



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.

Easter Sunday - (Yr A)

16th April 2017

May you have a blessed and peaceful Easter.

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: 11.00am

Weekday Masses:

Nowra: Mon 8:00am, Tues/Wed/Thurs 8:15am
 Fri 7:00 & 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
K' Valley: Mon/Tues/Thur 9:00am
 Wed 7:00a.m.

Confession / Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 9:30-10:30am & 5:00- 5:30pm
Culburra: Sat 5.30pm
Vincentia: Sat 5 –5.30pm

The Clergy of the Parish wish all parishioners and visitors, a very blessed, joyful and peaceful Easter! Thank you to all, throughout the parish who have assisted in any way in making our Parish celebrations of Holy Week and Easter so prayerful and reflective.

Congratulations and a special welcome to Val Lewis, Jaye McDonald, and Joshua Adams who were received into the Catholic Community of St Michael's, at the Easter Vigil.

We prayerfully remember our beloved dead. Also the following whose anniversaries occur: Joseph Trotter, Maud Crossingham and Adam Laukaitis. May they rest in eternal peace.



RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES:

Dear friends, through the Paschal Mystery, we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in His holy Catholic church.

Priest: Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you? **All:** I do.

Priest: Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin. ?

All: I do

Priest: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

All: I do

Priest: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by His grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

All: Amen.

Caritas Australia's annual Lenten

fundraising and awareness-raising Appeal is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith and generosity of the Catholic community and caring supporters throughout Australia to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold human dignity. **Project Compassion has demonstrated this for just over 50 years.**



Divine Mercy Sunday, Vincentia – Divine Mercy devotions will be held on **Sun 23rd April** at 2:30pm at **Holy Spirit Church, Vincentia**. Afternoon tea to follow in the hall. All welcome.

Also a liturgy of adoration & prayer at **St Peter & Paul's Church, Kiama** commencing at 2:00pm followed by light refreshments at 3:30pm. All will be warmly welcomed.

Please Help! – Our Parish has many of volunteers who assist the Parish in a variety of ways. Currently we need **Readers for the Nowra 8am Mass** (training provided to help you get over nervousness), **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

"Mass with a Difference": Sunday 6pm April 30th, in the hall with rugs on the floor for children, children's activities, room for wheelchairs, scooters, prams and strollers as well as regular seating, plus a chance to gather afterwards for refreshments. All welcome!

Our Anzac Day Mass at St Michael's – Tuesday 25th



at 8.00.a.m. A special time of prayer for the Fallen, those who are serving, and for peace in a very troubled world.

Holy Spirit Vincentia Parish Auxiliary Meeting on Saturday 29th April at 1.00pm. If you have any matters you would like raised at the meeting, please contact Brian McCarron on 0412 465 040

A Laundry service has opened in Rome, giving the city's poor and homeless people the chance to wash and dry their clothes and blankets for free. It is run by the Community of Sant'Egidio at the request of Archbishop Konrad Krajewski, who runs the Pope's personal charities.



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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: 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.

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

Pope Francis Laundry opens (Vatican Insider)