



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.

25th Sunday Ordinary Time (Yr C) 18th September 2016

Sunday Masses:

NOWRA6pm 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 those who died recently; **Don Body, Rex Batey** (Bulli formerly Culburra,) **Twanny Abela** (Malta). Also, **Tony Garnuszek, Emanuel & Carmen Abela, Ray Abood, and Bill Harris**, whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.* We offer our very sincere sympathy and prayers to **Maureen Williams and her family on the unexpected death of her sister, Monnie, in Sydney on Wednesday.**



CAN YOU HELP? SVdP NOWRA need two Receptionists to work at the Welfare Centre (behind the Berry St shop) taking calls from 9:45am - 11:45am on Tuesday & Wednesday morning once a fortnight. If you can help us, please call Wendy 0405095455. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this urgent request.

Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 22 Sept, St. Michael's Church at 6pm. All welcome.

St. Michael's School presents Peter Pan ~ Fri 16th Sept, 7pm & Sunday 18th, Matinee 2pm. Held in school hall. Tickets available at the door. Cost: children \$5, adults \$10, family (up to 6) \$30. Light refreshments available.



ST MICHAEL'S FEASTDAY: All parishioners are invited to gather at the **Nowra Golf Club, Thurs 29 Sept, 6:30pm for 7pm** to celebrate our Parish Feastday –

St Michael. *Our guest speaker is Terry O'Connell (OAM) who will be speaking on Justice and Mercy; a former senior sergeant, Terry has pioneered a restorative justice model now used to help people in prisons and juvenile justice facilities, victims of crime, school children, families and corporate organisations around the world. Cost: \$33 pp includes main & dessert, tea & coffee. For catering purposes, payment should be made to the Parish Office when booking. Bookings and payment will need to be finalised by Mon 19 Sept.*

THIS WEEKEND ~ THE BISHOP'S SPECIAL COLLECTION to support those **sick, retired and elderly clergy** who have served us well. It is also the responsibility of the Diocese to provide funding for the training of our next generation of clergy. *"I would be grateful for your consideration of these needs and for your generous support," says our Bishop, Peter Ingham.* **Your contributions to the loose money in the 2nd Collection will go to this Appeal. Thank you.**

Trivia night at Bottlerocket Bar (2/90 Kinghorne St Nowra) – **Tues 20 Sept**, dinner & drinks from 6:30pm. **STILL A FEW PLACES LEFT, SO HURRY TO SECURE YOUR PLACE. RSVP is essential, asap** to Roslyn 0421548109 / Adrienne 0408631552.

The Anointing Mass will be held at St Patrick's Berry, Tues 18 Oct, 10:30am. Mass will be followed by lunch in the hall. Please bring a plate to share. *Thankyou.*

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary will be prayed at Sacred Heart Church Bomaderry, 3:00pm each Friday in October commencing on the 7th. All parishioners welcome. Afternoon tea will follow. Enquiries: Wendy 0405095455

Maltese Community Lunch ~ The Maltese Community next get-together on **Sat, 15 Oct**, at Holy Spirit, **Vincentia**, at 12 noon. Please bring a dish to share. Gold Coin donation. Coffee & Tea provided. Contact Lily 44415138 or 0410522876.

CWL Nowra Branch ~ Wedding Anniversary Mass & Luncheon, Sat 22 October.



Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am at St Michael's with the Luncheon to follow. This Special occasion is for all Parishioners who are celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries (25; 40; 50; 60 years). **Please RSVP by Wed 12 Oct to the Parish Office 4423 1712.**

Over the past week approximately 110 children from our Parish will make their first Reconciliation. In this regard we acknowledge our very dedicated Teachers and Catechists who helped prepare the children for the Sacrament. At St Michael's School the teachers are: Sandrine Butler, Tracee Cinello, and Stephanie Jakimyszyn. Our Catechists are: Judy Rusgnach, (Bay and Basin), Frances Fairs and Rickie Gilligan, (Nowra) Greg Troy (Berry), Jeanette Easton. (Culburra), Trish Sherborne and Anne Dynon (Kangaroo Valley)



Catechists ~ Parish Trivia Night - Tues 20 Sept.

