



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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)

10th 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. (Communion Lit)
Culburra: Thurs – No Mass
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8:00am
 Tues/Wed 5:30pm
Kangaroo Valley: No morning Masses this week
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: **Trevor Fraser, Leslie Parsons (formerly S. Point), Michael Gatty (Tamworth) and Patricia Reynolds (Callala).** Also **Bishop Thomas McCabe, Bishop Geoff Mayne, Fr John Ward, Tibor Barbay, Malachy Frawley and Pamela Rex** whose anniversaries occur, may they rest in eternal peace.



Feastdays: Thurs 14th Sept – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
Fri 15th - Our Lady of Sorrows

The Priests of the Diocese will be on Annual Retreat during the week ahead. All necessary calls can be made through the Parish Office. Fr Ronan will celebrate morning Masses at St Michael's and attend to urgent sick calls.



St Michael's Parish Dinner - All parishioners are invited to gather at the **Nowra Golf Club, Thurs 21 Sept, 6:30pm for 7pm** to celebrate our Parish Feast Day. Guest speaker: Jude Hennessey Diocesan Director of Renewal & Evangelisation. **Cost:** \$33 pp includes main & dessert, tea & coffee. Please advise any dietary requirements when booking. **For catering purposes, bookings need to be finalised this Monday Sept 11th. Payment should be made to the Parish Office when booking.**

Picnic with a Difference – 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. Contact Bernadette 0402136691

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation; A sincere thank you to the Teachers and Catechists who prepared the children so magnificently and presented them for their First Reconciliation during the past week.

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.



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 member.

SVdP Door Knock Appeal – A big thank you to all the people who contributed or helped in any way with the door knock appeal. A special thank you to the children of St Michael's School, for their "sleep out" in support of the homeless. **Total raised: \$11, 379.00.**

The Bishop's Collection to support sick and retired Clergy of whom there are six & to assist in promoting priestly Vocations today. All loose money in the 2nd Collection, will go to the Appeal. You can view a message from the Bishop on <http://dow.sh/caring2017> or on the Bishop's Facebook page [BishopPeterIngham](https://www.facebook.com/BishopPeterIngham) or on our website.

Child Protection Sunday: This Sunday is designated as Child Protection Sunday; an occasion when we are called on for a greater awareness and responsibility as a Church towards the young entrusted to our care. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has linked the day also with prayer for the victims of sexual abuse.



Nowra CWL –monthly meeting, Tues 12th Sept, 9:30am morning tea, followed by meeting at 10am in the Parish Centre. Contact Judy Thompson on 4421 8565.

Holy Spirit Community –Vincentia Spring Fair: A sincere thankyou & congratulations to Brian McCarron & his faithful team who put so much time & effort into the Spring Fair last weekend. The day was blessed with beautiful weather & was a great success both socially and financially.

Barefoot Bowls – Tues 12th Sept, from 4pm at Bomaderry Bowling Club. Contact **Sylvia Palmer 0437 267 245.**

THE Traditional definition and understanding of Marriage is based on the Natural (Moral) Law. "To keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man." For the well-being and stability of family and society, this is simply and unequivocally what the Church is advocating in the plebiscite. **Vote No to any change to this definition.** Archbishop Fisher refers to a Pastoral Letter in 2010 by Pope Francis then Archbishop of Buenos Aires: "the state is not discriminating when it says a marriage is constituted between a man and a woman; it is merely recognising a natural reality... **To distinguish is not to discriminate but to respect differences...**



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Marriage Week 10th to 16th 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

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

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 Hartzel Park, Bowral, Sept 22 (7pm start) - Sept 24, held by Verbum Dei Missionaries. All ages welcome. For more info, contact, verbumdeisydney@gmail.com or Maria 0402 452 342.

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**



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. Certainly every effort much be made to alleviate pain and suffering, e.g. palliative care. The Church has always accept 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. If Euthanasia – assisted suicide was to be an option, even if unspoken option, how long will it be before the option becomes an expectation?

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



CAtHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts & recipes for free from their website 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

The Journey Catholic Radio Program – Airs weekly.

Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can subscribe to weekly shows.

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Fr Leo Duck: Vincentia; 4441 5571

Fr Ronan Kilgannon: Kangaroo Valley.

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