



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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)

20th August 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: Tues: 8:00am & Thurs 5:30pm
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8:00am
 Tues/Wed 5:30pm
Kangaroo Valley: Mon/Tues/Thur 9:00am; Wed 7:00am
Shoalhaven 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: **Bridget Willock** (Culburra) **Mick Leahy** (formerly Vincentia), **Calvin Harris** (USA). Also those whose anniversaries occur: **Sam Falzon, Sheila Dignam, Patricia Madden, Cheryl Leary (Courtney) and Doug Courtney** may they rest in eternal peace.



The Catechist Level 3 Course continues this Monday (9:30am – 2:30pm) and is open to all parishioners. Our presenter this week is Seth Harsh, Diocesan Youth Ministry CoOrdinator. Seth will present Communion: Eucharist, Source and Summit. Please BYO lunch. Contact Frances: catechist@nowraparish.org.au

The **Mass at the Farm** is on this **Mon 21st Aug** at 12:30pm, at Jim Da Silva Farm. *All welcome.*



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 local Vinnies members.

St Vincent de Paul Society Doorknock Appeal –

Volunteers are still required to knock on doors and sit at shopping centres. Just a couple of hours on either the **19th & 20th Aug** or **26th & 27th Aug**, in whatever area you might wish to choose. Please give this your serious consideration. Contact **Mary: 4421 0717/ 0421 834 846.**

Catholic Women's League Nowra

Are hosting Spring/Summer fashion parade, **Sat 9th Sept** 2:00pm in St Michael's School Hall. Cost: \$8 (includes afternoon tea & lucky door prizes). Fashions by Maci Collections of Kiama. *All most welcome.* For more details contact **Marie Hanley 4448 5347**



“G” Day Mass – An invitation is extended to all *Grandparents, Guardians & Godparents* of students in Year 7 at St John's High School to attend a Mass in recognition of the contribution these special people have made to the lives of the Year 7 students. **Wed 23rd Aug** 9:30am – 10:30am, St John's School Hall. Following Mass tea/coffee & biscuits will be served.



St Michael's Parish Dinner, in conjunction with our Parish Feast. Please keep the evening of Thurs 21st Sept free, for our Annual Parish Dinner at the Nowra Golf Club. Details later.

Sunday Roast – Sun 27th Aug 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.



Holy Spirit Spring Fair – Sat 2nd Sept. Only 2 weeks to go! Final fair meeting on **Sun 27th Aug** after Mass. Donations of

books, treasures and plants to the Church hall from Sun 20th Aug to Thurs 31st Aug. Assistance needed for setting up on Fri 1st Sept and early morning on the day of the fair. Enquiries: Brian 0412 465 040

“To keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man, **vote NO.**” This is simply and unequivocally what the Church is advocating

Postal Plebiscite on “Same-Sex Marriage”. The Australian Government has announced there will be a postal plebiscite on whether the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 should be changed to include “same-sex marriage”. Ballot papers will be sent out to households on Tues 12th Sept and all votes must be received back by Tues 7th Nov. If you are not enrolled to vote, or if you need to update your postal address, go to www.aec.gov.au/enrol/ before Thurs 24th Aug. To keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man, **vote NO.**

Marriage: What's it all about? Fr Duane will give a talk **this Wednesday at 7pm at St Michael's parish hall.** Be assured of a respectful, logical presentation, relevant to anyone of any faith or no faith. He will invite questions, objections and clarifications after his talk. Invite your friends who are open to respectful discussion of this important social issue for our time. *All welcome!*

Save The Date - The Emmaus Team is hosting a **Picnic with a Difference** on **Sun 17th Sept**, 11am in the grounds of St Michael's School. Everyone is welcome to come along and spend time together as a caring inclusive community. Bring your own food, drink, picnic rugs, chairs and anything else you may need. There will be games & activities organised. More details to follow Contact Bernadette 0402136691.

The first newsletter from the new Parish Pastoral Council is available this weekend.