



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

Website: [nowraparish.org.au](http://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

**4th Sunday of Easter Yr (B)**

**22<sup>nd</sup> 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  
 Berry: Tues 6:00pm following Mass



**Good Shepherd Sunday –  
 Vocation Sunday.**

*“The Christian mission is now! Each one of us is called to become a witness of the Lord, here and now...We should not wait to be perfect to respond with our*

*generous “yes”, nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord.’ (Pope Francis)*

Currently our Diocese has just two seminarians: James Arblaster and Sinh Le. With the universal Church we pray: **Lord Jesus, as you continue to pastor us today, help us to trust in your guidance and leadership as you call us out of the safety of our church buildings into places where young people gather that we may announce to them there your love and care.**

**CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES:**

- **Our Prayerful best wishes to Fr Peter Tien who is celebrating his Silver Jubilee of priestly ordination.** (Holy Cross Parish, Helensburgh)
- **Jim and Elaine Briggs who are celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**
- **Ron and Gemma Thomas who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary.**

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the Parish on Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>.**



**St Michael's Parish Retreat - Aging & Awakening: God's Surprising Gifts** is the theme for the day conducted by Sister Kerin Caldwell sgs. **Sat 19th May, 10:00am to 2:30pm.** St Michael's School Hall. RSVP Parish Office: 44231712 / Sr Beverley:44212260 by **Fri 11<sup>th</sup> May.**

**CWL invites All Mothers, Grandmothers & Parishioners** to Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2:00pm** at St Michael's Parish Hall. Come along and bring a friend for an enjoyable afternoon. There will be entertainment and lucky door Prizes.

**ANZAC DAY MASS - St Michael's  
 Wed April 25th 8:00am.**

Parishioners are encouraged to attend this Mass to pray for the fallen, those who serve the nation in the Defence Forces & for much needed peace in the world. We are grateful to HMAS Albatross for providing the customary speaker. The CWL ladies are cordially providing a Cuppa, with Anzac Day biscuits after Mass.



**St Michael's Conference Nowra:**

Donations of environmental bags in good condition will be gratefully received and can be left in the church foyer or at the Parish Office.

**St Vincent De Paul Callala:** urgently needs more volunteers, contact David 0418452648.

**Mother's Day Stall - 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April - CWL Bay and Basin Branch**

will hold their Mother's Day Stall and raffle on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April with tickets available in our 3 beautiful baskets filled with gifts. Drawn after 9:30am Mass on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Great craft, books, plants & cakes. Phone Moya: 4443 9698

On one weekend each year, members of the Passionist Family Groups around the world celebrate International Fruitcake Saturday/Sunday. The fruitcake, with its many ingredients, both symbolises and reminds us of the diversity of people that make up a family group and a parish community. After Mass at Culburra Beach **Sat 21st April**, you will be invited to take a slice of fruitcake on your way out of the church.

**Alpha is coming!** - Our parish is hosting Alpha starting **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> April.** We have had a massive response to Alpha. We need prayers & practical help. If you can help please contact Frances 0413539370.

**Catechist needed** for term 2 in Nowra on Wednesdays. Are you able to help? Please call 44231712 or email [catechist@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:catechist@nowraparish.org.au)



We prayerfully remember **Olive Raftery** and **Arnie Dodd** (former Chaplain at Clelland Lodge) who died recently. Also **Bishop William Murray** (2013) **Jack Regan, Maude Bhugon,** and **Jennifer Heffernan** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.

**Jervis Bay Cruise** Holy Spirit Vincentia fundraising / social cruise on beautiful Jervis Bay (courtesy of Jervis Bay Wild Cruises). **Sun 6<sup>th</sup> May 1pm** sharp 3pm return. BYO lunch, drinks available for sale on board. Followed by delicious afternoon tea at *Portside Cafe Huskisson* (included in cost) \$40 adults & \$25 children (family rates available) Contact: Brian 0412465040/Judy 44417456

**Sunday Roast – Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April** at North Nowra Tavern from 12 noon. Come with a friend or on your own and meet up with fellow Parishioners to enjoy a roast dinner in great company. *All welcome!* Cost \$12. Call the **Parish Office, 4423 1712** for further information.



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**Youth from Year 9 to 12: Get along to iSTAND Camp 25-27 April**, at The Venue Conference Centre in Bellambi! Games, music, dramas, sport, prayer, recreation time [www.ymt.com.au/rego-wollongong](http://www.ymt.com.au/rego-wollongong) or call Louisa on 0433 636 359.

**Save the date: Our Lady Help of Christians Culburra** Feast Day dinner 26<sup>th</sup> May. This will also be a chance to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church building so if you have any photos that you'd like shown at the celebration please bring them to the Parish Office



**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](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