



St Michael's Parish Nowra

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Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)
9th December 2018



Sunday.

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



Choir for Nowra Masses – a new choir group will commence for Nowra Masses and is inviting fellow Parishioners to join them. You don't need to be a professional singer! just need to love God and music. Practice in the school hall, Thursdays at 5:30pm. If you are interested in joining, please contact Andrew on 0412133761.

Craft-Tea Characters Celebrate – Wed 12th Dec

Morning Tea followed by lunch from 9:30am-3:00pm in the Parish Centre. Kindly bring something sweet or savoury to share. Contact Louise 0438218728 / Karen 0408214031



Nowra CWL –monthly meeting, **Tues 11th Dec**, 9:30am morning tea, followed by meeting at 10am in the Parish Centre.

Prayer Basket, Nowra Church: The Alpha Team and Nowra Community Group have arranged a Prayer Basket in the side foyer. There are prayer cards where you can write a prayer intention and place it in the basket. An Alpha Team member will take the prayer intentions to the altar during the entrance procession.

Young Adults Group Board games & pizza night - Wed 12th Dec from 6:30pm in the Parish Centre. Newcomers always welcome! Bring \$5 for dinner. Contact Molly for more info – 0457906967.

Parish Christmas Party! - Join us for a twilight picnic after 6pm Mass on Sun 16th Dec. The picnic will be held on the grassed area inside the school's grounds ("God's grass"). If possible, bring along a plate of food to share, sweet or savory, food can be delivered to the Parish Centre before church. There will be chairs and mats provided, and games and activities for youth. Contact Parish Office if you want more info. ALL WELCOME!

The LMC Soup Kitchen - Mass will be offered for your intentions on **Tues 11th Dec** at 8:15am. Thankyou Sue Hill and Shannon Chittick

Angels and Shepherds wanted! – All primary school age children interested in participating in the 7:00pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass Nativity scene, please come to practice on **Sat 22nd Dec** at 11am, in the school hall. If you cannot make the practice, you are still welcome to attend the Vigil Mass at 7:00pm. For more info contact Sophie Pavlis: 0439018374.

Monique Hill is heading to World Youth Day Panama early 2019. Monique has generously shared her singing talent to uplift our Sunday Masses at Nowra for many years. We can show her our gratitude and support by contributing to the cost of her trip, donation baskets at Nowra Church foyers **next weekend**.

Thank you - The Emmaus Team would like to thank all who helped with Mass with a Difference last Sunday. It was wonderful to see so many people willing to assist in this joyful celebration.

Holy Spirit Vincentia Morning Tea - Sun 16th Dec after 9.30am Mass. All welcome, especially families! Please bring plate to share. Contact: Judy 44417456

The LMC Soup Kitchen is holding its Christmas Party on **Fri 21st Dec** and is after donations of small gifts. If you'd like to contribute something there's a basket in the church foyer & any donations would be gratefully received. Men, ladies, child, food or hygiene items etc. Call Shannon 0414521404 or Sue 44473197 for more info.

Australian Province of The Society of Jesus – Job Vacancy Thurs 27th Dec to up to Thurs 24th Jan. We are looking for a casual cook to prepare meals for a group of between 8 to 16 visitors who will be staying at the Gerroa Villa House. You will be required to prepare a menu & meals, while maintaining a budget. If you are interested, please email a covering letter and resume to recruitment@sjasl.org.au. Closes Mon 10th Dec

The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at St Michael's on Wednesday 19th of December at 7:00pm.

Weekday Masses

Nowra: Mon 7.00am, Tues / Wed / Thurs 8:15am
Fri 7:00 & 11:30am – (Holy Hour – 10:30am)
Sat. : 9.00.a.m.

Berry: Tuesday – 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: Fridays 3:30pm

Confession / Reconciliation

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

Culburra : Sat 5:30pm

Vincentia: Sat 5:00 – 5:30pm

Berry: following Mass on Tuesday c 6:00pm

We prayerfully remember **Lilian Wilkins, Lesley Spresser, Max Rowley, (Alan) Peter Turner (Sanctuary Pt). Requiem Mass for Allan at Holy Spirit Church, Vincentia, Wed 12 Dec, 11am. Also Jim McArdle, Sam Eli** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in peace.



Funerals for the week ahead;

Mon: 10th St Michael's - **Lesley Spresser** – 10:30am

Wed: 12th Holy Spirit - Vincentia (**Alan) Peter Turner** - Requiem Mass 11:00am

Thurs: 13th Berry - **Lilian Wilkins** Requiem Mass - 10:30am.



SVDP Christmas Appeal will be held on the weekend of 8th/9th Dec at Nowra and Bomaderry Churches.



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Our first Alpha was a great success in 2018 – with many stories of changed lives and renewed faith for people of all ages and backgrounds. Our next Alpha begins on **Fri Feb 1st, 2019**. The key to its success is **personal invitations** to people in our families/social circles. Pope Francis writes that “in all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers”. There are sheets available in the foyers of the Churches to guide you in “**Ways to invite Guests to Alpha**”, as well as invitation cards you can give. Please prayerfully consider who you may invite. *Another important means of support is help with catering – thank you to those who have already volunteered; if anyone else can help please contact Fr Duane.*

In the New Year, Fr Mark De Battista will be here promoting the concert in our parish. (5/6 Jan, (Nowra)), (19/20 Jan, (Vincentia)), (26/27 Jan, (Culburra, Berry, Bomaderry, Kangaroo Valley)). A parish event not to be missed. Your support will support our parish.

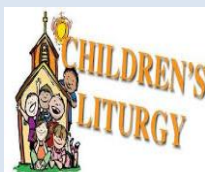
Parish Staff – Parish Office: 4423 1712
Fr Patrick Faherty: Parish Priest, Nowra
Fr Duane Fernandez: Assistant Priest, Nowra
Fr Leo Duck: Vincentia: 4441 5571
Fr Ronan Kilgannon: Kangaroo Valley.
Deacon Peter Presdee: Chaplain to Corrective Services
Sisters Beverley Caffrey and Sue Barker SG
Mrs Frances Fairs: Catechist Coordinator 4423 1712
Mrs Liz Nimmo: PT Parish Secretary 4423 1712
Mrs Melissa Mazzo: PT Parish Secretary 4423 1712



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.



Craft-Tea Characters – St Michael's The 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.



Children's Liturgy Sunday 9:30am
St Michaels - children aged 4 and up gather together with our volunteer teachers to receive God's Word on their own level, in a fun and interactive way.



CAtHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes for free from their website www.cathfamily.org. Families in the are encouraged to utilise these resources at home to share faith with their 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.



Plenary Council 2020 - Remember that there are three ways to give feedback: 1. Attend a small group discussion, 2. Complete a feedback form, 3. Make a submission on-line.

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say>

The Plenary website has resources in 10 languages.

Eric Genuis Concerts at St Michael's Parish Hall, 21st Feb - 7pm & Holy Spirit Vincentia, 28th Feb 6:30pm. Looking for a Christmas gift for the person who has everything? Why not buy them tickets to an experience you can share as well as help your Parish community?

A rare opportunity to listen to a pianist of exceptional talent who brings with him a world class violinist, cellist and soprano playing in our parishes. The 'Opera House' is coming to our parish! All original compositions together with powerful testimonies outlining the inspiration behind each piece with true stories of life transformations destined to make a deep impression upon all who hear them. A message of hope for all. Tickets: \$30 adult; \$25 pensioner/concession; \$70 family (parents with dependent children under 18). Online tickets sales at www.ericgenuistour.com or at the parish office.