



**St Michael's Parish** NOWRA – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: [office@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:office@nowraparish.org.au)

Website: [nowraparish.org.au](http://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.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - (Yr A) Good Shepherd Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 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 **Patricia McIntyre** (Pat formerly of Culburra who died in Trangie) **Leanne Currie, Ronald Fagan & Noel Carr** recently deceased; also the following whose anniversaries occur, **Kevin Robinson, Patrick Firmstone, John Caffery, Anthony Nolan, Valerie Murdoch, Don Allen, Neville McNamara, Neil McIntyre, Bernie Schipp, Joe Fogaty, and Joseph Kashmer.** May they rest in eternal peace.

**Feastdays:** Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May – Sts Nereus & Achilleus  
 Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May Our Lady of Fatima  
**(Fatima Centenary)**

**Catechists Reminder - Term 2 Meeting Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May,** 10am. 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.*



**Confirmation 2017. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> at Nowra;** Masses at 9:30am & 1:30pm.

As an integral part of the preparation there will be a Prayer and Reflection time for Candidates and parents on **Wed Evening next May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.** *All Candidates & at least one parent are expected to attend.*

**Nowra CWL –** monthly meeting, Tues 9<sup>th</sup> May, 9:30am morning tea followed by meeting at 10am, in the Parish Centre.

**Contact Judy: 4421 8565**



**Culburra Beach - Mary, Help of Christians annual Feast Day dinner. Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 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 **20<sup>th</sup> May** with money & numbers attending.

**Barefoot Bowls -** Tues 9<sup>th</sup> May, 4pm at the Bomaderry Bowling Club. The evening is guaranteed to be a lot of fun. There is no need to book – simply meet with the group at the club. Play in bare feet or wear a pair of soft sole flat shoes & bring \$5 for registration.

**Contact Sylvia: 0437 267 245** for further information.

**Trivia night at “Bottle Rocket”:** coming up on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. 6:30pm for 7pm start. Tables of 4 or 5, organize your own table or come along and join one. \$5 per person for trivia, winning table takes all! Contact Fr Duane for booking purposes.

**Culburra Family Group -** The 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> May will be International Family Group Fruitcake Weekend. The diverse ingredients of a fruit cake symbolise the many kinds of people that make up our community. A piece of fruit cake will be offered to all at the end of the Saturday evening Mass at Culburra Beach on 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**Craft Tea Characters First Anniversary – Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May** 9:30-12:00, in the Parish Centre. Kindly bring something to share. Come along & meet some lovely people. Traditionally the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary is celebrated with a gift of paper. So come along to make yourself a surprise using paper. New characters always welcome. *That's really what we're about - Making Connections.* **Contact: Louise 0438218728**

**Sacred Heart Church Bomaderry Piety Stall –** Open after 9:30am Sunday Mass. For all your Confirmation gifts and cards. Communion and other items are also available at the stall and by special order from the catalogue.

**Contact Suzie Alamango: 4448 6219 / 0419 249 008.**

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

Abortion Amendment Bills: Briefly the first of these bills introduced by Greens MLC Mehreen Faruqi. The [Abortion Law Reform \(Miscellaneous Acts Amendment\) Bill 2016](#) seeks to do three things:

- it would make abortion legal, right up until the moment of birth
- it would require doctors who object to abortion to refer any woman who is seeking advice about pregnancy options to a medical professional who does not object....

The second of these bills was introduced by Labour MLC Penny Sharpe. The [Summary Offences Amendment \(Safe Access to Reproductive Health Clinics\) Bill 2017](#) would similarly enforce exclusion zones around abortion clinics, making prayerful vigils like the popular *40 Days for Life* punishable with fines and imprisonment.

**We encourage parishioners to sign the petitions at the Church doors.**

**“Safe Shelter Shoalhaven”** is an important initiative in which a number of local churches are uniting to provide safe emergency overnight shelter for the homeless during winter. For this to work we need as many volunteers as possible to help supervise – even for just one evening per month. If you're interested in helping support this initiative please contact Fr Duane as soon as possible to find out more information on 44231712 or [duane@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:duane@nowraparish.org.au)



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**SVdP Piety Stall** (Berry St Nowra) for all your religious gifts. Items can also be ordered from the catalogue in store. **Phone: 4421 7395**



**The Journey Catholic Radio Program – Airs 7<sup>th</sup> May.**

Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can subscribe to weekly shows by email.

**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.

**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