



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 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 – No Stations on Fri April 7th
2nd Rite of Reconciliation Fri 7th April, 7pm
Culburra following the 5.30pm Mass on Thursdays
Vincentia: Fridays after 8am Mass

We prayerfully remember **Robert (Bob) Craig** who died this past week. Also the following whose anniversaries occur: **Ronald Bowden, Ernest Barker, & Tom Stevens**. May they rest in eternal peace.

The **St Michael's Rosters** for **April/May** are available in the Church Foyer & also at the Office.

Holy Week/Easter Timetable - Available at all Churches.
Sunday next April 9th is Palm Sunday

Choir Rehearsals - for Nowra and Bomaderry Lenten and Easter liturgies, **Sun 2nd April & 9th April** following 9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church Bomaderry.

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 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.



Please Help! – our Parish has a great number of volunteers who help to maintain the wellbeing of the Parish. We need **Readers for the Nowra 8am Mass** (training provided to help you get over the nerves), **Cleaners** – to keep our Church in a respectable state; **Lawn Maintenance** is also a necessity. All these positions only require a commitment of once a month on a roster. Please contact **Robbie: 0407 013 551** if you are able to help.



Bay & Basin CWL will hold their next meeting **Thurs 6th April** with lunch at 12 noon & meeting at 1pm. All welcome. Phone **Moya: 4443 9698**

A parishioner in Yalwal Rd needs a drive to Mass either Saturday night or any Sunday. If you can help, please contact parish office.

5th Sunday of Lent (Yr A)
2nd April 2017



The **2nd Rite of Reconciliation** will be celebrated at St Michael's on **Friday next April 7th at 7.00pm**, an important aspect of our preparation for Holy Week & Easter. Parishioners are encouraged to avail of this opportunity in preparation for Holy Week & Easter. Pope Francis repeatedly stresses the importance of the Sacrament in our spiritual lives; **“Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace.”**



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

The next **games/social night** will be on **Fri 7th April** at 6pm in the **Holy Spirit Church Hall, Vincentia**.

Blokes Night Out - Bomaderry Bowling Club on Fri 7th April at 6.30pm for dinner & conversation, snooker, watch football etc. Come with a mate or on your own, no need to book, transport available. **Contact Kevin Bourke 0412 664 213** or **Nigel 0433 365 383** if you need further information.

Due to popular demand **Barefoot Bowls** will now be held every alternate Tuesday evening. Next session will be on **11th April**. Well attended but still room for others wishing to participate. Check the Social noticeboard for further information or contact **Sylvia on 0437 267 245**.

The next **Culburra Beach Family Group** function will be lunch (\$15) at Greendale's Restaurant, Pyree, **Thurs 6 April** at 12.00. If attending, please contact **Myra 0438239272**



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Transport to Mass at Culburra is now available: 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.

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

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