



St Michael's Parish NOWRA – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: office@nowraparish.org.au

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)

17th 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/Thurs: 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: **Agnes Rosenberg, Patricia Reynolds, Michael (Mick) George.** Also **Ray Abood, Mollie Cahill, Annie Kelton, Tony Garnuszek, Rex Batey** and **Albert Rolet** whose anniversaries occur, may they rest in eternal peace.

Funerals

Trevor Fraser - St Patrick's Wed 20th - 11:00am.
 Agnes Rosenberg - St Michael's Thurs 21st - 10:00am.

Feastdays: Thursday 21st Sept St Matthew

Liturgical Ministry Training - Workshop for Special Ministers of the Eucharist to the sick **Sat 14 Oct** 10:30am – 2:30pm in the Parish Centre, for those already involved or interested in becoming involved in this important ministry. Morning Tea 10am. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the Parish Office 44231712 by **29th Sept.**



SVdP Annual Fundraising Dinner 14th Oct 2017, 6:30pm for 7:00pm at the Bomaderry Bowling Club. 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.

The Nowra branch of the CWL is

hosting a celebration for those parishioners who have or will be having a significant wedding anniversary this year. **Sat 21st Oct,** with a Mass at 10am followed by a light luncheon in the Parish Centre. **Please RSVP to the Parish Office or Judy Thompson 44218565 by 12th Oct.**



CWL Nowra are collecting Rosary Beads. If you have a surplus supply of Rosary Beads, please drop them into the Parish Office. The Rosary Beads will be given to the Wollongong Branch of the CWL to be sent to the MCS Missions.

All parishioners are warmly invited to Lilian Wilkins' 90th birthday. **Sun 24th Sept,** between 2pm -4pm at St Patrick's Hall, Berry.

Bomaderry Waratah RSL Day Club – Day clubs are a weekly social program for older people from both the ex-service & wider community. Day clubs offer support and friendship. For more information please contact Rosemary: 4423 3330.

Villa to Rent Bomaderry - Christa Watkin, of the Uniting Church in Nowra, is seeking a mature Christian tenant/s for a 2 bedroom villa in Bomaderry. Rent: \$325 per week. For details please contact Christa: 4421 3897.

Holy Spirit Vincentia Spring Fair - "Wrap-Up" meeting on Sun 24th Sept after the 9.30am Mass. All welcome

Save the date! – Bomaderry will be having their Spring BBQ/Sausage Sizzle directly after Mass on **Sun 29th Oct.**

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

Thank You to those who attended MRSF THEATRE GALA and also to a number of very generous supporters who donated money to the Fund. We have raised MOST of the money needed for next year -\$4530. A fantastic effort by all. A special thank you also to the cooks who contributed to the magnificent supper. Denise Jones.

Craft-Tea Characters - would like to thank the generous donations we have recently received. Clean and useable knitting, crocheting, sewing and general craft materials are gratefully accepted. Don't forget you are welcome to join us on a Wednesday 9:30ish-12:00ish. Making connections through craft, cuppas and company. Pop in or contact Louise 0438218728.

MARRIAGE and The COMMON GOOD: an article in The Australian, entitled: **'No' vote best for human flourishing**" Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Brisbane) writes: "There are many forms of love — parent-child, siblings, friends, carers and so on. But not all are nuptial. In fact, only one form of love is nuptial — the love of man and woman which is free, lifelong and open to children.. Is it about equality?
 It's true that all human beings are equal. But that doesn't mean they are the same. Same-sex marriage ideology implies that equality means sameness. But it doesn't. I may be different, but I'm still equal. Marriage policy has almost always "discriminated" against certain people: parents can't marry their children, brother and sister can't marry, and those under age can't marry. Nor can people of the same sex. That doesn't make them any less equal... Marriage is a social institution. That's why it's important to speak of the common good when speaking of marriage"
 As stated last week **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" the Church advocates, **Vote No to any change to this definition**



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"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 or Maria 0402 452 342.

Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria are celebrating 150 years of Rookwood Cemetery with an Open Day on **24th Sept** from 10am-3pm. There will be plenty of activities for young and old and food stalls. For more details go to www.catholiccemeteries.com.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**



CATH FAMILY 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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