Tuesday 8 March**, 9:30am-1:30pm. It will be a fun and practical day that will include Smartboard training, lesson planning and practising skills for the classroom.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 7 May, SVDP Gala Dinner – “Funds for Families”.

Our St Vincent de Paul Conferences in the Shoalhaven



need your help ... we have been approached by a 57yr decent-living man who has been diagnosed with a rare, terminal cancer who is looking for accommodation for himself and his faithful dog in the area. Michael says he would be happy in a shed or garage. He just wants to live out his days in a peaceful, quiet place. Michael is currently homeless. If you can help Michael, please call Wendy on 4422 6002 or the Parish Centre and leave your contact details. Thanks so much.

Can you help? Our parish offers Liturgy of the Word for children at 9.30 a.m. Mass on most Sundays. This is a valuable support for our young families. The leaders' roster has been greatly depleted. Can you help as a leader or support person once/ twice a term.? Formation & materials provided. Contact Sr Sue via parish office.

Morning Tea after 9:30am Mass on Sunday is proving to be popular and a small band of people are hosting it approx. once a month, per team of two. If more people offer to help (husband & wife teams perhaps?) their assistance will be appreciated. Contact Kevin 0412 664 213.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2017 ~ St Michael's Primary School. Applications are now being accepted at the School. Enrolment packages available from the school office. Ph: 4421 3630 Ms. Sue Easter (Enrolment Secretary) Email: info@smndow.catholic.edu.au Website: www.smndow.catholic.edu.au Enrolment Interviews will held Saturday 7 May, 2016, **OPEN DAY, Tuesday 8 March, 9.30am – 11am, CHILDREN WELCOME.** **OPEN EVENING, Tuesday 8 March, 6pm – 7pm**

The Year of 'Mercy' Lent 2016 Our Parish Paschal Meal that leads us into Holy Week is on Palm/Passion Sunday, **March 20th at 12.30pm for 1pm in Parish Hall.** Everyone is most welcome, group member or not, especially the children. Group leaders are reminded to have numbers to Tina 4422 9250, and Readers to Bernie 4421 2968 by Mon, 14 March. Other enquiries to Francene 4421 5962.

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

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting:

(These Meetings apply to parents of children at the Catholic and Government Schools)

Reconciliation- Wed March 9th. St Michael's Hall – 7.00.pm (Parents only).

ST PATRICK'S DAY Mass ~ at St Patrick's Berry will be a Vigil Mass on **Wednesday 16th** at 6.30pm, followed by



refreshments and fun in the hall. Please bring a plate to share; and remember your gold coins for "Whisky Toss". ALL most welcome. This year marks the 80th anniversary of St Patrick's Church in Berry.

CWL Nowra Branch: Meeting next **Tues 8 March.** Ladies come along and join us for morning tea at 9.30am. The meeting, will be interesting and informative, especially as we celebrate the "Year of Mercy", starts 10am, Parish Centre. *All are most welcome.*

Caritas through Project Compassion is a most effective and efficient way of assisting so many people in need worldwide, including Fiji at present. We encourage you to support Project Compassion during Lent.

Greeting people as they arrive for Mass and handing them a Parish Bulletin is a simple but very rewarding task,



being revived at St Michael's. This is easily done each Sunday at whichever Mass you attend; and both doors of the church are manned. If you would like to participate please contact Kevin 0412 664 213.

A grateful thankyou to Wendy Reid who has been compiling the St Michael's Nowra roster for Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors (readers) etc. for some time. She isn't able to continue this role due to her commitment to the St V de Paul. Robbie Forsythe will be the new contact person for the roster, 0407 013 551. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteer parishioners in our Parish; we carry out our ministries with love of God, and at times, we don't always live up to everyone's expectations, but do our best. Thank you for supporting our volunteers.



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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Yr C)

6th March 2016



First Australian Evangeline is an Artswoker at the Djilpin Arts Ghunmarn Culture Centre where she is flourishing with new skills and a passion for the preservation and promotion of her Aboriginal culture. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help First Australians to gain new skills and renewed passion to preserve and celebrate traditional culture.**

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413

SHARING FAITH: SIMPLE STEPS, Saturday 9 April, 10am-2pm, at The Berry Convent Retreat & Conference Venue. St Patrick's Church, Albert St Berry

How do you share your faith with others? Would you like to grow more confident to share your faith in simple, non-threatening ways? This day of reflection is introductory and enable participants to realise and develop the truly simple and easy ways to share faith with family, friends and colleagues. Registration essential to Helen Bennett (helen.bennett@dow.org.au) or 4222 2403 by Wednesday 6 April.

Volunteers Needed ~ Compeer is a good work of the SVdP Society and matches caring volunteers from the community with adults diagnosed with a mental illness to increase social interaction and involvement within the community. We are currently seeking men 45+ to volunteer. If you can spare 1 hour a week, you can make a difference to someones life by becoming a friend. Contact Compeer to find out how & volunteer today. **Ph 4276 4229 or email compeer@svdpwgong.org.au.**

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.

OUR YOUTH MISSION TEAM 2016 MEMBERS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

We are blessed in the Diocese of Wollongong in 2016 to have 6 new Youth Mission Team volunteers who will share their faith with young people in schools and via Catholic Youth programs. Any members of the Catholic Community who can assist the Youth Mission Team with paid work on Mondays and/or Tuesdays, please contact 4284 6600 or nationaloffice@ymt.com.au

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

LIGHTING THE WAY: CHRISM MASS Wed 23 March, 7:30pm, St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

In celebration of Pope Francis' Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, St Francis Xavier Cathedral will be lit up in a wash of purple and yellow, "Lighting the Way" for this year's Chrism Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to witness this historic event of the Cathedral under lights and to celebrate the beautiful Chrism Mass prior to the Easter Triduum. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Conference Centre. For catering purposes, please **RSVP to Jennifer Raposio by 14 March 2016** jennifer.raposio@dow.org.au or call 4222 2411.

The **Legion of Mary** will hold the **Annual Acies ceremony** on Sunday 13 March 2016 at 2pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH, SATURDAY, 19 MARCH

On this day, the Sisters of St Joseph celebrate 150

years since their foundation in 1866 at Penola, South Australia, as a result of the dream of Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods. Throughout NSW, Josephite Sisters, Associates, Partners in Ministry, students & ex-students, former Sisters, family & friends, Priests and Religious, are invited to gather together in various centres to celebrate the founding of the Sisters of St Joseph 150 years ago. To mark the occasion in the Diocese of Wollongong, there will be **Mass at 10.00am, Sat, 19 March, at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral (36 Harbour St.) RSVP before 4 March** Sr Julie Simpson RSJ 4677 1477 | 0418 674 452 | Julie.simpson@sosj.org.au