



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.

3rd Sunday of Lent (Yr A) 19th March 2017

Sunday Masses:

Nowra: Vigil 6pm, 8.00am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
Berry: 8.00am
Bomaderry: 9.30am
Culburra: Vigil 6.00pm
Vincentia: Vigil 6.00pm, & 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
Shoalhaven Heads: Fridays 3.30 pm

Confession / Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 9.30am – 10.30.a.m. 5.00 - 5.30pm
 Culburra: Sat. 5.30pm
 Vincentia: Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

Feastdays: Mon 20th March - St Joseph
 (Due to the 19th being a Sunday the Feast is transferred to Monday)

Sat 25th March - The Annunciation



Stations of the Cross

Nowra – Fridays at 7pm
Culburra following the 5.30pm. Mass on Thursdays
Vincentia: Fridays after 8:00 am Mass

We prayerfully remember **Annmaree Giles**, who died this past week. Also **Peter Pham van Thien, James Thomas Fryer, Keith Hall, Paul Wilkins, & John O'Shaughnessy**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace*

Choir Rehearsal - Nowra & Bomaderry Lenten & Easter liturgies - **Sun 26th March** following 9.30 Mass at Sacred Heart Church Bomaderry. New singers always welcome.

Catechist Level 1 -The last session of the Level 1 course will run this Tues 21st March (9:30am-1pm) in the Parish Centre. This week Peter will help us to use Visual Aids, Prayers & Music in our lessons & will also guide us in the topic of Living our Faith. All welcome!

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, web: www.smndow.catholic.edu.au
 Enrolment Interviews with the School Principal will be **Sat 6th May** & Parish Priest by appointment.

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 for an enrolment package. Contact the Principal's Secretary, Mrs Loreena Doumbos, if you require further information. **Enrolment applications close 24th March.**



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.



Two Forever Homes Needed For Girls - CatholicCare's Foster Care Program is urgently looking for separate forever homes for two girls aged 10 & 11. Due to their complex needs, both girls need homes where they will receive one-on-one care & there are no younger children. Carers must be flexible, resilient & able to work in a supportive team environment with CatholicCare. Full training provided. To find out more please contact **Toni on 4254 7712** or toni@catholiccare.dow.org.au



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

Transport to Mass at Culburra is now available:

Thank you to those generous parishioners who have volunteered to help transport people to Mass at Culburra. If anyone knows of anybody who needs transport to Culburra Mass either temporarily or over the longer term, please contact Fr Duane, 44231712 or duane@nowraparish.org.au

Trivia Night – This Tuesday 21st March: Bottle Rocket Bar, Kinghorne St, Nowra. Book a table with your friends or contact Fr Duane if you want to join a table. \$5 buy in, winning table takes all!

St Michael's weekly Playgroup: Mondays 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.

Bomaderry Event - Thank you to all those parishioners & their families who helped to make our picnic/BBQ at Bomaderry a great success. Special thanks to those who supplied the BBQs & to the two 'chefs'. **Ivor Davies.**

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**

Parents & Confirmation Candidates: If you did not attend the first meeting on March 8th, & you still wish your child to be Confirmed, I am holding a parent-candidate meeting in St Michael's Church on **Sat March 25th at 1.30 pm**, to compensate for the one missed; it will run for approximately 40 minutes. Fr Pat.



The Parish Holy Week and Easter Timetable will be available next weekend at all Mass Centres.



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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