



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.

2nd Sunday of Easter (Yr C) 3rd April 2016

Sunday Masses:

NOWRA..... 6pm Vigil; 8am, 9.30am & 6pm
BERRY 8.00am
BOMADERRY 9.30am
CULBURRA 6pm Vigil
VINCENTIA. 6pm Vigil & 9.30am
KANGAROO VALLEY 11.00am

Weekday Masses:

Nowra:..... Mon 7.00am; Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am
 Fri 7.00am and 11.30am; Sat 9.00am
Berry: Tues 5.30pm **Culburra**: Thurs. 5.30pm
Vincentia:. Mon/Thurs/Fri. 8.00am; Tues /Wed 5.30pm
K Valley:. Tuesday/Thursday..9.00am. Wed 7.00am
Mass resumes at S'haven Heads on Friday April 8th.

Confession--Reconciliation

Nowra:Sat 9.30-10.30am & 5.00- 5.30pm
Culburra: Sat 5.30pm.**Berry**: Tues 6.00pm
Kangaroo Valley:..... Sat 4.30 - 5.00pm
Vincentia:..... Sat 5 -5.30pm

Monday 4th. The Annunciation

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased **Francene Devoy, John Russell, Johann Pohl, and Caitlin McGill (Canberra)**. Also, **Kathleen Nicholson, Keith Hall, William Barber, Stan Bright, Joanna & James Forde (Orange)**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



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, 7 May, 7pm**. \$60 'Early bird' tickets, for a fabulous 3 course dinner, available through Diocesan office, now until 15 April or pay full price of \$70! Contact: lee.hughes@vinnies.org.au or see your friendly local Conference members.



Confirmation Preparation: An essential part of Confirmation is our Meeting on **Wednesday, 6th April**. Signs & Symbols for candidates and parents at **7.00 pm**. This meeting looks in detail at the Sacrament of Confirmation.



High school youth: Start the school holidays with a fun day of sports, swimming, and hot chips at the beach! Hang out with other youth of the area, our local youth ministers and Fr Duane, at Tilbury Cove, Culburra Beach, **Sat, 9 April, 10am-2pm**. RSVP with your name, age & phone number to shoalhavenyouth@gmail.com

18-30 years old and want to serve your community? "Vinnies Youth" has been a great success at St John's, serving the local community in various ways. A post-school group is now starting up. If you're interested, email duane@nowraparish.org.au for more details.

Shoalhaven Crossroads ~ Meeting, Friday, 8 April, 7.15 - 9.15pm, Nowra Baptist Church, Old Southern Rd, Sth Nowra. *Theme:* Autumn. Wear Autumn colours. St. Michael's is host Church ~ supporters welcome. Enquire: Bernadette Pullen 0402 136 691.

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 enables participants to realise and develop the truly simple and easy ways to share faith. Registration essential: Helen Bennett (helen.bennett@dow.org.au) or 4222 2403 by Wednesday 6 April.

The next **Diocesan Regional Gathering** is on **Wednesday 27 April, 7:30pm, St Paul's Parish Hall, Albion Park**. These gatherings provide an excellent opportunity to share what is happening in parishes and learn ways of continuing to grow and enliven our parish. RSVP to the Parish office **by Wednesday 20 April**. Phone 4423 1712.

The recent unexpected death of Francene Devoy, has evoked a most remarkable response from within the whole community. On behalf of the parish I wish to thank the many people who have expressed their sympathy, their gratitude, and their admiration for Francene's dedicated stewardship, especially in Liturgical ministry within the Parish over thirty years.



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3 ~ Devotions will begin at 2.30pm at **Holy Spirit Church, Vincentia**, with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Reconciliation will be available. Following, all are welcome to afternoon tea in the hall.

CWL Bay & Basin ~ monthly meeting held on Thurs 7 April in the hall; lunch at 12pm and meeting beginning at 1pm. All welcome. Phone: Moya 4443 9698 or Colleen 4443 8136.

Deacon Michael Dyer invites parishioners to his Ordination on Sat, 23 April, 10.00am, St Francis Xavier Cathedral, W'gong. RSVP email: rsvp@dow.org.au or phone 4222 2411. Michael will also celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass at St Michael's, Nowra on Sun 24 April, 6.00pm. Please pray for Deacon Michael who remains deeply grateful to parishioners for their support and inspiration during his journey to the priesthood.

Michael's Ordination ~ Expression of interest ~ travel by bus ~ cost \$10. (Either sign the sheet at the Church door or ring the Parish office). Sat, 23 April 10.00am, at the Cathedral, W'gong. The Bus would depart St. Michael's approx. 8.00am. Leave W'gong approx. 1.00pm. If there are sufficient names over the next week, we will confirm the bus in next week's bulletin.



Pope Francis baptised 12 adults including six Albanians and one Chinese at the Easter Vigil Mass in St Peter's, offering a message of hope following the terrorist

attacks in Brussels. "Let us not allow darkness and fear to distract us and control us" he said. During Holy Week, Pope Francis had said that followers of religions who carried out acts of fundamentalism or terrorism were profaning God's name. The Pope used the word 'hope' some 20 times in his brief homily, woven around the Christian belief in the crucified and risen Lord...



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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.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 3 APRIL 2016. This week on *The Journey* Bishop Bill Wright reflects on the Gospel of John for the 2nd Week of Easter; Sr Hilda Scott OSB gives us more *Wisdom from the Abbey*; Bruce Downes *The Catholic Guy* asks us “What makes someone great?” Sam Clear reminds us to “Hold on to what is Important” and Byron and Francene Pirola give us more great tips for Marriage. Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sun at 11am or go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

STORIES OF HOPE: EXPLORING THE PARABLES OF MERCY. Tuesday 19 April 7:30pm-9:30pm, Parish Meeting Room, Ss Peter & Paul Parish, Manning St, Kiama.

Jesus spoke in parables to reveal the nature of God as that of a Father who constantly reaches out to us in love and forgiveness. Many of the parables Jesus told are familiar to us. This evening provides us with an invitation to see these parables anew, recognising ourselves in them and exploring their meaning for our lives today. Registration: Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

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