



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

2nd Sunday of Easter Yr (B)
8th April 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/Wed/Thurs 8:15am
Fri 7:00 & 11:30am (10:30am Holy Hour)
Sat 9:00am
Berry: Tuesday 5:30pm
Culburra: Thursday 5:30pm
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri. 8:00am Tues/Wed 5:30pm
K' Valley: Tues/Wed/Thurs 9:00am
S'haven Heads: Fridays 3:30pm

Confession / Reconciliation

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



Divine Mercy Devotions - Holy Spirit Church, Vincentia Sun April 8th. Devotions will begin at 2:30pm and include with Benediction. Sacrament of Reconciliation available afterwards. Afternoon Tea in the hall. All welcome.

Jervis Bay Cruise – hosted by Holy Spirit Vincentia, **Sun 6th May** 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Followed by afternoon tea at the Portside Café, Huskisson. Adults \$40, children \$25 and family rates available. Cruise is courtesy of Jervis Bay Wild Cruises. Please contact Brian 0412465040 or Judy 44417456



St Vincent De Paul Notice: As plastic bags are no longer being used, St Vincent de Paul Nowra needs donations of clean environmental bags. Bags, in good condition, will be gratefully received and can be left in the foyer of the church or at the Parish Office.



Nowra CWL –monthly meeting, **Tues 10th April**, 9:30am morning tea, followed by meeting at 10am in the Parish Centre. **Contact Judy Thompson on 4421 8565.**

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

Celebrating Our Catholic Faith - Come and be inspired and challenged as you listen to the amazing personal witness, faith testimony of our very own Sr Hilda Scott OSB from the Benedictine Abbey. **Sun 22nd April** from 3pm at Ss Peter & Paul Parish Hall. RSVP to Sheelagh Abela 0409 562 830 / smabela@bigpond.com Enjoy tea, coffee & refreshments afterwards in the Hall. Gold coin donation. Everyone is invited and most welcome to attend!



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

Our Youth Group for Year 5 to Year 8 has been growing nicely – with over 20 attending the first month, and over 30 attending the second month, the next instalment is **next Sunday April 15th**, 4pm drop off and sign in at St Michael's school hall, for games, music, pizza and reflection on the Gospel leading to 6pm Mass.

Alpha resources have arrived! Please feel free to take Alpha postcards or wallet cards from church foyers or the Parish Centre, to give to people who you think may be interested in taking a deeper look at Christianity. Our faith is our most precious gift that we are called to share with others, and Alpha is tailor-made for inviting people along. Let them know we already have over 40 people signed up, from all walks of life and ages, and there is no cost, no commitment, no follow up, so do come and see on Monday April 30th at 6:30pm.



An Extract from Pope Francis' Easter Message "Urbi et Orbi. "Today we implore fruits of peace upon the entire world, beginning with the beloved and long-suffering land of Syria, whose people are worn down by an apparently endless war. This Easter, may the light of the risen Christ illumine the consciences of all political and military leaders, so that a swift end may be brought to the carnage here, that humanitarian law may be respected and that provisions be made to facilitate access to the aid so urgently needed by our brothers and sisters, while also ensuring fitting conditions for the return of the displaced. We beseech fruits of reconciliation for the Holy Land, also experiencing in these days the wounds of ongoing conflict that do not spare the defenceless; for Yemen and for the entire Middle East, so that dialogue and mutual respect may prevail over division and violence. May our brothers and sisters in Christ, who not infrequently put up with injustices and persecution, be radiant witnesses of the risen Lord and of the victory of good over evil...."

Bomaderry Autumn BBQ - 8th April, after 9:30am Mass. Gold coin donation would be appreciated. Where possible, bring own chairs.

The Good Friday Collection to support the Churches, schools, and Shrines in the Holy Land totalled \$5,100. Thank you to parishioners and many visitors.



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.



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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.

We prayerfully remember the recently
deceased: Also, those whose anniversaries
occur; May they rest in eternal peace.



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