



St Michael's Parish, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: office@nowraparish.org.au

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10th Sunday - The Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary 5th June 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 VALLEY11.00am

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

It was with a genuine sense of loss that the parishioners of St Michael's learned of the death of Peter Walsh on Wednesday night, one of our most senior parishioners. Peter was a staunch and supportive parishioner throughout his long life, also admired and highly respected in the wider community. He had an encyclopaedic knowledge of St Michael's parish and the Shoalhaven. We prayerfully remember the recently deceased; **Dalmas McCoy, Peter Walsh, Paul Zammit, Robert Aitken and Peter Dell** (brothers-in-law of Jessie & Tony Alamango). Also, **Kathleen Sullivan, Fay Cahill,, Roy Easton, and Gladys Sweeny**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feast days: Sat 11th St. Barnabas, apostle.

SVdP ~ Piety Stall Nowra is well worth a look for your religious gifts. Items can also be ordered from the catalogue in the Berry Street store. Also available to order, handmade First Holy Communion veils. Ph: 4421 7395.

Choir Rehearsal – Sun 5 June, at Sacred Heart Church, Bomaderry, following 9.30am Mass.

CRAFT, KNITTING, a CHAT & a CUPPA. Many thanks for donations of materials & wool. We would appreciate more wool please, to Parish office or phone Cecily 0410 578 352. 15 ladies are knitting this week. Thank you, Cecily and Louise.

Catechist Retreat – DATE CHANGE

The Catechist Retreat will now be held on **Friday 1 July** at **St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Gerringong**. Commencing at 10am with morning tea (provided), and will conclude at 2pm. Please BYO lunch. The theme of this year's Retreat is *'the fount of Mercy'* and will be led by our very own, Fr Ronan Kilgannon. Considering just how successful the retreat was last year, please make sure that you book early for this year. RSVP to Cindy Oliver on 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au

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. There have been many queries from parishioners regarding appropriate gifts for the occasion. Fr Pat genuinely appreciates the good will and generosity of parishioners but has requested that there be NO personal GIFTS or financial donations.

Crossroads Meeting - Friday 10 June, 7:15 – 9:15 pm. At the Nowra Baptist Church, Old Southern Rd, South Nowra. Theme: *Warm in Winter*. Hosts: Nowra Church of Christ. **Wear your favourite beanie and scarf!!**

Soup Kitchen - thankyou to all those who continue to support the soup kitchen. It is going well, but we are in need of a group of people who would be willing to go on a casual roster, so we have a pool of people to call on occasionally when people are away. Please call Shannon on 0414 521404 to volunteer or ask any questions.

The Rosary is held **every Tuesday, 9.30am in St. Michael's Church** - ALL parishioners are most welcome to join us.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary: This was the



title chosen by Pope St John XXIII when on June 6th 1959, he dedicated what was then a new Diocese to Our Lady. On our annual Diocesan Patronal Feast, we entrust our Diocese, our parishes, our schools, our families, our clergy and religious to Mary's care and powerful intercession as we journey in faith. We pray that Mary, a most gracious Advocate, "will turn her eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile on earth, show unto us the blessed fruit of her womb, Jesus."

Holy Spirit Vincentia - A truly amazing story! John Pridmore was a vicious and feared gangster in London. His life was a living hell until, in 1991, he was saved by an extraordinary intervention of God's mercy. Since then, from his home in Ireland, John has travelled the world sharing his inspiring story of what God has done for him. Come and hear him speak: **Holy Spirit Church hall, Vincentia, Tues, 21 June, at 10am.**

Culburra Family Group - The next function for the Culburra Family Group will be on **Tues, 21 June, 9:45am**, at Casey's (4446 4117) for Storytelling and morning tea (pancakes and hot chocolate!).

