



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

1st Sunday of Advent (Yr. B)
3rd December 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: Please note: Mon 9:30am,
Tues/Wed/Thurs 8:15am
Fri 7:00am&11:30am (10:30am Holy Hour)
Saturday: 9.00.a.m
Berry: Tuesday: 5.30.p.m.
Culburra: Thurs 5:30pm
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8:00am
Tues/Wed 5:30pm
Kangaroo Valley: Tues/Wed/Thurs: 9:00am
Shoalhaven Heads: Friday: 3.30pm

Confession -- Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 9:30- 10.30.am. & 5:00-5:30pm
Culburra: Sat 5:30pm
Vincentia: Sat 5:00–5:30pm

**Year Six St Michael's School Thanksgiving Mass:
Tues 5th Dec at 6:30pm**



We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Dr Bill Ryan, and Francis Bond.** Those whose anniversaries occur **Charly Luc Bhugon, Julie Seyffer, Margaret Pryde, Raema Burrows and Krystyn Brimmer,** may they rest in eternal peace.

Dr Bill Ryan – It is with a heartfelt sense of loss and appreciation of a life of service that St Michael's parish and wider community will farewell Dr Bill with Requiem Mass on Mon 4th December at 11:30am at St Michael's. May he rest in eternal peace.

Daily Advent -Christmas reflection booklets 2017-18, produced by the Diocese, are now on sale @ \$3.00. An extra supply is now available.

Annual Catechist Mass and Morning Tea – Mon 4th Dec

- commencing at 9:30am for Mass. After Mass, we will enjoy a festive morning tea, in Parish Centre. This wonderful end of year celebration is for all Catechists, Classroom Helpers & those who support our ministry. If you know of someone involved who doesn't have transport, please offer them a lift. Please let Frances know if you need transport.

Workbooks for 2018 - If there have been changes to your class since March, or if you would like to order a different level book for next year, please email Frances or advise at the End of Year Celebration.

Lectio Divina workshops: Mon 4th Dec will be the last of these introductory workshops in this way of praying with the Scriptures. **Note change of time: 1:30pm** and 7:30 pm. Newcomers welcome. D'Arcy Room Parish Centre. Sr Sue: 4421 2260

Barefoot Bowls – Tues 5th Dec, from 4:30pm at Bomaderry Bowling Club. Contact **Sylvia Palmer; 0437 267 245** for further details.

(RCIA) Welcome - Our two Inquirers, Kellie Tolhurst and Sandy Reminis will be welcomed into the **Catechumen stage** of their journey towards Easter Baptism this Sunday. We commit ourselves as a parish community to support them with our prayer & the example of our lives.

Nowra / Bomaderry Choir - Rehearsal Thurs 7th Dec 5:00pm, St Michael's Parish Hall.

Christmas Craft Sacred Heart Bomaderry – Bring the kids and come along to make cards and decorations, from 4:30pm to 6:00pm. Contact Carmen Gauci.

Rita Samrani is seeking accommodation, having recently moved from Sydney to work in Nowra. Rita will spend 4 nights in Nowra & 3 nights in Sydney. Please call the Parish Centre for further details or if you can assist.

The Dec 17 – Jan 18 Nowra Rosters are ready for collection.



Craft-Tea Characters Celebrate - Morning Tea from 9:30-12:00 Wed 13th Dec in the Parish Centre.

Kindly bring something sweet or savory to share. For a bit of fun, we invite all to contribute a small gift for a Kris Kringle lucky dip. Louise 0438218728 / Karen 048214031



Bay & Basin CWL Branch – thank all those who supported the Christmas Hamper Raffle. The winners of the raffle are: 1st Prize – Noel Netzler, 2nd Prize – Trish Todd, 3rd Prize – Robyn Kellner.

Holy Spirit Vincentia - Christmas Community Morning Tea - Sun 10th Dec following 9:30am Mass, contributions of sandwiches, slices, cakes would be appreciated. Contact: Judy 44417456

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) - everyone of any age is very welcome to attend the final Mass at ACYF, no cost or registration required, at The Domain on **Sat 9th Dec,** starting 6:30pm. We expect about 30,000 people to attend that Mass!

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal – Nowra- Bomaderry: Next Weekend: Dec. 9th and 10th.



LMC Soup Kitchen News - Firstly a huge *THANKYOU* to all of you who have given your support in any way this year. There will be a Thankyou Mass, 8:15am & morning tea (with Café Delaney) on **Tues 12th Dec at St Michael's.** Our **final soup kitchen & Christmas Party - Fri 22nd Dec.** All volunteers are encouraged to come along. **Special Event - Thurs 21st Dec** at 7pm we have a very special speaker coming to the Parish Centre. Ironia was an Indian baby rescued off the streets of Kolkata by Mother Teresa. Come and hear her remarkable story. For more information call Shannon 0414521404.

Bishop Peter Ingham's successor has just been announced: Fr Brian Mascord (57) – VG Maitland-Newcastle



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We welcome James Arblaster, seminarian for the Diocese of Wollongong, to our Parish. James will be staying until Christmas to experience parish life. Let us all encourage him and keep him in our prayers



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 the door. Give it a

go & then you'll know all you need to do is show.

Enquiries: Louise 0438 218 728

St Michael's Playgroup – Mondays during the school term from 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.



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

Don't miss Catkins, 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.

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 Colcannon: Kangaroo Valley.

Deacon Peter Preside - Chaplain to Corrective Services

Sisters Beverley Caffrey 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 17