



**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

**The Ascension of the Lord (B)**

**13th May 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

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May: St Matthias  
**Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost Sunday**



We prayerfully remember those who died recently. Also, **Bernard Court, Anthony Nolan, Alfia Savoca and Alex Moses** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.

**A Grateful Acknowledgment:**

I wish to express my gratitude to all, who through prayer, kindness, and expressions of sympathy, supported me and my family at the recent death of my father, Marian. I offer heartfelt thanks to Fr Pat & Fr Duane for the Anointing of my father and offering Holy Mass for his eternal repose. I would like to thank the communities of Culburra, and Vincentia; also, Maree & Gary Brown (Nowra), the musicians of St Michael's and all my friends and acquaintances. Sincerest thanks and God bless you all. **Andrew Komorowski.**



*Wishing the mothers of the community a joyful, relaxed and blessed Mothers' Day*

**MOTHERS' DAY PRAYER**

God of love listen to our prayer,  
 God of Mary the mother of Jesus,  
 bend down Your ear to this request and bless the mothers of our community. Bless them today, now, in this life with security and good health. Bless them with love, laughter and pride in their children. May they who carried life in their womb be carried one day to Your divine embrace; there for all eternity to rejoice with their family and friends. May this blessing and all graces descend upon the mothers of our parish, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



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

**Alpha** - Our parish is hosting Alpha, a series of interactive sessions that freely explores the basics of our Christian faith. Thanks for the generous offers to help with catering, and for your prayers for the success of Alpha. If you are able to join a prayer team or help with catering, please contact: Frances 0413539370.



**Mary Help of Christians Feastday;** to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Church, **26<sup>th</sup> May.** Social function at Culburra Beach Bowling Club. Cost \$25.00 per head. For further details see notices at the Church.

**Holy Spirit Vincentia Community Auxiliary Meeting - Sat 19th May** at 1:00pm. This meeting will include the first discussion of the Spring Fair, so anyone interested, especially stallholders are invited to attend. Queries to Brian McCarron on 0412 465 040.

**Holy Spirit Vincentia Pentecost Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May Parish Feastday Celebration** Morning Tea following 9:30am Mass. Plate to share would be welcomed if you are able. Sandwiches, slices, cakes etc. Contact: Judy 44417456.



**CWL Bay & Basin** – wish all mothers a very happy Mother's Day and we wish to thank the Nowra ladies for a very special musical afternoon, last Saturday. Thank you to the Parish for supporting our Mother's Day raffle. 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Tina, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Terry McLeod and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Les Hopewell. Contact: Moya 44439698

**Barefoot Bowls – Tues 15<sup>th</sup> May,** from 4:30pm at Bomaderry Bowling Club. The evening is guaranteed to be a lot of fun. There is no need to book, simply meet with the group at the club. Play in bare feet or wear a pair of soft soled shoes and bring \$5 for registration. Contact **Sylvia Palmer; 0437 267 245** for further details.

**Youth Group is on again next week! Year 5 to year 8: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May** 4:00pm drop off and sign in at St Michael's school hall, for games, music, pizza and reflections on Pentecost, followed by 6:00pm Youth Mass. Newcomers always welcome!



**Pope Francis** “: *I accompany with prayer the positive outcome of the recent Inter-Korean summit and the courageous commitment assumed by both leaders to carry out a path of sincere dialogue for a Korean Peninsula free of nuclear weapons....”.*



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**Craft-Tea Characters – St Michael's Parish Centre Wednesdays 9:30am to 12:00pm.**

There's more to it than craft you'll see. Like coffee, laughs, community, conversation and there's more. If you'll

just walk in through the door. Give it a go and then you'll know, all you need to do is show. All Welcome. Contact Louise 0438 218 728.

**St Michael's Playgroup – St Michael's School Hall Mondays 9:00am to 10:30am.**

Playgroup is held each Monday, *during the school term*. Parents, grandparents, carers, all welcome!

Please bring your child's snack and drink. Gold coin donation.



**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 1712**