



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

3rd Sunday of Advent (Yr. B)

17th 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

(Evening Masses on Sunday 24th next will be Vigil Masses for Christmas)

Weekday Masses:

Nowra: Mon 7:00am, Tues/Wed/Thurs 8:15am

Fri 7:00am&11:30am (10:30am Holy Hour)

Saturday: 9:00am

Berry: Tuesday: 5:30pm

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- 10:30am. & 5:00-5:30pm

Culburra: Sat 5:30pm

Vincentia: Sat 5:00–5:30pm

(The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation – on Wednesday December 20th at St Michael's; 7:00pm)



We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Jim McArdle** Those whose anniversaries occur **Austin Pavlich, Dallas Carberry** and **Robert Rusgnach** may they rest in eternal peace.

Mass Jim Da Silva Farm - The last Mass of the year will be this **Mon 18th Dec** at 12:30pm. Followed by a Christmas lunch. All welcome!

Feast Days: **Sun Dec. 31st. Holy Family**
Sun 7th Jan – Epiphany of the Lord

Nowra / Bomaderry Choir. Rehearsal – Thurs 21st Dec 5:00pm St Michael's Parish Hall.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St Michael's: any school aged children wanting to participate in this Mass please come to practice on **Sat 23 Dec, 11am** in the Parish Hall. All welcome. Contact Sophie: 0439 018 374



SVdP Christmas Appeal - many, many thanks to our generous parish communities at Nowra & Bomaderry who supported our Christmas Appeal last weekend. Envelopes are available in the Church foyers and can be placed in the second collection at Mass. May you enjoy God's richest blessings at Christmas and always. Wendy Reid.

SVDP Culburra and Callala will hold their Annual Appeal on the weekend of 30/31 December. Please give what you can; every \$1 counts towards making someone's burden a little lighter. Thank you for your anticipated support and generosity.

LMC Soup Kitchen - 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.

Flowers - do you love and enjoy arranging them? We are losing one of our ladies on the flower roster at St Michael's Nowra - you would work with someone else once a month, for the 3rd Sunday of the month. If you feel that you would like to help, please contact Karen Sweeney on 4423 4676 or 0408 214 031.

Christmas Roster - we still need a reader for the 10pm Vigil Mass and Eucharistic Ministers for the 7pm and 10pm Vigil Masses. If you are available, please contact Robbie 0407 013 551



CatholicCare - Strengthening your Relationships Nowra Courses - Term 1, 2018. Please see flyer on our website for dates and times.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival - Last week 500 young people from across our Diocese, including students from schools and post school age young people attended ACYF in Sydney. It was an amazing experience that saw young people engaged by the kerygma, have opportunities for prayerful encounters, attend Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation as well as an array of talks that challenged how they might say a profound yes to God and the Church in our culture.

Are you 18 to 30 years old? Are you interested in growing in faith and spirituality with other local young adults? Come and see - **Tues 19th Dec, 5:30pm** at the Parish Centre, with Fr Duane & Seminarian James Arblaster.

Craft-Tea Characters - celebrated their final gathering for the year with a festive morning enjoyed by all. We will resume next year on **Wed 14th Feb.** Christmas blessings to all.

Barefoot Bowls – The final Barefoot Bowls for the year will be **Tues 19th Dec**, from 4:30pm at Bomaderry Bowling Club. Contact **Sylvia Palmer; 0437 267 245** for further details.

The current edition of the Diocesan Magazine **JOURNEY**, has a number of fascinating and informative interviews including one with Bishop Peter as he prepares for retirement. Copies are available in plentiful supply.

Can you help? We are in dire need of an organist to play for the Christmas Vigil Mass at Shoalhaven Heads, Community Centre- **Sun 24th Dec** at 6:00pm, (organ-keyboard). If you can assist, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you to all throughout the parish who are assisting with Church cleaning, flowers and Crib arrangements for Christmas. This is all such precious work.



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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

The date for the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Brian Mascord is now confirmed.

Date: **Thurs 22nd Feb 2018** at 7:00pm
Venue: WIN Entertainment Centre Wollongong
Principal Consecrator: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
Co-Consecrators: Bishop Peter Ingham and Bishop William Wright
Further details will follow when they are confirmed.

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 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



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



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

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