



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.

4th Sunday of Lent (Yr A) 26th March 2017

Sunday Masses:

Nowra: Vigil 6.00pm, 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: 7.00am, Tue/Wed/Thurs. 8.15am
 Fri 7.00am & 11.30am (10.30am Holy Hour),
 Sat 9.00am
Berry: Tuesday 5.30pm
Culburra: Thursday 5.30pm
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00am, Tues/Wed 5.30pm
Kangaroo Valley: Mon/Tue/Thur:9.00am; Wed 7.00am
Shoalhaven Heads: Friday 3.30pm

Confession / Reconciliation

Nowra: Saturday 9.30am – 10.30am 5.00 - 5.30pm
 Culburra: Saturday. 5.30pm
 Vincentia: Saturday 5.00 – 5.30pm



Stations of the Cross

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

We prayerfully remember **Fr Paul Gardiner SJ**, who died on Sat. aged 93. (His pioneer work of research and promotion were critical to the canonisation of Saint, Mary MacKillop.) Also **John Quintano** who died this past week. The following whose anniversaries occur: **John Russell, Maud Crossingham, Peter Garratty, Ramon, Juana, & Wilfredo Petilla, Arnparo & Ernesto Bonife, Melvin Fastimosa..** *May they rest in eternal peace*

First Saturday Marian Devotions – Mass **Sat 1st April** at 9:00am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary & Benediction at 10:30am. Morning tea follows in the Parish Centre.

Holy Week-Easter Timetable - Available at all Churches.

Choir Rehearsals - for Nowra & Bomaderry Lenten and Easter liturgies, **Sun 26th March & 2nd April**, following 9.30 Mass at Sacred Heart Church Bomaderry.
Thurs 30th March at 5.30pm in St. Michael's Hall. New singers always welcome.

Lenten Program – On **Palm Sunday 9th April** there will be morning tea, in the Parish Centre, following 9:30am Mass. It will provide an opportunity to meet and share experiences with fellow parishioners from other Lenten Groups or those who participate alone. Please bring a small plate to share.



Shoalhaven Crossroads - is a Christian fellowship for people with disabilities. The next meeting, hosted by St Michael's is **Fri 7th April** at 7pm at Nowra Baptist Church. Any donations of food for supper on the night would be greatly appreciated. Contact: **Bernadette Pullen 0402 136 691.**



Project Compassion demonstrates how love for our neighbours can transform lives this year. People's stories humble & inspire us, & show how your contributions to Project Compassion help people build better lives for themselves, their families & their communities.



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 tonil@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



Confirmation Preparation - A meeting for Parents & Candidates from all regions of the parish. **Signs & Symbols - Wed 29th March at 7pm**, St Michael's Parish Hall. *All Candidates & Parent(s) are expected to attend this Meeting which is central to the preparation program.*

Barefoot Bowling - After being washed out last time we are hoping for fine weather on **Tues 28th March, 5:00pm** for our next evening of Barefoot Bowling, at Bomaderry Bowling Club. \$5 pp. Please see noticeboard for details.

Sunday Roast – **Sun 26th March, 12 noon** at North Nowra Tavern. Come alone or bring a friend & enjoy the company of fellow parishioners around the dining table. **Trivia at Bottle Rocket** was a fun-filled night! Thanks to all who came, stay tuned for next month's instalment!

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

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.



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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**

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