



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

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Palm Sunday (B)
25th March 2018

HOLY WEEK - THE GREAT WEEK

Holy Thursday – 29th March

Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Nowra: 7:00pm
Berry: 7:00pm
Culburra Beach: 6:00pm
Vincentia: 6:00pm



Good Friday – 30th March Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence.

Stations of the Cross - Nowra, Kangaroo Valley & Vincentia: 10:00am
Bomaderry: 8:30am

Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Good Friday – 30th March

Nowra (Hall): 3:00pm **Berry:** 3:00pm
Culburra Beach: 3:00pm **Vincentia:** 3:00pm



The Easter Vigil (Sat) – 31st March

Nowra: 7:00pm
Berry: 7:00pm
Culburra Beach: 6:00pm
Vincentia: 7:00pm

Easter Sunday - April 1st

Nowra (Hall): 8:00, 9:30am & 6:00pm
Berry: 8:00am
Bomaderry: 9:30am
Culburra Beach: 8:00am & 9:30am
Vincentia: 8:00am & 9:30am
Kangaroo Valley: 11.00am

The Good Friday Collection - is to support, in several ways, the decreasing number of Christians in the Holy Land, who are enduring great hardship and is also used to maintain more than 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus in the Mid-East.

Weekday Masses

Nowra: Monday 7:00am Tues/Wed/ 8:15am
Berry: Tues: 5:30pm
Vincentia: Mon 8:00am Tues/Wed 5:30pm
Kangaroo Valley: Tues/Wed/ 9:00am

Confession – Reconciliation- Sat 31st.

Nowra: Sat 9:30am - 10:30am
Berry: Sat 9.00 – 10.00.a.m.

Nowra Bomaderry Choir Rehearsal - Wed 28th March 5:30pm St. Michael's Parish Hall



The Events which we Liturgically celebrate during Holy Week and Easter we believe took place historically, at a definite time and place in human history. Those events which we refer to as the **Paschal Mystery** are the

very context and source of the Sacramental and Liturgical life of our Church.

The Liturgy of Holy Week is not dramatized history, it is the saving Action of Christ and His Church, culminating in one celebration called the Triduum- the Three Sacred Days.



St Michael's Parish Retreat – Sat 19th May at 9:30am. St Michael's School Hall. More details available in the coming weeks.

St John The Evangelist Catholic High School Year 7 2019 Enrolments. Following a very successful Open Night, enrolments are now open. Enrolments are due by **9th April**. Please phone the school on 44231666 or info@sjedow.catholic.edu.au

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Anne Rouen**, **Jan Harber** (Mildura), and **Stephen Rudd**. Also, those whose anniversaries occur; **James Thomas Fryer**, **Lewis Robert (Bob) Craig**, **Thomas Stevens**, **John and Tony Russell**, the **Crossingham family**. May they rest in eternal peace.



Thank You to those who attended **Mother Ruth SF** Theatre Gala and to a number of very generous supporters who donated money to the Fund. We have raised three quarters of the money needed for next year - \$3,315. A fantastic effort by all. A special thank you to the cooks who contributed to the magnificent supper. **Denise Jones**

Youth Group for young people from Year 5 to Year 8: Sunday 25 March (Palm Sunday), drop off and sign in at **St Michael's school hall 4pm**, leading in to **6pm Youth Mass** at the Church. The first Youth Group last month was a great success! About 25 young people came along, all felt welcomed and included, enjoyed games, activities, pizza, and music, and reflected on the Sunday Gospel together. They then stayed for the Youth Mass where young people helped in various ways. This will now happen every month, thanks to the Parish Youth Team. If you'd like more info or would like to support this new initiative, please contact the Parish Office.

Culburra Family Group: Morning tea and visiting Joan & Greg at Berry on **Sun 25th March**. Contact Marg/Paul 4446 4117 to confirm a lift. Meet at Arch-gate Cnr Coonemia Rd & Culburra Rd at 9:10am.

Sunday Roast – Sun 25th March at North Nowra Tavern from 12 noon. *All welcome!* Cost \$12.

Bomaderry Autumn BBQ - 8th April, after 9.30am Mass. Gold coin donation would be appreciated. Where possible, bring own chairs.

“ALPHA”: Mondays from April 30th at 6:30pm at **St Michael's school hall**. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions open to anyone who wants to come and freely explore deeper questions about life and what Christianity has to offer. We share a meal, watch a video and have a chat in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Over 27 million people around the world have explored the big questions of life on Alpha. **Who among your family, friends, workmates, and others may you invite along? Would you like to experience it for yourself? Would you be willing to help with catering?** See sign up sheets in Church foyers or call the Parish office on 44231712. Please pray for Alpha!



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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.

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

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