



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.

6th Sunday of Easter (Yr C)
1st May 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 the recently deceased: **Dennis Ryan, Mary Gerrey and June Edwards (Cambewarra)**. Also, **Maria Maude Bhugon, Deborah Davis, Don Allen, Sir Neville McNamara** (Vincentia), **Eric Devereaux, John Joseph Psaila, Val Murdoch, Patrick Firmstone**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastdays: Tuesday May 3rd ..Sts Philip and James

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MOTHER RUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND, Gala Theatre night at Nowra Players, Thursday 2 June. The play, "Ghost Train". More info to follow soon.

First Saturday Marian Devotion: 7 May. Mass at 9am is followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation. *All welcome.*



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.

Taize Chant for Pentecost ~ Prayer for Unity and Peace - at St. Michael's, **Fri 13 May at 7.30pm.** Please invite some friends to join us for the Pentecost Liturgy for unity and love using the songs and prayers from Taize. Supper will follow in the Parish Centre.



Anzac Day ~ Invitation from St Michael's Catholic Primary School to 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.** Presentation ~Helicopter Landing. Morning Tea provided for ADF Personnel and Dignitaries. Defence personnel are asked to please attend in service uniform. Enquiries: Maryann Tweed 4421 3630 Thurs/Friday.

The **Shoalhaven Lydian Singers** present excerpts from Rossini's *Stabat Mater* in a Mothers' Day concert "Odes of Love" on **Saturday 7 May at 2.30 & Sunday 8 May at 2.30 at the School of Arts, Nowra.** Tickets: \$30, Conc. \$25 & Students \$10. Tickets available from Shoalhaven Visitors Info. Centre or ph 1300 662 808, or purchase on day of concert, at door.

CONFIRMATION CARDS & GIFTS ~ Do you need a gift or card for Confirmation? Sacred Heart Church, Bomaderry has a Piety Stall which is 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).

Annual Mass attendance Count 4 consecutive weeks in May, to assist with Diocesan planning.

Thank you

During the week Bruce and Pat Davis quietly slipped away to re-locate for their retirement at John Paul Village. With them has come to completion an exceptional chapter of support and ministry within the Parish. Parishioners will readily acknowledge Bruce's outstanding commitment to virtually every aspect of parish life. His fidelity and dedication to parish maintenance, parish finances for over 50 yrs., and the Liturgy as Acolyte, has been second to none. We pray that the Lord will abundantly bless Pat and Bruce with many years of good health, peace and contentment in their new abode.

*I extend my heartfelt thanks to parishioners for their wonderful prayerful and practical support over recent times. My priestly ordination by Bishop Peter last Saturday was a graced and overwhelming experience; an encounter with the divine which has left me changed forever. The opportunity to concelebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving with Frs. Pat, Duane, Ronan, Leo and Richard assisted by Deacon Peter last Sunday evening was extra special. Thank you and God bless you all!
Fr Michael*

Holy Spirit Vincentia ~ Morning Tea, to celebrate our Patronal Festival, will be held after the 9.30am Mass on **Pentecost Sunday, 15 May.** Contributions of cake etc to share would be most welcome. Enquiries: Judy Lenehan 4441 7456, Sharon Johnson 0431 457 441.

Weekend Retreat: "The Care & Discipline of the Emotions with the Desert Fathers"....Grace builds on nature, and our emotional life is a central part of our spiritual journey. **Fri 3 June @ 3pm – Sun 5 June @ 1.30pm, Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Rd Varroville.** Cost: \$250 (concessions apply). Contact: Carla Walker 8795 3400. Email: retreats@carmelite.com



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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.

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

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

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**