



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

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## Trinity Sunday (Yr C) 22<sup>nd</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 **Bernadette Finnegan** recently deceased. Also, **Ruth Phillips, Alexander Moses, Julie Seyffer, John and Kathleen Doran**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**Feast days:** Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Our Lady Help of Christians.  
 Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> St Philip Neri; Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi.

**MOTHER RUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND THEATRE GALA**  
 - includes Champagne on arrival and extended interval supper: **Wednesday, 2 June at 7.30** for 8pm. *"The Ghost Train"*. Nowra Players Theatre, Bomaderry. Adults \$35 Contact Denise Jones 0419 248889 or 4423 2299 (BH). Tickets need to be paid for to guarantee a seat.

**Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 26 May, 5pm** at St. Michael's Church. Enquiries: Cathy 4446 0060

**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. 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)



### Sacrament of Confirmation:

**Bishop Peter is visiting the parish this Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for 63 young parishioners.** Confirmation is

always an important occasion for the entire parish, and many parishioners who are not directly involved with Confirmation are deeply interested in the celebration and are supporting us in prayer – Thank you sincerely. **A special thank you** to many people who are directly associated with the candidates' preparation. St Michael's School: - Maree Hamilton, Renae Maguire, Meghann Davis and Martine Mathieson REC., State Schools: Frances Fairs, Rickie Gilligan, Ron D'Souza and Judy Rusgnach ( Bay and Basin). Also Mrs Maree Brown, Mrs Theresa McKinnon and Mrs Marie McGrath who assisted with the liturgical music. We pray that the young people confirmed will persevere in their faith.

**Morning Tea for Catechists** - Please come along to a Morning Tea for Catechists, on **Monday 23 May at 10:30am** in the Parish Centre. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share ideas and support one another in our valuable ministry!

Our parishioners from Indian community are preparing a special **morning tea** after 9.30am Mass on **Sunday 29 May**. Make sure you don't miss this treat.

**CRAFT, KNITTING, a CHAT & a CUPPA.** At our gathering we wore welcome badges made by a member, had a mini workshop, shared craft skills and fete items, helped others, had a chat & a cuppa. There was a lovely feeling of warmth and developing friendships. We are keen to get crafting and making items for our focus, St Vinnies & St Michael's fete. Please join us..**9am-12noon, Wednesdays**, at St Michael's Parish Centre. *Parishioners...if you have any unwanted wool, fabrics, felt, craft ribbons, unwanted craft paper etc, we would be grateful for these for our fundraising activities. Please drop items off at the Parish office or ring Cecily 0410578352*

**First Holy Communion – Parent Information evening**, next Wednesday, 25 May at 7pm in St Michael's School Hall.

**New Rosters** for June and July, Nowra are available in church foyer.

**FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART - Mass at Bomaderry** to celebrate this important feast will be held on **Friday 3 June at 6.30 pm**. Mass will be followed by a light supper provided by your representatives on the Bomaderry Community Group committee. *All welcome.*

**Holy Spirit Vincentia - Parish Auxiliary Meeting** Saturday, 4 June at 1pm, to discuss the Spring Fair. Everyone is welcome. Co-ordinators of the stalls are especially invited to attend.

*Fr Pat will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday 19 June. Bishop Peter will celebrate a Parish Mass at 10am to mark the occasion. Consequently the 9.30 am Masses at both Nowra and Bomaderry will be cancelled to facilitate this Mass. Further information to follow at a later date.*

### St. John the Evangelist High School ~

#### P&F Winter Charity Evening.



Please purchase your tickets by Monday 23 May 2016 for this wonderful social evening.

**Saturday 4 June 2016, 6pm, St John's School Hall**

\$65pp available at St John's front

office or online at [www.sjedow.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sjedow.catholic.edu.au)

Evening Wear (Ball Gowns/Masquerade optional).

To enhance the social aspect of the gathering, catering will be provided in cocktail evening style rather than a formal, seated dinner. Bar service also available. You will be welcomed with a **complimentary drink** upon arrival into the wonderful winter setting of the **Charity Evening**. You are guaranteed to enjoy the **fabulous entertainment** being provided by our wonderful **teachers' band and alumni singers**. A large range of items will be auctioned as part of both the silent and live auctions. Donations have **exceeded \$4500** and all money raised will go to the **St Vincent de Paul Food Van and the people of Timor Leste**.

**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 Hds. Optional one or both days. Contact: Sue Hill 0435336195.



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**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)

**SVdP ~ Piety Stall (Nowra/ Bomaderry)** (after 9.30am Mass). 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.

**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).

### **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)

**The mystery of the Blessed Trinity is not simply a doctrine to be believe and verbally referred to in prayer and otherwise held at arms length, rather we reflect the richness of this teaching in the communities is which we live, our families, parishes, neighbourhood, and places of work; we reflect it in endeavouring to be loving, understanding, tolerant, forgiving, our inclusion and our outreach**

**Today's Feast declares that we are always and everywhere linked to and destined for One who is infinitely greater than ourselves. We are celebrating in this Feast the intimacy and dignity to which we are called.**

The doctrine of the Trinity is not, then, an arid theological puzzle but a necessary conclusion from a sense of being enfolded by and held within a divine communion of love. It is a feast about the nearness rather than the remoteness of God.