



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.

13th Sunday Ordinary Time (Yr C)

26th 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 (**Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion, until August**)

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; **Kristin Benjamin, Winifred Smalley, Marie Renold, Peggy Colombo, and Elizabeth Rule** (sister of Susan Chan). Also, **Ann Ebsworth, and Jack and Alice O'Heir**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Fr Pat has conveyed his deepest gratitude to all who helped in so many ways to make his Golden Jubilee such a special celebration, both for him and the parish community. It was a most blessed day. He has now arrived safely in Ireland, for a reunion with his class of 1966 at All Hallows' Seminary, and time with his family. He returns early August. We wish him a blessed and restful holiday, and once again congratulate and thank him for 50 years of humble and dedicated priestly service.

As part of the tributes to Fr Pat, a **Papal Blessing** was presented, as well as a "**Tribute Book**", generously put together by Meg Davis. Fr Pat is pleased to make both of these available for parishioners to see, and they will be brought to the various Mass centres during coming weeks. More **commemorative bookmarks** will also be printed, and made available soon around the parish.

Planned Giving: It would be greatly appreciated at this time of year if parishioners are able to bring their Planned Giving contributions up to date. **Please note** - anyone whose envelope number is above 450 - you will find you have been allocated a new number. This is due to a decline in the number of contributors meaning fewer envelopes have been ordered this year. New sets of envelopes are available in churches. We encourage new subscribers to the Parish Planned Giving Program; simply contact the Parish Office.

Becoming Catholic

Do you know someone who might be **interested in becoming Catholic**...maybe a family member or friend or neighbour? Sometimes a person says: "I was just waiting for someone to ask me." Perhaps you yourself are wondering whether you might explore this path. **A new group**, including some school parents, **will be starting soon** at St Michael's Parish for people thinking about making the journey towards Baptism or full membership of the Catholic faith. Feel free to contact Sister Sue or priests of the parish. No commitment needed at this stage. **Parish Office: 4423 1712**



Holy Spirit Vincentia. Spring Fair 2016:

The first meeting to discuss the Spring Fair will be held after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 10th July. Lots of help needed and all suggestions welcome! Stall Coordinators are especially invited to attend.

Craft and cuppa: Congratulations Ladies, on our first handover of items to Vinnies for Winter Appeal. Everyone welcome, learn new skills, make new friends, Wednesdays from 9.30am at the Parish Centre for cuppa, a chat, and making something to help others.

Morning Tea: After 9.30am Mass at Nowra, every Sunday in the Parish Centre. Come along and help to build community, meet and chat with other parishioners.

Catechist In-service – 'Be the Boss of your Classroom', led by Peter Gilmore will take place in the Parish Centre on this **Monday 27 June**, 9:30am till lunchtime. This in-service is for those of us wanting to improve our classroom management skills and more effectively motivate difficult students. Come with your stories and help encourage others by joining us on the day. Morning Tea provided. See you there! Frances 4423 1712

The "Safe Schools" Program: While bullying and homophobia must always be opposed in schools and in society, the "safe schools" program goes far beyond this theme. It contains explicit and controversial sexual content for both secondary and primary schools, presented without informing or seeking consent from parents. Parents are urged to inform themselves of the content of this program, especially since a number of state schools in our local area are already implementing it. See www.kidsrights.org.au for more information.

ELECTION 2016: Bishop Peter Ingham asks us to read the Sydney Archdiocese's "Federal Election Guide", addressing issues such as marriage, religious freedom, the "safe schools" program, and refugees and asylum seekers. Download it at www.sydneycatholic.org and let's not forget to pray for our politicians.

First Saturday Marian Devotions – 2 July.

Mass at 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction at 10.30am. Morning tea follows in Parish Centre. *All most welcome.*

St Michael's School Disco – Friday, 1 July, 6pm-7.30pm. The P&F are asking for any members of the parish who may be interested in helping on the night with supervision, or working in the canteen. If you think you could spare an hour or two, please contact Dave 0401526870 or Belinda 0401518125. *Thank you.*



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“In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop”

Have you considered participating in the National Pilgrimage?

In this Sesquicentenary Year, the Sisters of St Joseph invite you to participate in this pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. While on pilgrimage you are invited to reflect on St Mary MacKillop's life and to recognise her relevance in your own life.

DATES: 9 to 19 November 2016

COST EX SYDNEY: \$2,860.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals).

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$590.00

For further information please contact Sister Annie Bond rsj on 02 89124818, or MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au.

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

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.

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” @ Dicey 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



CatholicCare – Circle of Security

Helping parents understand their child's world by learning to read their emotional needs. Secure children have empathy, greater self esteem, better relationships and increased capacity to handle their emotions. This program is a must for all parents.

6 Tuesday **mornings**, 10:00am-12:30pm, 19, 26 July 2, 9, 16 & 23 August, at **CatholicCare**, 68 Shoalhaven St, **Nowra. Ph 4421 8248**. Workshop Fee: \$15 per session, Childcare: \$5 per family.