



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

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**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 (**Mass this week**)

**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; **Molly Donohue, Keith Green** (Vincentia), **Bob McKay** (formerly of Sanctuary Point), **Gordon Shingleton** (N.Z.), and **Theresa Camilleri**. Also, **Monsignor John Purcell, Frances Hennessy, Kenneth William Dooley, Josephine Kilmartin, Mark Riley, and Ron Nelson**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**From the Parishioners: Thank you!**

Many parishioners wish to express their appreciation to Fr Pat for sharing his special day, his Papal Blessing, and his 'Tribute Book' with us. They also wish to thank the many organisers and helpers for making possible such wonderful celebrations. *Truly, we are blessed.*

**St John The Evangelist High School** present 'Sheik Rattle n Roll' by Simon Denver & Ian Dorricott. Show Times: Thurs 21 July 7.30pm; Fri 22 July 7.30pm; Sat 23 July 7.30pm. Price: Adult \$12, Child \$8, Concession \$8. Tickets available from the school office or online: [www.sjedow.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sjedow.catholic.edu.au)

**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.

**Tipping vouchers:** If anyone has Free Tipping Vouchers that they are not going to use prior to the expiry date at the end of July, **St. Vincent de Paul** would be grateful for them. They can be dropped into the stores, or given to a conference member at Church. Vinnies is always grateful for the tip vouchers, as we have to pay for anything taken to the tip. Kerrie Griffith (for SVdP).

**CatholicCare** is in urgent need of people to visit local aged care homes. The *Community Visitors Scheme* is a program for residents living in aged care homes who are experiencing loneliness and social isolation. You would be matched with a resident to provide regular companionship. This involves a weekly or fortnightly visit for a chat, to reminisce, read, play cards, or to go for a walk. If you can spare one hour p.w. or fortnight & want to make a difference please call Nicolle 0418 483 413.

**"Breaking the Silence":** Family Violence Awareness Dinner, 6:30pm Thursday 11 August 2016, Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow. Parishioners from across the Diocese are invited to organise tables of 10. Gather to listen and engage with keynote speakers who deal with the ramifications of family violence in our community. To book tickets go to [www.events.dow.org.au](http://www.events.dow.org.au)

**Marriage Encounter weekend:** All married couples are invited to a Marriage Encounter weekend from 23-25 Sept. in Varroville. 3 couples and a priest give talks about their relationship and faith. After each talk you have time to discuss in the privacy of your room. No group discussions~ so it is a warm, gentle learning process. Contact Ardell & Bill Sharpe (02) 4283 3435 [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au)

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (Yr C)**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016**



**Holy Spirit Vincentia ~ Winter Warmer!** On **Sunday 17 July**, after the 9.30am Mass, hot soup and a slice will be served in the Hall. Everyone is warmly invited. Enquiries to Judy Lenehan 4441 7456, or Sharon Johnson 0431 457 441.

**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.

**Do you know someone you might invite?**  
 Do you know someone who might be **interested in becoming Catholic?** Maybe a family member or friend or neighbor? 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 Sr Sue or priests of the parish.....no commitment needed at this stage. **Parish Office: 4423 1712**

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

**NAIDOC week 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July:** A week of recognition and celebration of the culture and history of the first peoples of our nation. St John's had a wonderful NAIDOC assembly, and the St Michael's NAIDOC assembly will be early in Term 3. In the words of Saint John Paul II: *"Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear...your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages, must never be lost."*



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**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](http://www.kidsrights.org.au) for more information.

**Sisters of St Joseph: To honour 150 years** of the Sisters of St Joseph we invite you to come and explore all that **Mary MacKillop Place** has to offer. The Mary MacKillop Place Chapel, Museum, Café, and Gift Shop Staff will be hosting an evening on **Tuesday, 2 August**. Guests are welcome from **5pm to 8pm**. During your visit you might like to enjoy complimentary culinary delights from our Café. Dedicated Staff and Volunteers will also be available to explain the goods and services available at Mary MacKillop Place; provide information on programs, tours, pilgrimage packages; processes for booking the Chapel; products available in the Café and Gift Shop, as well as the use of our online facilities.

**Location:** *Mary MacKillop Place, 7-11 Mount Street, North Sydney. (Museum entry is 7 Mount Street)*  
To assist you to attend we have accommodation available at a discounted rate: Single room, shared bathroom \$55, Ensuite room \$90 or Apartment \$115. RSVP to [mackillop@sosj.org.au](mailto:mackillop@sosj.org.au) For accommodation bookings call 8912 4800 and quote **Be Our Guest and Celebrate 150 Years**

**Sisters of St Joseph ~ Be our Guest at Anderledy Lodge** and celebrate 150 years of the Sisters of St Joseph. Come and explore all that **Mary MacKillop Place** has to offer.

**Location:** *Mary MacKillop Place, 7-11 Mount Street, North Sydney.*  
Experience our Accommodation & Conferencing facilities on **Thursday, 4 August 4**, open all day, for your enjoyment.

- Be our guest for breakfast from 7am - 8am, followed by a guided tour of accommodation and conference facilities.
  - Or enjoy morning tea from 10am - 10:30am followed by a guided tour
  - If lunchtime is more practical then come and experience a light working lunch from 12noon - 1pm followed by a guided tour
  - If your morning has been hectic, then come and experience afternoon tea from 3pm - 3:30pm followed by a guided tour
  - Or you might like to enjoy our canapés from 5pm - 6pm followed by a guided tour
- Please RSVP: [mmpevent.bookings@sosj.org.au](mailto:mmpevent.bookings@sosj.org.au) with your preferred time of attendance.  
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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](mailto: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).

**VOLUNTEERS FOR EXCITING NEW YOUTH MINISTRY INITIATIVES – APPLY NOW!** If you're aged 18-35 and interested in music, sound, lighting, events, teaching, preaching, dance, drama, leadership or just want to lend a hand, call Seth Harsh on 4222 2460 or email [seth.harsh@dow.org.au](mailto:seth.harsh@dow.org.au).