



**St Michael's Parish** NOWRA – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: [office@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:office@nowraparish.org.au)

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**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:** Monday 7:00am Tues/Wed/Thurs 8:15am; Fri 7:00am & 11:30am Sat: 9:00am  
**Berry:** Tues: 5:30pm  
**Culburra:** Thurs: 5:30pm  
**Vincentia:** Mon/Thurs/Fri 8:00am, Tues/Wed 5:30pm  
**Kangaroo Valley:** Tues/Wed/Thurs: 9:00am

**Confession -- Reconciliation**

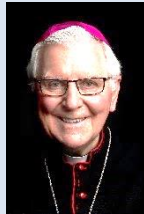
**Nowra:** Sat 9:30am- 10:30am & 5:00-5:30pm  
**Culburra:** Sat 5:30pm  
**Vincentia:** Sat 5:00pm-5:30pm

***The Feast of The Baptism of the Lord in Rome.***



Pope Francis baptised 34 babies of Vatican employees (16 boys & 18 girls) during Mass in the Sistine Chapel on 7<sup>th</sup> January. He urged parents to be the first teachers of the faith for their children.”

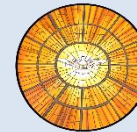
You have brought your children to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. This is the first step in the task you have to fulfill - *the task of transmitting the Faith*. But we need the Holy Spirit to transmit the Faith, we cannot do it alone. Transmitting the Faith is a grace that comes from the Holy Spirit and this is why you bring your children here to receive the Holy Spirit, to receive the Trinity – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – who will dwell in them. The transmission of the Faith can only be done in “dialect”, in the “language” of the family, the “language” used by the father and mother, the grandfather and grandmother. The catechists will come later and develop this first transmission of the Faith, with ideas and explanations....”



Fr Bryan Jones has warmly invited our parishioners to attend a farewell Mass for Bishop Peter Ingham at **7:00pm on Thurs 1 Feb at All Saints Catholic Church, Shellharbour City** (19 College Ave). Bishop Peter will preside at the Mass and it will be a great opportunity for

parishioners to say their farewells. Refreshments will follow immediately after the Mass. No RSVP is necessary.

**The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Brian Mascord** - Date: **Thurs 22nd Feb 2018** at 7:00pm -Venue: WIN Entertainment Centre Wollongong.



**Our Shared Pastoral Responsibility:**

From time to time we find that parishioners who have been regular Church-goers, but due to age, illness or having moved into residential care, can be pastorally neglected unintentionally for some time. We urge families, and, or fellow parishioners if you are aware of such circumstances to get in touch with the Parish Office or one of the priests to ensure that such parishioners are pastorally visited. This can occur especially in remote areas of the parish.

**Dates to note:**

**Friday Masses Shoalhaven Heads: resume on Fri Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Schools reopen: Mon Jan 29<sup>th</sup> (Staff):**  
**Mass at 8:00am that morning, no Mass at 7:00am**  
**Ash Wednesday: 14<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Easter Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**(Our Parish History: A Faithful People' @ \$10.00**  
Copies available at the Churches)



We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Moira Anne O'Hara (nee Shields), Noreen Raines and Rae Gregory**. Also, those whose anniversaries occur: **John Standen, Victor Sutherland, and Maisie Brodie**



**SVDP Culburra/Callala** - A very big thank you to everybody who contributed to our Annual Appeal. We collected \$1,632 plus two other generous donations, one for \$1,000 and the other for \$610. This made our total \$3,242. Thank you once again. Des Berenger.

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



**Culburra Family Group** - gathering for yearly organizing and afternoon tea at Casey's on **Sun 28th Jan** at 2:30pm

This year the **Mother Ruth Scholarship Fund Gala** will be on **Wed 14TH March** 7:30pm for 8pm start. Note it's a Wednesday again. The performance is a musical "WE WILL ROCK YOU". Based on the music of Queen. Very energetic and fun. More detail very soon. **Denise Jones**



**Craft-Tea Characters** - We will resume **Wed 17th Jan**.

**Surrender Lenten Program** – This is a 6-week program for small groups starting the week of **12<sup>th</sup> Feb**. We would like to hear from anyone who is willing to lead a group. Contact Bernie – 44212968 or Tina – 44229250.

At the invitation to SECET by Nowra Rotary Club, Jervis Bay Baptist Church will be holding a fund-raising trading table on Australia Day at Nowra Showground. If you can provide goods to sell on the table or assist on the day, please contact Pam - 0412100766 or Narelle - 0400016954, or email Pam on [walmer83@sctelco.net.au](mailto:walmer83@sctelco.net.au)

**ANTIOCH REUNION** - Calling all past members, billet families, musicians, helpers and friends. A reunion is set for **Sat 3rd March 2018** including a meet and greet afternoon tea, celebratory Mass and dinner. To register your interest and receive an invitation please email [antioch.wollongongdiocese@gmail.com](mailto:antioch.wollongongdiocese@gmail.com). General enquiries to Dianne Hukins 0412840772 or Ann Packham 0423869803.



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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



**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](http://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](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 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