Thank you to all who have replied to my invitation to join the Catechist Table(s). Please consider coming along. Bottlerocket Bar (2/90 Kinghorne St, Nowra). Pizza (& cheese plates etc) & delicious drinks available from 6:30pm. Trivia starts 7pm. Please let me know ASAP if you can join us. *Frances*

CRAFT-TEA CHARACTERS met this week for company, cuppas & much laughter! The current focus is St Michael's School Fair (November). Thank you for your kind donations. We would love to have new people join us. Wed, 21 Sept is the last week before our Spring break. **CRAFT-TEA CHARACTERS** return Wed 12 Oct, in the Parish Centre. 9:30-12noon. No doubt after the break we'll all have some anecdotes to share! Further info: Louise 0438 218 728 / Cecily 0410 578 352

TAIZE FESTIVAL Mon 26 – Wed 28 Sept

The Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville will host the Courage of Mercy Taize Festival with a focus on Youth. Featuring Brother Ghislain from the Taize community in France. For Registration/ more info visit www.carmeliteretreats.com.au/taize-retreat or contact 8795 3400 or Email: retreats@carmelist.co



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Congratulations & best wishes to Max & Martha Stevens on their 60th wedding anniversary ~ 29th September.

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SVdP ~ Please join us for the Rosary every Tuesday in St. Michael's Church at 9.30am. You will be most welcome.

"Mass for you at Home" ~ Sundays only for 30mins. T.V. WIN Illawarra, channel 8.at 6.00a.m.

YOU are invited to join the JAMBEROO LAY CARMELITES ~ **DAY OF REFLECTION with Bishop David Walker**, past Bishop of Broken Bay who has published extensively on faith renewal, spirituality, mysticism. **Sat, 24 Sept**, St. Matthew's Hall, Jamberoo. 9.30am-3.00. Morning tea & light lunch provided. Donation \$15.00 pp; \$20.00 per couple. RSVP Melanie Hellmund 4237 7411. or Sue Stuckey: stuckey.sue@gmail.com

The Accompaniment Book for Gather Australia, used by the organists, is missing from the organ. If anyone knows of its whereabouts please contact the Parish Office.

SVdP ~ Piety Stall (Berry St Nowra) is well worth a look for your religious gifts. Items can also be ordered from the catalogue in store. Also available to order, handmade First Holy Communion veils. Ph: 4421 7244

BOMADERRY COMMUNITY GROUP: Following feedback from surveys, the current focus is to discuss new ideas for including **youth and young families** in the community. Please put your names down on the sign up sheets in the foyer if you want to be part of the

conversation. Thanks to those who have put their names down already; a meeting will be arranged soon.

CatholicCare ~ Strengthen your family relationships Parenting workshops for Term 4 are now taking bookings. If you want to build on your parenting skills and strengthen your family relationships go to the calendar at www.catholiccare.dow.org.au or give CatholicCare a call on 4227 1122 or 4628 0044.

Holy Spirit, Vincentia ~ "Senior Rights Service" will hold a public information session on consumer rights, scams and planning for end of life etc. in the hall of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, St George Ave Vincentia, **Monday 3 October** from 9.00am – 12.00pm. Registration essential to: Margaret Crothers, Education Officer 1800 424 079. As numbers are limited to 40, parishioners will have an opportunity to register before the public during August.

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 celebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham on **Sun, 18 September, 2.00pm**, contact **Helen Bennett 4222 2403** or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au at the Office of the Bishop

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

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.

Nowra Uniting Church ~ Fundraiser supporting Operation Christmas Child. Trivia Night, Fri 21 October, Wesley Centre, Cnr Berry & Junction Sts Nowra. Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start. \$10pp. Register at nowraunitingkids@gmail.com or call Cindy 0438218885 / Phillip 0481041033.

MUSIC MINISTERS FORUM: LAUNCH OF CATHOLIC WORSHIP BOOK II. Sun 2 Oct, 2pm-4pm St Thomas Aquinas Church 2 Bendooley St, Bowral. Bishop Peter Ingham will officially launch the new Catholic Worship Book II for the Diocese of W'gong. Fr Sean Cullen and the parish of Bowral-Mittagong are hosting the event in Bowral at the end of the Southern Highlands Tulip & Food Festivals. All parish music groups and choirs are invited to come and get a taste of the songs of this new music resource. Angela Quinn will lead the Diocesan Choir & other parish choirs. Music groups are invited to present an item or two. Books available for sale. *Further info, and to arrange your parish music group participation, contact Paul Mason 4222 2462 liturgy@dow.org.au. Bookings essential to Helen Bennett on 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.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. Don't miss this opportunity to share and develop your gifts by being part of Catholic Youth initiatives that are set to transform the face of youth ministry in this Diocese and beyond!

IMPACT – A CONVENTION FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS 6-8 OCTOBER, at VARROVILLE. Presented by The Catholic Guy. For registration please visit impactconvention.com