



St Michael's Parish Nowra

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Mary Help of Christians - Culburra, Holy Spirit - Vincentia & St Joseph's - Kangaroo Valley
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Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)
Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday
16th 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



Weekday Masses

Nowra: Mon 7:00am, Tues / Wed / Thurs 8:15am
Fri 7:00 & 11:30am – (Holy Hour – 10:30am)
Sat: 9:00am
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 the recently deceased: **Patricia Myers, Betty Fagan, Anthony (Tony) Brown and Harry Slater (Sydney).** Also **Carmen Kane, Keith Sheehy jnr, Austin Pavlich and Michael Chang** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in peace.



Funerals for the week ahead;
Tues at Vincentia 11:00am - Tony Brown.

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 be part of the Vigil Mass at 7:00pm. For more info contact Sophie Pavlis: 0439018374.



Members of the CWL Nowra Branch would like to thank the Parishioners for their support throughout 2018, and with our Christmas raffle. The winner of first prize was Frank, ticket #6574 and second prize Bernard, ticket #7621. Congratulations to the winners and best wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas.

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.

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 weather requires, we will move to the hall). If possible, bring a plate of food to share, sweet or savory (food can be delivered to the Parish Centre before Mass for those attending 6pm Mass). There will be chairs and mats provided, and games and activities for youth. **ALL WELCOME!**

Social Bowls – Tues 18th Dec, from 4:00pm at Bomaderry Bowling Club. Everyone welcome. Contact **Sylvia Palmer; 0437 267 245** for further details.

Sunday Roast – Sun 23rd Dec at North Nowra Tavern from 12 noon. *All welcome!* Cost \$12

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 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at St Michael's on Wednesday 19th of December at 7:00pm. There will be four priests available for the Sacrament... a most fitting preparation for the Feast of Christmas.

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 **this weekend only.**



SVdP Culburra & Callala will hold their annual appeal on the weekend of 29th/30th December. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

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? 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.

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.

The Christmas - New Year Mass Timetable for the Parish now available.



Choir practice for Nowra Masses – Parishioners please come along.. Practice in the school hall, Thursdays at 5:30pm. If you are interested in joining, please contact Andrew on 0412133761.

Sacred Heart Choir – Christmas rehearsals on Sun 16th Dec, 10:30am and Fri 21st Dec, 9:30am. All Welcome.



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Are You Planning a Trip to Sydney in January?

Why not stay at Mary MacKillop Place, in the heart of North Sydney! 30 minutes from the Airport, close to Ferries, Trains, Sydney Harbour foreshore, Opera House and more! For *Accommodation Enquiries please call 02 89124800*

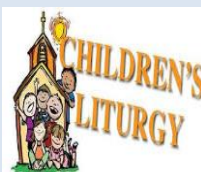
Our first Alpha was a great success in 2018 – with many stories of changed lives and renewed faith for people of all ages and backgrounds. Our next Alpha begins on **Fri Feb 1st, 2019**. The key to its success is **personal invitations** to people in our families/social circles. Pope Francis writes that “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.*



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.

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



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.



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.