



**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

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 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  
**Kangaroo Valley:** 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: **Geoff Smith, Marlyne May, Mark McGee, Brian Pascal, Toni Knight** (Sydney) and **Imre Acs-Nagy**. Also **Christopher Delaney and Emilia Labrador** and whose anniversaries occur: may they rest in eternal peace.



**Feastdays: Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Sept – Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**The Sacrament of First Reconciliation** will be celebrated at St Michael's on **Tues/Wed/Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm.**

**Claiming the Date: Workshop for Special Ministers of the Eucharist – Sat 14 Oct** in the Parish Centre - for those already involved or interested in becoming involved in this important ministry.



**St Michael's Parish Dinner, in conjunction with our Parish Feast:**

All parishioners are invited to gather at the **Nowra Golf Club, Thurs 21 Sept, 6:30pm for 7pm** to celebrate our Parish Feast Day. Come & enjoy a great night.

**Cost:** \$33 pp includes main & dessert, tea & coffee. Please advise any dietary requirements when booking. **For catering purposes, payment should be made to the Parish Office when booking. Bookings & payment need to be finalised by Mon 11 Sept.**

**Picnic with a Difference – Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 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. Contact Bernadette 0402136691



**CWL Nowra** - Are hosting Spring/Summer fashion parade, **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2:00pm** in St Michael's School Hall. Cost: \$8 (includes afternoon tea & lucky door prizes).

Fashions by Maci Collections of Kiama. *All welcome.* For more details contact **Marie Hanley 4448 5347**

**CWL Bay and Basin Branch** - next meeting will be held in the Hall on Thursday 7 September with BYO lunch at 12 noon and meeting at 1pm. All welcome. For information phone Moya: 4443 9698

**Vincentia Social Group** – games night **Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Sept** from 6:00pm. Fun & nibbles in the Holy Spirit Parish Hall, Vincentia. All welcome! Contact Robyn 0488930425 or Nancy 0488930425.

**Shoalhaven Lydian Singers** 'Festival of Choirs' concert on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2:30 pm at Berry School of Arts & Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2:30 pm at Nowra School of Arts. Tickets: Adults \$30 Conc. \$25 Students \$10 Children 14 years and under: free. **Tickets: TryBooking.com or phone 0412 219 895.**

**May the Fathers of the community be blessed on this day. May the Lord assist them in providing guidance and security for their children.**



**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 **Wendy Reid** or see local Society members.

**SVdP Door Knock Appeal** – A huge thank you to all the volunteers who assisted or helped out in anyway, with the door knock appeal. To date SVdP has received over \$9,000 and are still counting.

**Petition: Opposing Proposed Euthanasia-Assisted Suicide Bill.** Parishes of the Diocese have joined all other Dioceses around NSW to oppose a Bill about to be presented to the NSW Parliament on September 14th -- the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2017. It is the Christian belief that human life is sacred, and **our dignity is not dependent on our usefulness or health, but simply our humanity.** Certainly every effort much be made to alleviate pain and suffering, e.g. palliative care. The Church has always accepted the position that there is no moral obligation to go to extraordinary measures to prolong the life of the gravely ill. Euthanasia however involves the conscious and deliberate taking of another person's life. **People at a very low ebb are not helped by being told by our laws that we are willing to kill them, or implying they are better off dead.**

The Bishops of NSW are urging the faithful to sign the Petition Form available at Church doors opposing this Bill, which is to be presented to the NSW Legislative Council

**The Bishop's Collection to support sick and retired Clergy**, and to assist in promoting priestly Vocations, is next week. All loose money in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Sunday next will go to this Appeal.



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**SVdP Piety Stall (Berry St, Nowra)** is well worth a look for your religious gifts. Items can be ordered from the catalogue. Handmade First Holy Communion veils can be ordered. Ph: 4421 7395.

**St Michael's Conference of St Vincent de Paul** offers sincere thanks to all who donated tip vouchers; they were all put to good use! Many thanks also must go to Bernie Gleeson & Phil Reid for taking the rubbish to the tip, from the back of the Vinnies Shop, using the donated vouchers. ***We would be very grateful to continue to receive any tip vouchers you don't need***

**Consoling Mass** - Our annual Consoling Mass will be held at Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie on **Fri 15th Sept**, 12:10pm. This is the Mass where we continue to pray for our loved ones who have died in tragic circumstances. Families touched by tragedy are warmly invited to participate in this Mass.

**Spirituality in the Pub** will focus on the positive as a Rabbi, a Muslim and a Christian from ***Together for Humanity*** focus on how they challenge people's perceptions about identity, culture, prejudice and belonging in their work in schools, organisations and communities. 7.30pm on **Mon 11th Sept** at Jamberoo Hotel. All Welcome.

**"Treasure in Earthen Vessels"**, take the time to discover the treasure we already hold within at a weekend silent guided retreat at Hartzler Park, Bowral, Sept 22 (7pm start) - Sept 24, held by Verbum Dei Missionaries. All ages welcome. For more info, contact, [verbumdeisydney@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdeisydney@gmail.com) or Maria 0402 452 342.

**CATH FAMILY** 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

**Marriage Week 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Sept** – God has a great plan and purpose for marriage. Couples are encouraged to have regular time together in prayer, special times over a coffee or a meal just focusing on each other.

[www.marriageweek.org.au](http://www.marriageweek.org.au)

**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**



**The Journey Catholic Radio Program – Airs weekly.** 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.

**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**

**To keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man.”** For the ongoing good and stability of family and society, this is simply and unequivocally what the Church is advocating. **Vote No to any change to this definition**