



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

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Yr A) 5<sup>th</sup> March 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/Wed/ 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



**Lenten Program 2017** – Thankyou to everyone who joined a group or bought a book. Could **Group Leaders** please return all unsold booklets to the Parish Office, ASAP



## Stations of the Cross

**Nowra:** Fridays 7pm. Commencing

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>.March

**Vincentia:** each Friday of Lent, after 8:00 am Mass

We prayerfully remember **John Gregan** who died this past week. Also **Stan & Michael Bright, Purno A Sangma & Patricia Lucas** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal Peace.* Requiem Mass for John Gregan- St Michael's Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 11.a.m

**Choir Rehearsal** - Nowra & Bomaderry Lenten & Easter liturgies, Thurs 9th March at 5.30pm, St. Michael's Church. New singers always welcome.

## Confirmation 2017: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May.

Children in Yr 6 & upward who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist are eligible for Confirmation. If you wish your child to be confirmed then please note:

*An introductory & information meeting for parents & all candidates will be held Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> March at St Michael's Hall at 7 pm.* It is essential that candidates & parent(s) attend this meeting.



**Nowra CWL** monthly meeting, Tues 14<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30am morning tea, followed by meeting at 10 am, in the Parish Centre. Please contact **Judy 44218565**

Beginning Ash Wednesday & running through the 6 weeks of Lent.

**Project Compassion** raises both funds and community awareness about important global issues, empowering our neighbours across the world to build a brighter future.



**Catechist Level 1 course** continues Tue 7<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30am – 1pm in the Parish Centre. This week we will focus on using the Smart-Board & Tips for Lesson Planning & Delivery. All interested Parishioners are welcome to attend.

**St John's High School, Year 7 2018 Enrolment Applications** - Following a very successful Open Night, enrolments are now open. Please phone the school on 4423 1666 or email [info@sjedow.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@sjedow.catholic.edu.au) for an enrolment package. Contact the Principal's Secretary, Mrs Loreena Doumbos, if you require further information. **Enrolment applications close 24th March.**

**Kindergarten Enrolments 2018, St Michael's School** Enrolment packages are available from the school office. Phone: 4421 3630 Ms. Sue Easter, email: [info@smndow.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@smndow.catholic.edu.au), web:

[www.smndow.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smndow.catholic.edu.au) Enrolment Interviews with the School Principal, will be **Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May** & Parish Priest by appointment. **Open Day, Kids Welcome Tues 7<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am – 11am.**

**Open Evening, Tues 7<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm – 7pm**



**Parish Social Justice Group:** *At the close of the Year of Mercy in Dec 2016, Pope Francis reminded us not to forget those in prison and their families.* How much do we include these people in our prayers, our concern? A number of our parishioners have involvement with the prisoners &/or families in various ways. Two of these will share their experience at the Parish Centre, Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm. **Come along and have your horizons expanded.**

**Culburra Beach Family Group** - function Tues 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1:45 pm at Jean Helliwell's home (7 Ormonde Cres, Orient Point. Ph: 44473018). It will be an afternoon of memorabilia stories, so please bring an item for your story. There will be scones and damper to accompany the stories.

**Culburra Dinner after Mass** – at the local Chinese Restaurant, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March, please bring \$20 each in an envelope marked with your names by 11<sup>th</sup> March.

**Transport to Mass at Culburra:** Anyone willing to help transport people to Mass at Culburra, please contact Fr Duane, 44231712 or [duane@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:duane@nowraparish.org.au)

**Sacred Heart Church, Bomaderry - Sun 12th March**, a picnic/BBQ is being held directly after Mass, in the car park. Sausage sandwiches supplied. Bring your own drinks, chairs, etc. Our first ever social gathering at Bomaderry! Enquiries to **Ivor: 44210929.**

**Barefoot Bowls** - Tues 14<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm. The evening is guaranteed to be a fun time. All you need is a pair of socks (if preferred) & \$5 for registration. All ages welcome **Contact Sylvia on 0437 267 245** for further information.

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

**Venue:** The Parish Centre, Nowra.

**The workshop is next Saturday. Please RSVP this week to ensure your place.** Take a walk through new songs, psalms, & sources of Liturgical music! Instrumentalists, singers & parishioners of all ages are invited. The workshop is free, but please bring a plate to share. For bookings - **Maree Brown through the Parish Office: 4423 1712.**





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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**

**St Michael's weekly Playgroup:** Monday's 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.

**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.

**FASTING FOR LENT**

Fast from criticism and feast on praise  
Fast from self-pity and feast on joy  
Fast from ill-humour and feast on peace  
Fast from resentment; feast on contentment  
Fast from jealousy and feast on love  
Fast from pride and feast on humility  
Fast from selfishness and feast on service  
Fast from fear and feast on faith.

**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