



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: Thursday – 5:30pm

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

**Stations of the Cross at St Michael's Friday next
March 9th at 7.00.p.m.; an appropriate Lenten
Devotion.**

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Fr Hugh Dowdell** (Wollongong).

Also, those whose anniversaries occur; **Bernie Weir**, Frank Guinery, Annmarie Giles and Marie Bond. May they rest in eternal peace.



Visual Aids Workshop - Mon 12th March, 9:30am – 12:30pm. Sr Joan Goodwin, with 40+ year's experience in this area is coming to lead a workshop for those wanting to use visual aids, such as puppets, felt boards, toys & posters to create effective &

interesting lessons. This workshop is a part of the level 1 course, but is open to all Catechists, Classroom Helpers and Children's Liturgy Leaders. Please RSVP to this workshop. Contact Frances 44231712 or catechist@nowraparish.org.au

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

Dates to Note:

- **St Patrick's Day Vigil Mass ~ Fri 16th March at St Patrick's Berry** 6:30pm, followed by refreshments & fun in the hall.
- **First Meeting of Confirmation Candidates and Parents: Wed March 21st at St Michael's at 7:00pm.** Children in Yr 6 & upward who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist are eligible for Confirmation. It is *essential that candidates & parent(s) attend this meeting.*
- **Second Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for Holy Week and Easter; Thurs March 22nd at 7:00pm.**
- **Taize Evening at St John's Chapel on Fri 23rd March at 7:30pm.** A cordial invitation to all.

Video & Photos of The Ordination of Bishop Brian Mascord

- The ordination of our new Bishop Brian Mascord was a magnificent celebration It had all the ingredients of emotion, prayerfulness, sacredness, reverence, sincerity and beauty. If you didn't attend the ordination, the video is available to watch online at www.livestream.dow.org.au. Photos can be viewed at www.photos.dow.org.au

Slavery-free Easter eggs - Pope Francis said that "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act." Cocoa is a key ingredient of chocolate. Much of the chocolate sold in Australia is made using cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions. **Most of these children have never even tasted chocolate.** To buy slavery-free Easter chocolate look for any of these three certification symbols on the wrappers: FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance and UTZ.

Our Catechumens, Kellie Tolhurst & Sandra Reminis, were presented to Bishop Peter Ingham along with other catechumens in the Diocese on the first Sunday of Lent in the Rite of Election. (See photos in St Michael's foyer). Let us support them with our prayer as they complete their preparation for Baptism at our Easter Vigil.

Nowra-Bomaderry Choir Rehearsals for Lent and Easter seasons **Sun 4th and 11th March** after 9.30 Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Bomaderry. New singers welcome.



International Women's Day – 8th March.

This year has the challenging theme "Time is Now: " The theme of this year's International Women's Day invites all Australians to salute women and acknowledge the rich support that they provide to family, community and Church. Our Catholic tradition honours the many ways that women minister and provide pastoral care.

Barefoot Bowls – Tues 6th March, from 4:30pm at Bomaderry Bowling Club. Contact **Sylvia Palmer; 0437 267 245** for further details.

Jamberoo Spirituality in the Pub - At the first gathering for Jamberoo SIP for 2018, well known theologian Dr John Honner will explore the topic 'A World transformed through the Grace of Children'. **Mon 12th March,** 7:30pm at Jamberoo Hotel. All Welcome.

St Joseph's House of Spirituality & Hospitality Batehaven – offers a quiet environment for prayer, reflection and hospitality for individuals or small groups. For further information or outline of 2018 program, contact Sr Carmel Drew 4472 4021 or batehavenetreats@sosj.org.au

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

Save the Date! – Sacred Heart Church, Bomaderry Autumn BBQ **April 8th,** after 9.30am Mass, in Church grounds



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 Lent (B)
4th March 2018

Minutes of the Meetings of Holy Spirit Parish

Auxiliary - If you would like a copy of the Minutes, please send your email address to sharonfelicityjohnson@gmail.com

Kindergarten Enrolments 2019 St Michael's -

applications for enrolment of children for Kindergarten in 2019 are now being accepted. Enrolment packages are available. Phone: Sue Easter 4421 3630 or info@smndow.catholic.edu.au. Enrolment Interviews with the School Principal will be held **Sat 19th May**. Open Day Children Welcome **Tues 6th March** at 9.30am
Open Evening **Tues 6th March** at 6pm

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

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.

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