



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.

Sunday Masses:

Nowra: Vigil 6pm, 8.00am, 9.30am and 6.00pm

Berry:..... 8.00am

Bomaderry:..... 9.30am

Culburra: Vigil 6.00pm,

Vincentia: Vigil 6.00pm, and 9.30am

Kangaroo Valley: 11.00.am.

Masses during the Week

Nowra: Please note Mass this Monday is at 9.30.a.m (You are encouraged to support the Catechists).

Tue/Wed/ Thurs. 8.15 am

Fri. 7.00am and 11.30am, Sat. 9.00 am

Berry: Tuesday 5.30 pm

Culburra: Thursday 5.30 pm

Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00 am, Tues/Wed 5.30 pm

Kangaroo Valley: Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9.am; Wed 7 am

S'haven Heads: Friday 3.30pm

Confession / Reconciliation

Nowra: Saturday : 9.30- 10.30.am and 5.00 - 5.30 pm

Culburra: Sat. 5.30pm

Vincentia: Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

We prayerfully remember **Badia Loadman, Dawn Chalker, and Sue Monnier**, (Shellharbour). Also, **Geoff Wilkins, Alan Walker, Antonia Bahram, Frank Hall and Richard Brown**, whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*

CHOIR REHEARSALS for Nowra and Bomaderry Christmas Liturgies, Thursday 1 Dec, 5pm at St.Michael's Church, and Sunday 4 Dec, following 9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church Bomaderry. *All welcome.*

Sun Dec 4th. Outdoor Mass at 6.00.pm.

Mass with a Difference ~ 6.00pm, Sunday 4 Dec will be celebrated on the grassed area beside the church, (God's Grass). Plenty of space and freedom for children, prams, wheelchairs, bring a picnic rug or seat (seats provided too). Sausage sizzle after Mass. If you need transport contact: Bernadette 0402136691. *All Welcome*

Social Club: Sunday Roast, Sunday 27 Nov, 12.00 at North Nowra Tavern. No booking required. *All welcome.*



At the Mass concluding the Year of Mercy, on Sunday last Pope Francis tells us, "The Jubilee now ends and the Holy Door is closed. But the door of mercy of our heart continues to remain wide open." "Mercy cannot become a mere parenthesis in the life of the Church; it constitutes her very existence, through which the profound truths of the Gospel are made manifest and tangible. Everything is revealed in mercy; everything is resolved in the merciful love of the Father."

SVdP Christmas Appeal ~ On the weekend of **10/11th December**, the St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding its annual Christmas Appeal in Nowra and Bomaderry Churches. *Thank you in advance for your generous and continued support.*



A sincere thank you to our Teachers, Catechists, Musicians and all who did such magnificent work for First Holy Communion on Sunday last, throughout the Parish.

Mass will be offered for your intentions

End of Year Catechist Mass & Morning Tea – this **Monday 28 Nov.** at St Michael's Church, commencing 9:30am. After Mass, our end of year celebration will continue in the Parish Centre with morning tea. This wonderful celebration is for all Catechists in our Parish.

First Saturday Marian Devotions ~ 3 December

Mass 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction 10:30am. Morning tea follows in Parish Centre. All welcome.

2017 Daily Mass Books (\$25) and Prayer Books (\$30) are now in stock at Sacred Heart Church, Bomaderry or call Suzie Alamango, 4448 6219 / 0419 249 008. Sacramental, Advent and Christmas items also available at the stall and by special order from the catalogue, (copies available at each Church).

Emmanuel — Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections books for 2016. There are a few copies left at the special price of only **\$2 per copy.**

The First Sunday in Advent (Yr A)

27th November 2016

A Thought for Advent: Advent is a reflective Liturgical Season and an appropriate time to revisit the significance of times of **Silence** within the Liturgy, which are very evident in Papal Masses.



In this regard I might add whilst appreciating the genuinely positive features of conversation before and after Mass (in the Church), we do need to be mindful that people also value a quiet reverential atmosphere before and after Mass for personal prayer.

- Not infrequently unauthorised devotional literature is placed in our Churches especially at St Michael's. I have no doubt that it is done with the best of intentions. However much of it lacks sound theological or scriptural basis or context. I would be grateful if this practice ceased. Fr Pat.

Holy Spirit Vincentia Christmas Morning Tea on Sunday 11 Dec after the morning Mass. Please come along and bring a plate to share. Enquiries: Judy Lenehan 4441 7456

Bay & Basin CWL will hold their Christmas Hamper Raffle and Trading Table outside Holy Spirit church before and after Masses on Saturday & Sunday 26/27 Nov. Raffle will be drawn after Mass, Sunday 27 Nov.

The Shoalhaven Lydian Singers are performing, **"A Christmas Carol"** traditional carols and **Charles Dickens' classic tale of Christmas**, Saturday 3rd December at 2.30 pm, St. Patrick's Church, Berry and Sunday 4th December, 2.30 pm, School of Arts, Nowra. Tickets: Adults \$30, Concession \$25, Students \$10 & Children Free (under 14 years). Contact ph. 0412 219 895, www.lydiansingers.org.au.

Christmas Day Lunch for those in need: The Soup Kitchen, in conjunction with the social group, are hosting a special lunch on Christmas Day for all those in need of food or company. Volunteers welcome, more details to come.

We congratulate and welcome June Kirkman who is received into full Communion with the Catholic Church this Sunday at Nowra. May God bless her abundantly at this time, and continue to guide her always closer to Himself.



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Website: www.marymackillopplace.org.au

UNIFORMS FOR VANUATU – San Michel, a small island school located in Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu are looking for volunteers to help sew 100 school uniforms before the start of school next year. A **sewing bee** will be held on **Monday 21 Nov** at the **Wollongong Education Office** or you might like to sew from home at a time convenient for you. All you need is a sewing machine. Material & patterns provided. Contact Tim Hart: HarD02@dow.catholic.edu.au or 0448 202 609.

LIVE FESTIVAL, Friday 2 Dec Xavier Centre Wollongong is going to be an amazing evening with inputs from Samuel Clear (WALK4ONE) and Sr Hilda Scott OSB as well as music from the Catholic Music Revolution and the Wollongong Youth Mission Team. The Festival is open to all young people in the Diocese of Wollongong (aged 15-35) for more information go to: <http://dow.sh/LIVEfestival>

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM ARIS 27 NOVEMBER 2016

This week *The Journey* Catholic Radio program will continue to bring you weekly Gospel reflections, great music and wonderful inputs from amazing people. We have Wisdom from the Abby with Sr Hilda Scott, Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent talks about the importance of Individual time(Repeat) and Fr Dave Callaghan reflect on Heaven Within. Add to that some great Christian music and you've got a show that is all about faith, hope love and life. Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sun at 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.

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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!