



St Michael's Parish, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: office@nowraparish.org.au

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Palm Sunday of Lent (Yr C)

20th March 2016

HOLY WEEK – NOWRA PARISH

Holy Week is regarded as the most sacred week in the Church Year. The last three days of the Week constitute an inner sanctuary known as the Paschal Triduum.

HOLY THURSDAY – March 24th

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Nowra: 7.00pm

Berry: 7.00pm

Culburra 6.00pm

Vincentia 6.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY – Stations of the Cross

Nowra, Kangaroo Valley, Vincentia: 10.00am

Bomaderry: 8.30am

Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion Good Friday – March 25th 3.00pm.

NOWRA (Hall), BERRY, CULBURRA and VINCENTIA

THE EASTER VIGIL – Saturday, March 26th

NOWRA: 7.00pm **CULBURRA:** 6.00pm

VINCENTIA: 7.00pm **BERRY** 7.00pm

Mass of the Resurrection EASTER SUNDAY – March 27th

NOWRA (Hall) 8.00am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

BERRY: 8.00am

BOMADERRY: 9.30am

CULBURRA: 8.00am & 9.30am

VINCENTIA: 8.00am & 9.30am

KANGAROO VALLEY: 11.00am

Syro-Malabar (Indian Mass- 4.00pm)

Reconciliation at St Michael's this Saturday : 9.00-10.00.a.m. (only)

Masses This Week:

Nowra: Mon. 7.00am, Tues/Wed/ 8.15am

Berry: Tues. 5.30pm

Vincentia: Mon. 8.00am/Tues. 5.30pm

K Valley Mon./Tues. 9.00am. Wed.7.00am

Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence.

Craft Morning for Catechists ~ will run in the Parish Centre **this Monday, 21 March, 9:30-11:30am.** The craft will be Easter themed and a wonderful activity to do with your classes before the end of the term.

CWL Nowra ~ Autumn-Winter Fashion Parade ~ Sat, 2 April at 10.30am, St. Michael's Church Hall, North St, Nowra. Cost: \$8 includes morning tea & lucky door prize. Further details: Marie Hanley 4448 5347, Judy Thompson 4421 8565. *All most welcome.*

St Michael's Community was shocked and deeply saddened early this week by the sudden death of **Francene Devoy**. Francene had been a parish stalwart over the years. She was especially appreciated by the parish as a whole for her fidelity to, and involvement in, Music and Liturgy for approximately thirty years. Among the many roles she diligently fulfilled included coordinating the Music roster, and the Lenten Groups, preparing and conducting First Holy Communion and Confirmation Liturgies. We offer our sincerest sympathy to her son Johnathan and indeed to one another. We pray that Francene who so loved and participated in the Liturgy on earth will now know the beauty of Easter joy; ***may she possess eternally in love - what we now worship in faith.***

Parish Paschal Meal ~ Due to the death of Francene Devoy.....After discussion with organisers it was decided to cancel the Paschal Meal on Sunday, lunch time. Instead the Parish will be providing an afternoon tea in the Parish Centre at 2pm for all who would like to come and share our communal grief and reflect on some of the wonderful qualities that endeared Francene to so many. **Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday at 10.a.m. at St Michael's.**

Practice Times for Holy Week & Easter Liturgies at St Michael's (all taking place in the hall) -

Mon 21st 6:30pm for **Holy Thursday** and **Good Friday**;

Tues 22nd 6.30pm for the **Easter Vigil**.

These practices refer to Acolytes, Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, washing of the feet, and parishioners wishing to have some participatory role.



THE CHRISM MASS, Wed 23 March, 7:30pm, St Francis Xavier Cathedral. At this Mass, with the clergy and Religious of the Diocese and a large congregation of the faithful, the Bishop blesses and consecrates the Oils needed for Baptism, Confirmation and the Sick throughout the year. It is a very beautiful celebration, and all are very welcome.

SVdP - "Understanding the Heart of Poverty"

ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME!!

This inspiring workshop will be held in the Nowra Parish Hall, Thursday 14 April, 10am - 2pm. Please BYO lunch. Tea & coffee provided. RSVP to Wendy 0405095455.

SVdP - Annual Gala Dinner ~ We need your support

One of our biggest fundraisers of the year is to be held at the **Bomaderry Bowling Club, Saturday, 7th May, 7pm.** \$60 'Early bird' tickets, for a fabulous 3 course dinner, available through Diocese office, now until 15 April or pay full price of \$70! Contact: lee.hughes@vinnies.org.au or see your friendly local Conference members.

St Vincent de Paul Conference in the Shoalhaven **Need Your Help.** We are desperately trying to find accommodation for a mother, her daughter and pet 3 year old dog.. They have been given notice to vacate their current rental premises, so property can be sold. The mother is on limited income and looking for somewhere in Nowra or Bomaderry. If you are able to help please contact Steve (at Gerringong Conference), 4234 2858 or 0466115900.

SVdP ~ Piety Stall (Nowra) is well worth a look for your religious gifts. Items can also be ordered from the catalogue in store. Also available to order, handmade First Holy Communion veils. Ph: 4421 7244.

Our participation in the Liturgy of Holy Week is both a wonderful privilege, and our Christian responsibility.

We prayerfully remember **Francene Devoy**, who died this week, her Requiem at St. Michael's, Wed, 23rd Mar, 10am. **Also, Paul Wilkins, and John O'Shaughnessy**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace*





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Sacrament of Confirmation: Lessons will commence this Wednesday 23rd 4-5pm in St Michael's Hall for all Public School Children.

CONFIRMATION CARDS & GIFTS: Do you need a Confirmation gift? Sacred Heart Church Bomaderry has a Piety Stall, open after Sunday Mass (9.30 am) or call Suzie Alamango on 4448 6219 or 0419 249 008. Communion and other items are also available at the stall and by special order from the catalogue (copies available at each Church).

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.



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.

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

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.