



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.

5th Sunday of Easter (Yr C)
24th 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 23rd: 9.30am -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: **Barbara Wiley, Mary Gerrey**, (Mary's Requiem will be at St Michael's on Thurs at 11.am.), **Dennis Ryan** (S'Haven Hds.), **Sue Carter**, (Hervey Bay formerly Culburra-Nowra), and **Robert Burton**. Also **Bishop William Murray, Ray Kennedy** and **Anne Young**, 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

Feastdays: Tuesday 26th. St Mark-Evangelist.
Thurs 28th. St Petr Chanel – Marist martyr
Friday 29th St Catherine of Siena

CARITAS: The final total for Project Compassion 2016, was just magnanimous \$18,858 Sincerest thanks to all contributors, some were exceptionally generous.



Anzac Day Mass at St Michael's- Monday April 25th will be at 8.00.a.m.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend this to pray for the fallen, those who serve the nation in the Defence Forces and for much needed peace in the world. We are grateful to HMAS Albatross for providing the customary speaker. The CWL ladies are cordially providing a Cuppa with Anzac-day biscuits after Mass.

Also, an invitation from St Michael's School, to the school Anzac Day Ceremony, **Thurs 5 May, commencing 9:15am.**

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.



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 \$70. Fabulous 3 course dinner. Contact: lee.hughes@vinnies.org.au or see your friendly local Conference members.

"Community Groups" have now been established at Culburra and Bomaderry, in addition to longer running groups at Berry and Vincentia. These groups meet to discuss ways of maintaining and enhancing parish life in that particular community, as well as the broader parish. We are now looking to establish a **"Nowra Community Group"**. Interested parishioners please place your names and contact details on the sheets in the side foyer at St Michael's. "If the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptability, it continues to be 'the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters'" (Pope Francis).

We join in wholeheartedly and prayerfully congratulating



Michael Dyer on his ordination to the priesthood this Saturday (23rd.) For Michael this has been a very long journey. Having being a Christian Brother for over thirty years the desire to serve God and the Church has always been his greatest aspiration. He has prepared diligently for this day. May the Lord bless Michael with a fruitful and joyful priestly

ministry.

Nowra CWL is 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.*



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. **Day 1:** From Kiama to Gerringong **Day 2:** From Gerringong to Shoalhaven Heads Optional one or both days. Contact: Sue Hill 0435 336 195

CRAFT, KNITTING, a CHAT and a CUPPA

Anyone who is interested – any age, any skills – join us for a cuppa and share your ideas and skills. Learners welcome. We hope it will be a regular group. How often? The focus is a 'good cause' – Vinnie's Winter Appeal? St Michaels Fete? **Come along for a sharing of ideas** - St Michael's Parish Centre Meeting Room. Wed 11 May, 10am. Contact Louise 0438218728 or Cecily 0410578352 for more information.

Pope Francis took 12 Syrian migrants back with him to the Vatican after visiting a camp on the Greek island of Lesbos, on Sunday last.

The three families include six children, and had their homes bombed during the Syrian war.

The Vatican said **in a statement** that Pope Francis wanted to express his concern for refugees. They will be looked after initially by the Sant'Egidio community, known for their charity work.



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Contact: Sue Hill 0435 336 195 or Gabriella Debatista 4261 2500.

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.



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.

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

LAUDATO SI: ENCOUNTERING GOD'S MERCIFUL CREATION.

Tues 17 May, 7:00pm-9:00pm at Parish Hall St Paul's Parish Hall 24 Garrett St MOSS VALE

Tues 24 May, 7:30pm-9:30pm at Parish Meeting Room St Paul's Parish Tongarra Rd ALBION PARK

Fri 27 May, 10:00am-4:00pm (Retreat Day) at The Berry Retreat & Conference Centre, St Patrick's Church, Albert St BERRY

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" – "Praise be to you, my Lord". In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Come along to one of these opportunities to pray, reflect and be inspired by this powerful message of how we can bring about a deeper connection amongst ourselves and the natural world. Sessions lead by Fr Michael Dyer and Darren McDowell. **Further info & essential registration: Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au**

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 24 APRIL 2016

Fr Stephen Varney gives a great reflection on the Gospel of John for the 5th Week of Easter; Music from Fr Rob Galea and Audrey Assad and a fantastic interview with the members of Youth Mission Team Australia are features of the program this week. Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sun at 11am or go to www.jcr.org.au to listen anytime you like.

PUB THEOLOGY WOLLONGONG presents Coordinator of Catholic Talk, Monica Doumit with "Guts & Grace: Navigating Faith in a Secular World" @ Dicey Riley's Hotel, 7pm Wednesday 27 April, with live music from Jammin' Bread! (ages 18-35). For more information visit www.pubtheo.com.au |email: team@pubtheo.com.au