



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.

15th Sunday Ordinary Time (Yr C)

10th July 2016

Sunday Masses:

NOWRA.....6pm Vigil; 8am, 9.30am & 6pm
BERRY 8.00am
BOMADERRY9.30am
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

We prayerfully remember all those who died recently; and **Pat Seyffer, Colleen Timbs, Mary Rouen, Frank Mathers, and Hannah Claire Lloyd**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.
May they rest in eternal peace.



Nowra CWL monthly meeting, **Tuesday 12 July**, 9.30am morning tea, followed by Meeting at 10am in the Parish Centre. Contact Judy 4421 8565.

Tuesday mornings at Nowra: All are welcome to share in morning tea straight after Mass every Tuesday. All are also welcome to come pray the Rosary together every Tuesday at 9.30am in St. Michael's Church.

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.

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, which helps maintain our Parish in its many ministries; simply contact the Parish Office for more info, 44231712.

St John The Evangelist High School present musical **'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

Craft, Cuppa and a Chat ~ A very sincere thankyou to so many thoughtful parishioners who donated wool, materials & craft items. Our shelves in the Parish Centre are full and reserves stored at home. Unless it's urgent, no more at this time thankyou. We will ask again before the school fete. St Vinnies collected our second tub of beanies, mittens, scarves & some laprugs. Well done to the ladies in our happy group. We will be back **Wed 20 July**, when school resumes. New parishioners welcome. 9.30am Wednesdays at Parish Centre.

Recruitment and training of new altar servers: If you have a child who has received First Communion and may want to learn how to serve at Mass at any of our churches, please contact Fr Duane for more information.

"Breaking the Silence": Family Violence Awareness Dinner, 6:30pm Thursday 11 August, 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 or contact Fr Duane for more information.

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.

Our Lady Help of Christians Culburra: Save the Date!

Saturday 27th August, after 6pm Mass, a social gathering for dinner at the local Chinese restaurant – more details to come.

Diocesan Youth Ministry: Are you 18-35 years old, and interested in Youth ministry? There will be an information and training evening on **Tuesday 12 July, 5:30-8:30pm**, at the Xavier Centre Conference Rooms, behind Wollongong Cathedral. An opportunity to learn more about what's planned for youth ministry in the diocese this year, and how you can be involved. You are most welcome to attend for information, or to take up a volunteer role in the diocese. Call Seth Harsh on 4222 2460 or email seth.harsh@dow.org.au if you plan to attend, for catering purposes.

Significant Marriage Anniversaries Diocesan Mass:

If you are celebrating **25, 40, 50 or 60 years** of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham on **Sunday, 18 September, 2.00pm**, contact **Helen Bennett 4222 2403** or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au at the Office of the Bishop by Mon 12 August and an invitation will be sent to you.

Catholic Mission through the Diocesan Director David Harrison wishes to thank Parishioners for your most generous response to the recent appeal.

The total raised by our Parish alone was \$15,140 – a remarkably generous response!

Fr Pat's Papal Blessing and Tribute Book will be available to view at the catechist room in the Parish Centre, during office hours, together with the remaining commemorative bookmarks.



Spirituality in the Pub ~ 2016 Theme: 'Spirituality Today'. The Positive and Negative Influence of Religiosity and Spirituality. Monday 11 July, 7.30pm, Jamberoo Pub.

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

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.

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).

Palms Australia ~ Fulfilling International Mission for Skilled Volunteers: Communities in East Timor, PNG, Kenya, Kiribati, Samoa and elsewhere are asking for volunteers to assist mentor local workers and so assist poverty reduction. Want to know more? Info session, Sunday 24 July, 10.30am, Aquinas Academy, The Rocks. RSVP joey@palms.org.au or 9518 9551.

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 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 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.

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.