



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 Easter - (Yr A)
30th April 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: 11:00am

Weekday Masses:

Nowra: Mon 7:00am, Tues/Wed/Thurs 8:15am
Fri 7:00 & 11:30am (10:30am Holy Hour) Sat 9:00am
Berry: Tues 5:30pm
Culburra: Thurs 5:30pm
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri. 8:00am
Tues/Wed 5:30pm
K' Valley: Mon/Tues/Thur 9:00am Wed 7:00am
S'haven Heads: Fri at 3:30pm

Confession / Reconciliation

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



We prayerfully remember the following whose anniversaries occur: **Charles Borg** (Vincentia), **Eric Devereaux**, **John Joseph Psaila**, **Maude Bhugon**. May they rest in eternal peace.

Feastdays: Mon 1st St Joseph the Worker, Tues 2nd St Athanasius, Wed 3rd Sts Philip & James

New volunteers for Children's Liturgy are urgently needed for 9:30am Sunday Mass at Nowra. If you think you can help in this wonderful ministry to children & families, please contact Fr Duane.

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

First Saturday Marian Devotions – 6th May. Mass at 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary & Benediction at 10:30am. Morning tea follows in the parish centre. All welcome.

Catechists - Term 2 Meeting & morning tea on **Mon 8th May**, 10am. At the morning tea we will share ideas & resources relevant for this term. Items from CCD will be distributed. It is an excellent opportunity to support & encourage each other in our precious ministry. All Catechists are expected, *so please let Frances know if you cannot come.*

St Michael's Playgroup – Mon 1st May. Babies, toddlers & pre-schoolers & their parent, grandparent, carer are all welcome to enjoy play from 9am - 10:30am in the St Michael's school hall foyer. Please bring snacks & drinks for your children. Runs Mondays during the school term.



Bay & Basin CWL Mothers' Day Stall: this weekend 29th/30th April *ONLY* – beautiful handcrafted gifts plus cakes, plants & books. **Mothers' Day Basket Raffle** – tickets available 29th/30th April & 6th/7th May, raffle drawn after 9:30am Mass Sun 7th May.

Bay & Basin CWL meeting in the Hall on **Thurs 4th May** with BYO lunch at 12 noon, and meeting at 1pm. Our guest speaker is Bernadette Pullen from Noah's Ark. All welcome. **Phone Moya: 4443 9698.**

CWL Nowra - All warmly invited to CWL Mothers' Day afternoon tea **Sat 6th May** at **2pm** in the St Michaels Parish Hall. Be entertained by a harpist. Enquiries: **Marie Hanley: 4448 5347**



CatholicCare Pastoral Care Volunteer Support Meeting -Nowra/Vincentia meeting **Thurs 4th May**, 11am – 1pm, Parish Centre. Volunteers provide care & companionship for isolated older people in their homes and aged care facilities. The group is currently seeking new members. RSVP & enquiries to Rebecca Miller: 0448930287 or Rebecca.Miller@catholiccare.dow.org.au by 2nd May

CatholicCare - Term 2 Workshops – dates and information on workshops can be found in bulletins on our webpage www.nowraparish.org.au

The Shoalhaven Lydian Singers present Gabriel Faure Requiem on **Sat 29th April**, 2:30pm, Uniting Church Berry and **Sun 30th April**, 2:30pm, School of Arts Nowra. Tickets: Adults \$30, Conc. \$25 & Students \$10. Children 14 yrs. & under free.

Culburra Beach - Mary, Help of Christians annual feast day dinner. Sat 27th May at Culburra Beach Bowling Club, 7:30pm. Roast, sweets, coffee/tea & cake. \$20.00 per head. Please see Barbara or Fran at Mass by **20th May** with money & numbers attending.

Blokes Night Out - Fri 5th May, 6:30pm at Bomaderry Bowling Club for dinner & conversation, snooker or to watch the football. **Contact Nigel 0433 365 383.**
Barefoot Bowls Tues 9th May, check the Social Noticeboard for details. **Contact Sylvia 0437 267 245.**

Cursillo Weekend – Thurs 4th-Sun 7th May at Hartzler Park Conference Centre, Burradoo. Cursillo provides an opportunity for Catholics of all ages to get to know self, God & others. Contact Lester Smith: 02 4628 8289 / 0415 562 808 or Margaret French 0417041721, margaretfrench55@hotmail.com

Centenary of Fatima Celebrations - All are invited to the Immaculate Conception Church, Unanderra **Fri 12th May**, 7.30pm - Devotions & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; and on **Sat 13th May**, 11am - Solemn Mass with Bishop Peter Ingham.-

A Bill currently being presented by the Greens to the Legislative Council of NSW, calling for Abortion Law Reform & Summary Offences Amendments is detailed, deceptive, & extreme. It is a cause of grave concern to many who have analysed its content from the moral, medical & legal perspectives. We expect that by next week there will be specific instruction from the Bishop & the opportunity to express our opposition to such legislation.



SVdP Piety Stall (Berry St Nowra) for all your religious gifts. Confirmation will be celebrated on 21st May. Items can also be ordered from the catalogue. Phone: 4421 7244



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Please Help! – Our Church needs **Readers for the Nowra 8am Mass. Cleaners & Lawn Maintenance** to keep our Church and grounds neat & tidy. The positions only require a commitment of once a month on a roster. Please contact **Robbie: 0407 013 551** if you can help.

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**

The Journey Catholic Radio Program – Airs 30th April. This week on the Journey, Fr Ken Café shares a moving and powerful Gospel Reflection, one of which we can all relate. We are reminded by Trish McCarthy in her Milk & Honey section to renew our mind, and Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent talks about having a team around us (repeat). This is threaded together carefully with some amazing Christian music artists to help us create a show that is all about faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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Fr Leo Duck: Vincentia; 4441 5571

Fr Ronan Kilgannon: Kangaroo Valley.

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Sisters Beverley Caffery and Sue Barker SGS.

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