



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

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1st Sunday of Lent (B)

18th February 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: Mon. 7:00am/Tues/Thurs 8:15am
 Fri 7:00am & 11:30am **and** Sat: 9:00am
Berry: Tues: 5:30pm
Culburra: (**No Mass this Thursday**)
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8:00am, Tues/Wed 5:30pm
Kangaroo Valley: Tues/Wed/Thurs 9:00am
Shoalhaven Heads: on Fridays 3:30pm

Confession -- Reconciliation

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



We prayerfully remember the recently deceased; **Olivia Gilfillan Norman Piercy**, and **Kathleen Lewis (Judy Thompson's sister, Wangaratta)**. Also those whose anniversaries occur; **Regina Werda, Noelene Schmal, Pat Maguire and Milka Kalic**. May they rest in eternal peace.

Nowra-Bomaderry Choir Rehearsals - for Lent and Easter seasons **Sun 18th** and **25th Feb** after 9.30 Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Bomaderry. New singers welcome.

Day of Prayer & Fasting for Peace - Fri 23rd Feb, The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana, has asked that we adopt the request of Pope Francis and mark a Day of Prayer & Fasting for Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in South Sudan and in the whole world. Let us join the Holy Father in this initiative and encourage the participation of our faithful in reflecting on this day of prayer and fasting

The Episcopal Ordination of Brian Mascord



will be celebrated at 7:00pm on **Thurs 22nd Feb 2018** at the Entertainment Centre in Wollongong (Cnr of Crown and Harbour Streets).

We encourage parishioners to attend what will be a magnificent, prayerful, and spiritually uplifting ceremony. The Coordinating Team is planning that Parish groups will be seated together. Details on parking later. The Ordination will be livestreaming from 6:45pm. The link for the livestream will be

www.livestream.dow.org.au

Once the allocations are done, the Diocese will send entrée card email with your allocated section(s) and other pertinent information for the night. *(As the bulletin goes to print this information has not yet reached us.)*



Level 1 course for Catechists will continue this **Tue 20th Feb** in the Parish Centre, 9:30am-12pm. This week we will work through the essential Child Protection and Classroom Management training. This part of the Level 1 course must be renewed by Catechists & Classroom Helpers every three years either online or as a part of our group. Frances Fairs.

New Parish Youth Group - This Sun 18th Feb, for young people **from Year 5 to Year 8**. Organized by the Parish Youth Team. Drop off and registration at **4pm at St Michael's school hall**, followed by Youth Mass at **6pm at St Michael's Church**. See flyers in churches.

World Youth Day Panama City 2019 - If you are between the ages of 18 and 35 and would like to join us for WYD 2019, please come along to our official diocesan launch **Wed 28th Feb** Xavier Centre Wollongong from 6:00-8:00pm. There will be light refreshments available & our exciting itinerary will be formally announced.

The Culburra Community Group would like to invite parishioners to a sausage sizzle after mass, **Sat 3rd Mar**. BYO chair & drinks. Gold coin donation welcome.

World Day of Prayer – March 2018 – Please join us at St Patrick's Church on **Fri 2nd March** from 6pm for light tea and service at 7pm.

St John's Year 7 2019 Enrolment Applications – Open & Info Evening **Mon 26th Feb** 5.00pm, with tours 7.00pm. All families are welcome to attend the evening and enquiries to Mrs Loreena Doumbos; 4423 1666 or by email to info@sjedow.catholic.edu.au. Enrolment packages will be available following the information session and Year 7 2019 enrolment applications will be accepted from 27th Feb until 9th April.

Mass at the Farm - Monthly Mass begins again at Jim Da Silva Farm (Old Bamarang Rd West Nowra) this **Mon 19th Feb** at 12:30pm. All welcome!

Barefoot Bowls – **Tues 20th Feb** from 4:30pm at Bomaderry Bowling Club. Contact **Sylvia Palmer; 0437 267 245** for further details.

Wollongong Diocese Antioch Reunion - 3rd March from 3pm. Everyone welcome. Afternoon tea in the Good Samaritan School Hall Fairy Meadow followed by a Celebration Mass at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral and a two course, alternate drop dinner at the Fraternity Club. Payment by direct deposit before **Fri 16th Feb**. Phone 0423 869803 to advise dietary requirements and confirm deposit received.

Jamberoo Lay Carmelites - invite all parishioners to a time of **Reflection Sat 24th Feb**. To gain insights into the person and charisma of the human Jesus, and to reflect on the way Jesus created connections with ordinary people. From 9:30am to 3:00pm at St Matthew's, Jamberoo. RSVP: Mary Clarke: 4232 2970 or email Gabrielle Fogarty gfogarty@exemail.com.au

Project Compassion – material is now available at all churches in our Parish. We encourage parishioners to support this worthy & well proven aspect of our Lenten observance.

Frankly Magazine – Available in all churches. \$2.00 each.



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St Joseph's House of Spirituality & Hospitality

Batehaven – offers a quiet environment for prayer, reflection and hospitality for individuals or small groups. Brochures are available at St Michael's for interested parishioners.

Arise Sisterhood National Catholic Women's

Conference 16-18th Mar at Stanwell Tops Helensburgh. The Sisterhood conference aims to empower women to return to their own parish, community, family and work-place to make a difference. For more information and registration visit www.sisterhood.org.au

St Michael's Playgroup - runs each Monday 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.

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

MRSF Theatre Gala - includes Champagne on arrival and extended interval supper: **Wed 14th Mar**, at 7:30 for 8pm "We Will Rock You" a brilliant musical incorporating the music of Queen. Nowra Players Theatre, Bomaderry. Adults \$35 Contact Denise Jones 0419 248889 or 4423 2299 (BH). Tickets need to be paid for to guarantee a seat.

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 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

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Mrs Melissa Mazzo: PT Parish Secretary 4423 17