



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.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A) 26th February 2017

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: Monday: 7.00 am. Tue/ Thurs. 8.15 am
 Fri 7.00am & 11.30am
 (10.30am Holy Hour), Sat 9.00am
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: Fridays 3.30.p.m
Confession / Reconciliation
 Nowra: Sat 9.30am – 10.30.a.m. 5.00 - 5.30pm
 Culburra: Sat. 5.30pm
 Vincentia: Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

ASH WEDNESDAY: March 1st Mass Times:

A Day of Fast and Abstinence
Nowra: 7.00am, 11.30am and 7.00pm
Culburra: 8.00am
Berry: 6.30pm **K Valley:** 9.00am
Vincentia: 8.00am & 5.30pm

A Day of Fast & Abstinence - All who have completed their 18th year & have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. Project Compassion material will be available on Sunday next.



Lenten Program 2017 - Booklets on sale, \$5 for individual or group study. We encourage you to follow this well prepared Diocesan Program entitled - **HOPE**
Bernie 44212968, Tina 44229250,
Fr Leo 44415571, Greg Troy 44641770

Stations of the Cross



Nowra: Fridays 7pm. Commencing Friday 3rd. March
Vincentia: each Friday of Lent, after 8:00am Mass

Catechist Level 1 course

continues Tue 28th Feb, 9:30am – 1pm in the Parish Centre. Topics this week: Teaching Authority of the Church, Children with Special Needs, Using an Authorised Curriculum. All interested Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Social Group: Sunday Roast Sun 26th Feb, Nth Nowra Tavern, 12pm. Come alone or bring a friend & enjoy the company of fellow parishioners.

Blokes Night Out: Fri 3rd March, Bomaderry Bowling Club at 6.30pm. Blokes of all ages & interests enjoy a meal together in a relaxed atmosphere.

Barefoot Bowls last week was so much fun we are planning another evening. The **Social Group** organises activities for our community & suggestions are welcome. We have several events each month for parishioners. Please contact: **Kevin Bourke: 0412 664 213.**

Bay & Basin CWL: monthly meeting **Thurs 2nd March**, in the hall with lunch at 12:00pm & meeting at 1pm. Guest speaker Sue Davies, talking about domestic violence. All welcome.

Vincentia Social Group: The next games/social night will be Fri 3rd March at 6pm, in the Holy Spirit Church Hall. All welcome. Enquiries: **Sue: 44437891** or **Brian: 0412465040.**

Holy Spirit Vincentia Parish Auxiliary meeting: Sat 4th March, 1:00pm. All welcome. If you have any matters for discussion, contact: **Brian McCarron on 0412465040**

We prayerfully remember **Mary Ross** (Victoria), **Patricia Pinder** (Newcastle, Michael King's sister) who died recently. Also **Bernard Weir, Doris Bennett, Ramon Petilla, & Marie Shanahan** whose anniversaries occur at this time.
May they rest in eternal peace

Pastoral Care Volunteers Support



Meeting – First meeting **Thurs 2nd March, 11:00 – 1:00pm**, in the D'Arcy Room, Parish Centre. Pastoral Care Volunteers provide care & companionship for isolated older people in their homes & aged care facilities.

Training & ongoing support to volunteers is provided by CatholicCare & our Diocesan Aged Care Advocate. We are *currently seeking new volunteers*. If you are interested please come to our meeting to learn more. RSVP: 27th Feb & enquiries to Rebecca Miller rebecca.miller@catholiccare.dow.org.au / 0448 930 287

World Day of Prayer focusing on the Philippines:

Fri 3rd March: **Nowra** Salvation Army Centre at 1.30.p.m., **Berry:** St Luke's Anglican Church 6pm, light tea & service at 7pm.

St Michael's weekly Playgroup back for 2017: Starts this Monday 27th Feb, 9:00am – 10:30am in foyer of the School Hall. Parents, grandparents, carers, all welcome! Please bring your child's snacks & gold coin donation.

New volunteers for Children's Liturgy are urgently needed for 9:30am Mass at Nowra. If you think you can help in this wonderful ministry to children & families, please contact Fr Duane.

Liturgical Music Workshop, with Angela Quinn Sat 11th Mar 2017, 9:30am-1:30pm



Venue: The Parish Centre, Nowra. Take a walk through new songs, psalms, & sources of Liturgical music! Instrumentalists, singers & parishioners of all ages are invited to an active & informative workshop with Angela Quinn (Kiama), who has over 30 years experience in liturgical music. The workshop is free but please bring a plate. For bookings - **Maree Brown through the Parish Office: 4423 1712.**

First Saturday Marian Devotions – Sat 4th Mar, 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary & Benediction at 10:30am. Morning tea is available in the Parish Centre. All welcome.



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Craft-Tea Characters Parish Centre, Wednesdays

9:30am-12:00pm There's more to it than craft you'll see; like coffee, laughs, community, conversation & more, if you'll just walk in through the door. Give it a go & then you'll know all you need to do is show. Enquiries: **Louise 0438 218 728**

Nowra Uniting Church - Monthly Bazar first Friday of the Month 8:30am- 11:30am, Wesley Centre, cnr Berry and Junction Street, Nowra. Come along & enjoy a fun-filled morning. Savour morning tea or coffee with homemade scones for only \$3.00. Lots of stalls with handmade goods, plants, jewellery, bric-a-brac, second hand goods, jams & slices.

Parish Staff – Parish Office: 4423 1712

Fr Patrick Faherty: Parish Priest, Nowra

Fr Duane Fernandez: Assistant Priest, Nowra:

Fr Leo Duck: Vincentia; 4441 5571

Fr Ronan Kilgannon: Kangaroo Valley.

Deacon Peter Presdee - Chaplain to Corrective Services

Sisters Beverley Caffery and Sue Barker SGS.

Mrs Frances Fairs: Catechist Coordinator, 4423 1712

Mrs Liz Nimmo: PT Parish Secretary 4423 1712

Mrs Melissa Mazzo: PT Parish Secretary 4423 1712