



**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

**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

**Feastdays:**

**Sun. Aug 6<sup>th</sup> - The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
**Tues Aug 8<sup>th</sup> – St Mary of the Cross Mackillop**  
**Thurs Aug 10<sup>th</sup> - St Laurence**

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Maureen Burns, Roberta (Robbie) Healey** and **Colin Bagnall**. Also those whose anniversaries occur: **Joseph Gravino, Peter Morrissey, Damien Baker** and **Jeffrey Falzon** may they rest in eternal peace.



**Significant Marriage Anniversaries:** 25, 40, 50, 60+ Bishop Peter will celebrate Mass at St John Vianney Fairy Meadow on **Sun 13 Aug** at 2:00pm, please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) (Office of the Bishop)



**The Catechist Level 3 course** continues this Monday 9:30am – 2:30pm and is open to all interested in learning more about our faith. This week we are fortunate to have Fr Bernard Gordon joining us to present the topic of **Christ: Heart of Catechesis**. Please BYO lunch. Contact Frances: [catechist@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:catechist@nowraparish.org.au)

**Catechists and Helpers** needed for Greenwell Point and Terara. We are also in need of a driver for a Catechist on Thursdays. Please contact **Frances 44231712**.



**SVdP Annual Fundraising Dinner 14th Oct 2017**, 6:30pm for 7:00pm at the Bomaderry Bowling Club. Join us for a great night, which is always a lot of fun. Proceeds raised from the dinner will be used to support struggling families in the Shoalhaven. Tickets \$65. To book a table **contact Kerrie Griffith 4421 5178 or 0466662993** or see a local Vinnies members.

**St Vincent de Paul Society – we need your help!**

As we try to assist more and more people in our community, our winter appeal becomes more and more urgent. The best way to raise money by far and at the same time, not keep asking for donations from parishioners, is by means of doorknocking. Experience shows us that the majority of people in the community are willing to give something. All we need are people to knock on doors. Just a couple of hours on either of the last 2 weekends in August, in whatever area you might wish to choose. Please give this your serious consideration. An appeal for volunteers will be made next weekend.



**Nowra CWL-** Monthly meeting, **Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Aug**, 9:30am morning tea, followed by meeting at 10am in the Parish Centre. Contact **Judy Thompson on 4421 8565**.

**Holy Spirit Vincentia Spring Fair Meeting** will be on **Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Aug** after the 9:30am Mass. All welcome. Queries to Brian McCarron on 0412 465 040

**The Feast of the Transfiguration (Yr A)**

**6<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop-August 8th**

The MacKillop family certainly shared in the Cross in many respects. Being the eldest, Mary was deeply conscious of her responsibility to support and care for the family in their many challenges and sorrows.



Grandfather MacDonald was tragically drowned in 1847. Over the subsequent 35 years there were seven deaths within her immediate family. Alick (11 months), John, an accident in NZ. Her father died suddenly aged 59; Maggie aged 29, Peter 21, and Lexie a Good Shepherd Sister age 34. Her brother Donald was ordained a Jesuit Priest in Wales on September 20th 1882. Mary wrote: "I can scarcely realise this joyful news". Flora, Mary's mother took a ship to Sydney so as to assist Mary and the Sisters with a school Fete in May 1886. The Ship was wrecked off Green Cape near Eden with the loss of sixty lives on May 30<sup>th</sup> 1886. Among the dead was Flora MacKillop.

***"Love one another, bear with one another and let charity guide your life. God will reward you as only He can."*** (to her sisters on Retreat in 1909)

**Thinking of becoming a Catholic?** Are you wondering what it entails? Come and join our new inquiry group; no commitment needed to attend. **Tues Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30.p.m** at the Parish Centre. For information please contact 44231712.

**Mother Ruth Scholarship Fund Theatre Gala** - includes Champagne on arrival and extended interval supper: **Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Aug** at 7.30 for 8pm "Song Contest". An Almost Eurovision Experience. Nowra Players Theatre, Bomaderry. Adults \$40 **Contact Denise Jones 0419 248889 or 4423 2299 (BH)**. Tickets need to be paid for to guarantee a seat.

**The Diocesan Mass for St Mary of The Cross Mackillop** will be held on **Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Aug**, 11am at St Mary MacKillop Parish Church, Oran Park. The Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Peter Ingham, with Fr David Catterall and CWL Chaplain Fr Patrick Vaughan.



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**The “Safe Schools” Program:** While bullying and homophobia must always be opposed in schools and in society, the “safe schools” program goes far beyond this theme. It contains explicit and controversial sexual content for both secondary and primary schools, presented without informing or seeking consent from parents. Parents are urged to inform themselves of the content of this program, especially since a number of state schools in our local area are already implementing it. See [www.kidsrights.org.au](http://www.kidsrights.org.au) for more information.



The home is the heart of the Church. **CAtHFAMILY** brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts & recipes for free from their website [www.cathfamily.org](http://www.cathfamily.org). Don't miss CathKids, weekly interactive experience with a two minute animated reflection on the Sunday reading. Families in the Diocese of Wollongong are encouraged to utilise these resources at home to share faith with kids

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend –** relationship enrichment for married couples **18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Aug** at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Bookings [www.wwme.org.ai](http://www.wwme.org.ai) or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)

**St Michael's Playgroup –** has begun for Term 3, Mondays 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**



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**Fr Patrick Faherty: Parish Priest, Nowra**  
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**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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