Thank you from the pilgrims who Walked for Life in Honour Mary Help of Christians. They send their sincere thanks to the many parishioners who made them so welcome. The 30 + pilgrims walked 13 km on Friday & 24 km on Saturday. Also many thanks to our priests; Fr Chris Roberts, Fr Mark O Keefe, Fr Dominic Popplewell and Fr Ronan Kilgannon (at the Culburra Vigil Mass), for the beautiful liturgies and to the six Dominican nuns who witnessed to their faith over the two days of prayer and walking. It was wonderful for so many people to join together, praying for the life issues that are so challenging in this present time.

Poor Box – Thank you to those generous parishioners who regularly place money in the Poor Box. These contributions are a most valuable addition to SVdP's funds.



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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

Sacred Heart Church Piety Stall – Religious gifts and cards. Piety Stall open after Sunday Mass (9.30am) 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).

PUB THEOLOGY WOLLONGONG presents Tim and Lara Kirk with; "The Joy of the Gospel in Marriage and Family Life" @ Dacey Riley's Hotel, 7pm, Wed, 29 June, with live music (ages 18-35). **For more info, visit our website www.pubtheo.com.au or email: team@pubtheo.com.au**

A VOTE FOR THE VOICELESS: AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS ELECTION STATEMENT
As is custom during a federal election, the Australian Bishops have released an Election Statement calling for the voices of the thrown-away people to be heard "not in order to push an ideological line or simply to defend the Church's interests but to give a voice to the voiceless and make their faces seen" during this long election campaign. You can download the statement, including the bishops' list of some of the people discarded in our throwaway culture, at www.catholic.org.au/election

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD LEADERS
We uncover the meaning and rationale of celebrating a separate children's Liturgy of the Word. We explore its ritual structure and its nature as both proclamation and celebration. Some practical issues, & suggested resources. **Sat 18 June, 10am - 1pm** (Morning Tea incl). **Venue: Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St, W'gong.**
RSVP Lisa Metcalfe / Helen Bennett 4222 2403 / Paul Mason 4222 2462 liturgy@dow.org.au

SHARING FAITH: SIMPLE STEPS - Tues 21 June, 7:30pm-9:30pm, Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St, W'gong. How do you share your faith with others? Would you like to grow more confident to share your faith in simple, non-threatening ways? This day of reflection is introductory and enables participants to realise and develop the truly simple and easy ways to share faith with family, friends & colleagues. Workshops led by CCD Regional Coordinators Peter Gilmore & Patricia McCarthy. **Registration essential to Darren McDowell on 4222 2463 or darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au**

THE FOURTH CUP - DR SCOTT HAHN
St Paul's Catholic Church Albion Park Parish, Meeting Room. Tues 14 June, 7pm – 8.30pm.
Renowned apologist Dr Scott Hahn places the Last Supper in the context of the Jewish Passover Seder Liturgy. By explaining the significance of the drinking of the fourth and final cup in the Old Testament Passover meal ceremony, Dr Hahn draws a symbolic parallel to Christ's death on the Cross. This exciting concept will help viewers to discover a whole new dimension to Holy Mass, and the relationship of the Last Supper to the Eucharistic celebration. Enquiries: Parish Office 4256 2038 or Charles Farrugia 4256 1190.

PEOPLE OF FORGIVENESS, HEALING & HOPE IN MY LIFE - Tuesday 21 June, 7pm – 9pm School Hall St Thomas Aquinas Parish (24 Bundaroo St Bowral)
Who are today's ministers of mercy? Led by Fr Stephen Varney, this evening session will help us to reflect upon who and how many people provide forgiveness, healing and hope in our lives. **RSVP to Helen Bennett on 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au**

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 5 JUNE. This week on The Journey we hear a Gospel reflection from Fr Richard Healey; we hear from Sr Hilda Scott OSB in *Wisdom from the Abbey*, Fr Dave Callaghan MSC reminds us that "God is Infinite Love" and Bruce Downes *The Catholic Guy* also gives us some great tips for our Faith journey. **Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM Sun 11am or go to www.jcr.org.au or**

www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.