



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.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)

25th June 2017

The Immaculate Heart of Mary –



Diocesan Patroness

(By Pope St John 23 on June 6th 1959).

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is the cradle of all Christian meditation and reflection on the mysteries and teaching of Jesus Christ, her Son. Blessed Paul VI said: "Mary offers a calm vision and a reassuring word to

the people of our time, torn as we often are between anguish and hope, troubled in our minds and divided in our hearts, uncertain as we face the riddle of death. Mary shows the victory of hope over anguish, of fellowship over solitude, of peace over anxiety, of joy and beauty over boredom and disgust, of eternal vision over earthly perceptions, of life over death.

(Marialis Cultus) words from Bishop Peter.

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

Catechist Retreat – this Friday 30th June!

Please remember to BYO lunch, warm clothes and a cushion for your comfort in the Church. All welcome from 9:30am for a 10am start. Contact Frances if transport is required or for late registrations.

Holy Spirit Vincentia Spring Fair - The first meeting will be held on **Sun 25th June** after the 9.30am Mass. Everyone is welcome. Stall coordinators are invited to attend. Enquiries to **Brian McCarron on 0412 465 040**

Level 3 Catechist Course - commences **Mon 24th July** in our Parish Centre, 9:30am-1:30pm. This course is **open to all interested Parishioners** hoping to deepen their understanding of our Catholic Faith. Each Monday for six weeks we will explore each of the following topics: Reconciliation; Eucharist; Creation; Morality; Church; and Christ. The presenters are varied and excellent. Contact Frances for further information: 44231712.

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased. Also the following whose anniversaries occur: **Ann Ebsworth, Alf Payne, Robert Aitken and Peter Dell** may they rest in eternal peace.



1st Friday Rosary at Bomaderry - please join members of the Sacred Heart Church community for the Rosary on **Fri 7th July at 3pm** in Sacred Heart Church Bomaderry. Afternoon tea follows. All welcome!

First Saturday Marian Devotions – Sat 1st July, 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.*

St Michael's Nowra has a wonderful team of women who arrange beautiful flowers each week. We work on a monthly roster & are looking for someone (male or female) for the 5th Sunday of the month (4 times a year). We are not looking for a trained florist, although you would be most welcome, just someone who loves flowers. **Contact Robbie on 0407013551.**



First Reconciliation Parent Evening – Wed June 28th at St Michael's at 7:00pm. This invitation is addressed to parents with eligible children from all Schools within the parish.

Sunday Roast – Sun 25th June at North Nowra Tavern from 12 noon. Come with a friend or on your own and meet up with fellow Parishioners to enjoy a roast dinner in great company. *All welcome!* Cost \$12. Call **Kevin Bourke; 0412 664 213** for further information or to arrange transport.

Trivia Night at Bottle Rocket – Tues 27th June, 6:30pm for 7pm start, \$5 to play trivia, winning table takes all, all welcome, invite your friends!

Blokes' Night Out - Fri 7th July, we are having a special gathering to celebrate Len Seyffer's 94th birthday. Len will speak on his experiences, dating back prior to WW2.

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) will be held in December in Sydney, for youth from Yr 9 to 30 years old. 12,000 young people have already registered! A Parish Group is forming & all interested are welcome to a meeting at the Parish Centre- **Mon 26th June at 7pm.** Contact Shannon 0414521404.



CWL Nowra Branch wish to thank all associated with their 10th Birthday celebrations. Our priests, parish secretaries (past & present), school staff & students, our spiritual advisor (Sr Bev), husbands & members. We had a most enjoyable afternoon and wish to thank everyone for their support over the past 10 years and look forward to working with you all over the next 10 years!!!

Planned Giving: Thank you to all faithful supporters over the years. Planned Giving remains the financial 'life-line' of the parish, so new subscribers are always welcome. All parish accounts are externally audited annually. **Please collect your new Planned Giving Envelopes available at all Churches this weekend.** (Fr P J Faherty –Parish Priest)



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St John's presents "**Masquerade**" – SJE School Hall, **Sun 16th July at 2pm, Thur 20th July to Sat 22nd July, 7:30pm.** Adult \$15.00 Concession \$10.00. Tickets available at the School Office or online at www.sjedow.catholic.edu.au. Flyer is available on the Parish Website www.nowraparish.org.au



Tip Vouchers SVdP – If you have any domestic waste disposal vouchers from Shoalhaven City Council to be used by 31st July which you will not use, **please drop them into any SVdP store or to the Parish Office ASAP.** This will mean that money raised in stores goes to the needy rather than tip fees.

Coffee Morning - 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, after 9:30am Mass at the Bomaderry Bowling Club. Some Parishioners even stay for lunch. All welcome! Enquiries: **Ivor Davies.**



CatholicCare Parenting Workshops - CatholicCare's Term 3 parenting workshop flyer is available on the Parish Website. Bookings are essential on 4227 1122.

Mother Ruth Scholarship Fund Theatre Gala - includes Champagne on arrival and extended interval supper: **Thurs 24th Aug** at 7.30 for 8pm "Song Contest". An Almost Eurovision Experience. Nowra Players Theatre, Bomaderry. Adults \$35 **Contact Denise Jones 0419 248889 or 4423 2299 (BH).** Tickets need to be paid for to guarantee a seat.

St Michael's Playgroup - Mondays (during school term) 9:00am – 10:30am in foyer of St Michael's School Hall. Parents, grandparents, carers, all welcome! Please bring your child's snacks & gold coin donation.



Craft-Tea Characters - Wednesdays 9:30am-12:00pm, in the Parish Centre 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**

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

The Wollongong Diocese lists 186,000 Catholics. 32 Parishes, approximately 34 active diocesan priests. Six parishes are cared for by Religious clergy. 29 Catholic Primary Schools - 10,400 pupils 15 Catholic Secondary Schools - 12,100 pupils

LIVE Festival 2017 – Fri 15th Sept This year the Festival will be expanded to include an expo space where you can discover the many and different ways that you can live out your faith in our Diocese. If you are interested in volunteering on the day please contact youth@dow.org.au

SmartLoving Marriage Seminar – Warnervale 1st & 2nd July. Whether you have been married for 1 year or 50 years, if you long for deep, satisfying, intimacy with your spouse, this seminar is for you. Presented in a Catholic context. info@smartloving.org or phone: 02 9319 6280 or www.smartloving.org

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