



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.

3rd Sunday of Easter (Yr C)
10th 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
Shoalhaven Heads: Fri 3.30pm

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

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased **Hallie Parnell** (formerly of Nowra who died in January in Q'land, also her mother **Jeanette Parnell** who died last week, **Adam Pflug, Barrie Baumann** (died 17 March). Also, **Doreen Patterson, Elva Merriman, Jack Regan, Samson Coloma, Dempsey and Hockey families**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



St Michael's Cuppa and Playgroup has been a great success, meeting Mondays at 9am for parents and infants up to school age, at St Michael's school hall. All welcome! If anyone is interested in leading the group or would like more information, contact Fr Duane on 44231712 or duane@nowraparish.org.au

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

Members of St Vincent de Paul will be selling RAFFLE TICKETS after all Masses on **9/10 April & 16/17 April**. Please support the raffle, to be drawn at the Gala Dinner on 7 May, at Bomaderry Bowling Club. *Have you booked your seat at the dinner yet ..?*

SVdP - Annual Gala Dinner One of our biggest fundraisers of the year held at the Bomaderry Bowling Club, Saturday 7th May at 7pm. *We need your support.* Cost \$60. Fabulous 3 course dinner. 'Early bird' tickets available through Dio office now until 15 April or pay full price of \$70. Contact: lee.hughes@vinnies.org.au or see your friendly local Conference members.

YOUTH CAMP – “TRUTH OR DARE” – 13-15 April, The Venue, Bellambi. Young people 14-18 years old are welcome to attend this camp with Youth Mission Team and Fr Duane. Register online (cost \$120) at ymt.com.au or call 0433636359 for more info. If cost is an issue at all, please inform Fr Duane, 44231712.

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.

Nowra CWL ~ monthly meeting, **Tues 12 April**, 9.30am morning tea, followed by Meeting at 10am, Parish Centre. Contact: Judy 4421 8565, Marie 4448 5347.

Nowra CWL are hosting Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea, Sat 30 April, 2pm, St. Michael's Parish Hall. Entertainment by Trilogy. Further details: Marie Hanley 4448 5347. *All welcome.*

Bay & Basin CWL invite you to our **Fashion Parade** to be held **Tues 19 April**, 10am, in our Church Hall Vincentia. Beautiful fashion from B & M Fashions, Culburra. Admission \$5 which includes a light lunch and lucky door prize. All welcome. Further details: Jo 4443 8026; Moya 4443 9698.

Deacon Michael Dyer extends an invitation to parishioners to his Ordination on Sat, 23 April, 10.00am, St Francis Xavier Cathedral, W'gong. As most parishioners planning to attend seem to prefer to go by private transport, and we did not have enough 'takers' for a bus, the bus offer is now cancelled.

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

Project Compassion: It took a lot of counting, but the result to-date was well worth the effort. We have sent a cheque for close to \$14,000 to Caritas, but indications are that the final figure will be close to \$16,000. Sincerest thanks to all contributors, some were especially generous.

The Catholic Development Staff have made available a little leaflet with a simple explanation as to the use of Sunday Collections.

Anzac Day ~ Invitation from St Michael's Catholic Primary School., to the school Anzac Day Ceremony, **Thurs 5 May, commencing 9:15am at St Michael's Catholic Primary School.** (Further details later.)



MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE: Friday, 27 May to Saturday, 28 May. Beginning with Holy Mass at St Peter and Paul's Catholic Church Kiama, 9.30 am. The pilgrimage is from Kiama to Gerringong (Contact: Sue Hill 0435 336 195 or Gabriella De Batista 4261 2500. Details later.)

“SISTERHOOD” - For young women 16 to 22 years old: Sisterhood is a Catholic group, new to our parish, inviting all women between the ages of 16 and 22 to come together to connect, share, eat food, and grow in faith with each other. Launch night: Friday 22nd April, 6pm-8:30pm, St Michael's Parish Centre, Nowra. If you are interested in coming along and sharing in the fun, be sure to find us on Facebook at “Sisterhood Nowra” or text / call Pia on 0434692670.



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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

Anzac Day ~ Invitation from St Michael's Catholic Primary School.

Invite Defence Members/Reservists and their families, Ex Servicemen & Women, Federal MP, Indigenous Elders, CEO Director, St John's School Principal, Clergy, CWL, P&F, School & Parish Community, to the school Anzac Day Ceremony, **Thurs 5 May, commencing 9:15am at St Michael's Catholic Primary School.** Catafalque Party ~ Recognition ~ Presentation ~Helicopter Landing. Morning Tea provided at St Michael's Parish Centre following ceremony for ADF Personnel and Dignitaries. We request that defence personnel please attend in service uniform. **RSVP by Thurs 28 April.** Enquiries: Maryann Tweed 4421 3630 Thurs/Friday.



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