



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: 11:00am

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 recently deceased: **Sister Margaret Prendergast, Allan (Bun) McKinnon, & John Markham. John Shipp, Kontessa Pavlis.** Also the

following whose anniversaries occur: **Brett Baker, Anka Vahovic, Jenny Davis, Reginald Berry** may they rest in eternal peace.

Funerals on Monday May 29th

Sr Margaret St Scholastica's Chapel, Glebe – 10:30am
 Allan McKinnon: St Patrick's Berry – 10:30am
 John Markham: Sacred Heart Church-Bomaderry, preceded by Rosary at 10:30am with Mass at 11am

Dates to remember:

Thurs June 1st-Laudato Si' 2nd Anniversary
 10.30am – 12 and 7.8.30.p.m. Parish Centre.
Friday 2nd June - Taize Evening.
Weekend 10th & 11th June - Annual Mission Appeal
Friday 23rd Jun - Feast of the Sacred Heart - Mass at Bomaderry, 6:30pm



Taize Chant – Celebrating Pentecost.

Fri 2nd June, 7:30pm, St Michael's Church followed by cup of tea in the Parish Centre. *All Welcome.* This year marks 25 years of Taize Chant in the Shoalhaven. With the co-operation of the clergy & their congregations, the word has spread. It has become a major ecumenical event. Please invite someone who may be interested.



Sr Margaret Prendergast who died on Monday last lived and worked in our parish from 1990 – 2013. Sister's main ministry was as a pastoral liaison person between St Michael's Parish Primary School and families, for over 20 years.

Sister Margaret was a joyful, compassionate, and a most pastorally minded Religious who took a very active part in parish life, in particular visiting the sick and the bereaved. Sister was also well known and highly regarded in the wider community. A special Mass will be offered for Sister Margaret on **Tuesday morning next May 30th at 8:15am.** May she rest in peace.



SVdP Conference Nowra – One in ten families in Australia live in poverty.

Would you like to take practical action to assist people in need? Prayerfully consider joining your Parish Conference of the SVdP Society. More details next week.....

Sunday Roast 28th May 12 noon at North Nowra Tavern. Cost \$12 and all welcome. Please call Kevin Bourke on 0412 664 213 if you require transport

Accommodation Required – A senior active lady seeks granny flat or similar in Shoalhaven area. Local Parishioner with references and family support, Nonsmoker/drinker, small car. **Phone 0490343289.**

First Saturday Marian Devotions – 3rd June Mass at 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary & Benediction 10:30am. Morning tea follows in the Parish Centre.

The Ascension of the Lord - (Yr A)

28th May 2017



CWL Bay & Basin – Invite you to our Soup & Slice Day.

Thurs 1st June, 10:30am, to be held in the hall. It's our remembering deceased members & friends day. Entry is \$5 with a best hat prize & lucky door prize. Also there will be a trading table. So hope you can join us. **RSVP 24th May. Phone Moya 44439698.**

Bay & Basin Pastoral Care - will meet at the Holy Spirit hall, Vincentia, at 10.30 am on **Mon 29th May.** Please join us if you would like to know more about Pastoral Care. Rebecca Miller, CatholicCARE Wollongong will attend.

Holy Spirit Vincentia Community Celebration - Pentecost Sunday 4th June, after the 9.30am Mass.

Come along and share soup, sandwiches and slices. If you can assist, please call Judy Lenehan 4441 7456

Vincentia Social Group – The fun continues...our next games & social night is **Fri 2nd June** from 6pm at the Holy Spirit Church Hall. Coffee, tea & Nibblies provided. All Welcome! **Enquiries Sue 44437891, Robyn 0488930425, Brian 0412 465 040.**

Laudato Si' – As we approach the 2nd anniversary of this historic encyclical by Pope Francis, calling on all Catholics to work for the protection of our planet. Come along to a presentation to refresh your memory of *Laudato Si'* & our personal and communal response to the Pope's encyclical.

Thurs 1st June 10:30am–12:00 (Cuppa 10 am) OR 7:00pm–8:30pm in the Parish Centre.

Pastoral Visitation with a Difference!

Fr Plinio Poncina, pastor of Stella Maris parish, in Rome put up signs last Wednesday announcing a priest would be visiting the neighbourhood to bless houses. The signs, which indicate a date and give a time frame, is a common practice in Italy during Eastertide.

"It was a great surprise today when, instead of the pastor, the one ringing the door bells was **Pope Francis**," the press office said. "With great simplicity, he interacted with the families, he blessed a dozen apartments" and left rosaries for the residents.



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"Hearts on Fire"-Pentecost retreat for UOW Students / members of the Catholic Society/ or young adults
June 3rd, Saturday, from 9 am- 4 pm at Xavier Centre, Wollongong. Retreat given by Maria & Louise (VDMF) chaplaincy team. Donation 10 - for more info 0402 452 342 (Maria) or Facebook UOW Catholic Society

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.

The Journey Catholic Radio Program – Airs this week. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can subscribe to weekly shows by email

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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