



**St Michael's Parish**, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: [office@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:office@nowraparish.org.au)

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## The ASCENSION of the LORD (Yr C)

8<sup>th</sup> 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, (Holy Hour 10.30am);  
 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 : 9.30am -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:

**Anthony Nolan, Bernie Schipp** (Culburra), **Hazel Ward** (Berry), **Marcia Kemp, Max Wright, Dorothy McManus, Ted Smith** (Vincentia). Also, **John Caffery, Bernard Court, Val Murdoch, Alfia Savoca, Kevin Robinson, Neil McIntyre, Joe Fogarty, Joseph Kashmer**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**Feastdays:** Fri 13, Our Lady of Fatima; Sat 14, St. Matthias, apostle



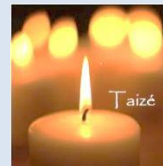
**Choir Rehearsal – Sunday 15 May** at Sacred Heart Church, Bomaderry after 9:30am Mass. Enquiries: Cathy 4446 0060.

**SAVE THE DATE: MOTHER RUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND, Gala Theatre night at Nowra Players, Thursday 2 June.** The play: "Ghost Train". More information to follow.

**CWL Nowra Branch:** Meeting next **Tues 10 May**. Come along and join us for morning tea at 9.30am. The meeting is at 10.00am, and all ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

### CRAFT, KNITTING, a CHAT and a CUPPA

Anyone who is interested, please ring to register your interest, or for more information. Our first gathering: **St Michael's Parish Centre Meeting Rm, Wed 11 May @10am**. Please give this a thought and help build our Parish craft group – any age, any skills – join us for a cuppa and share your ideas and skills. We hope it will be a regular group. How often? The focus is a 'good cause' eg; Vinnie's Winter Appeal? St. Michael's Fete? Please ph Louise 0438218728 or Cecily 0410578352.



**Taize Chant for Pentecost** ~ Prayer for Unity & Peace – at St. Michael's Church, **Fri 13 May at 7.30pm**. Please invite your 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.

**Week 2 of Annual Mass Attendance Count – 4 consecutive weeks in May, to assist with Diocesan planning.**

**"BROTHERHOOD"** - For high school aged young men an exciting new initiative led by David Pullela from Youth Mission Team, Wollongong. Starts **Sun 15 May, 7:15pm at St Michael's School Hall, Nowra**. Pizzas, table tennis, and a chilled evening with the boys!

**"SISTERHOOD"** - For young women 16 to 22 yrs old The first "Sisterhood" event in April was a great success. The next Sisterhood night is coming up: **Fri 20 May, 6pm-8:30pm, at St Michael's Parish Centre**. For more info find them on Facebook at "Sisterhood Nowra" or text / call Pia on 0434692670, or just come along!

**Wishing the mothers of the community a joyful, relaxed and blessed Mothers'**

**Day.**

**Confirmation 2016. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Nowra; two sessions with Masses at 9.30.a.m. and 1.30.p.m.**

As an integral part of the preparation there will be a Prayer and Reflection time for Candidates and parents on Wednesday Evening next May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.00.p.m. All Candidates and at least one parent are expected to attend.



**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.

**Bay & Basin CWL** would like to thank all who so generously supported our Mothers' Day raffle. Our winners were – Brygida and Maricha, both from local families of our Parish....*Congratulations!*

The next function for **Culburra Family Group** will be attending *The Peasant Prince (Mao's Last Dance)* at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre on **Wed 11 May**. Please meet there at 12.00. For further information, contact: Margaret or Paul, 4446 4117

**LAUDATO SI: ENCOUNTERING GOD'S MERCIFUL CREATION.- by Pope Francis Fri 27 May, 10:00am-4:00pm (Retreat Day) at St Patrick's Centre , BERRY.** "LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" – "Praise be to you, my Lord 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. Led by Fr Michael Dyer and Darren McDowell. Further info & essential registration: Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or [darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au)

**St John the Evangelist High School ~ Winter Charity Ball, Sat 4 June, 6pm** in the school hall. Raising much needed funds for the community of Timor-Leste and the St Vincent de Paul Food Van. *Formal Masquerade, Live Entertainment, Canapes, Drinks*. Tickets available through school office, ph: 4423 1666. Cost \$65pp or 10 for \$600.



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**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.

**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE:**  
**Fri 27 May to Sat 28 May.** Beginning with Holy Mass at St Peter and Paul's Catholic Church Kiama, 9.30am. **Day 1:** From Kiama to Gerringong.  
**Day 2:** From Gerringong to Shoalhaven Heads.  
Optional one or both days. Contact: Sue Hill 0435336195.

**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](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com)

**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](mailto:duane@nowraparish.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](mailto:nationaloffice@ymt.com.au)

**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).