



St Michael's Parish Nowra

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
27th January 2019

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 8:00am, Tues / Wed / Thurs 8:15am
Fri 7:00 & 11:30am – (Holy Hour – 10:30am)
Sat: 9:00am Berry: Tues – 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: Friday Feb 1st 3.30.p.m.

Confession / Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 9:30-10:30am & 5:00- 5:30pm
Culburra: Sat 5:30pm Vincentia: Sat 5:00–5:30pm
Berry: following Mass on Tuesday c 6:00pm

Feastdays: Mon 28th Jan – St Thomas Aquinas
Thurs 31st Jan – St John Bosco
Sat 2nd Feb – The Presentation of the Lord
St Michael's School Staff will attend Mass on Tuesday morning).

We prayerfully remember **Rae Wood** and **Ken Gregory** who died this past week. Also **Jean Nimmo, Eithne Wood, Stan and Michael Bright, Theodoro Labrador, Lachlan Thoroughgood, Bruno Bhugon, and Ivy Whitefield** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in peace



Eric Genuis Concerts at St Michael's Parish Hall, 21st Feb 7pm, and Holy Spirit, 28th Feb 6:30pm. The 'Opera House' is coming to our parish! Eric is a world class pianist, with world class accompaniment, who brings an immersive and interactive concert to our Parish, with an inspiring message of hope for all. Ticket costs will cover the expenses of the musicians, and any remaining revenue will go towards our Parish. Tickets: \$30 adult; \$25 conc; \$70 family (parents/dep child under 18). Online tickets at www.ericgenuistour.com or at the Parish Office/Vincentia.

Children's Liturgy – Volunteers needed for children's liturgy at St Michael's 9:30am Mass each Sunday, during school terms. No experience needed, just a desire to share the Gospel with the children. If you are able to help, please contact Toni Hodges 0411677899.



It's not too late to sign up for Alpha! Over 50 people are set to come along to Alpha on **Friday Feb 1st at 6:30pm.** A chance to explore the deeper questions of life, faith, and meaning, in a friendly, inclusive setting over a meal. It's perfect for anyone who may be seeking a deeper meaning and direction in their lives. Come along, and bring friends or family! For catering purposes please let us know who's coming on sign-up sheets in church foyers or through the Parish Office.

Catechists and Helpers: Our first meeting will be held on **Mon 4th Feb, 9:30am-11am.** This is an important meeting for all Catechists and those considering becoming a Catechist / Helper. At the meeting, important dates & information will be shared. Afterwards letters & books can be collected.
Can we really make a difference? Yes! Catechists make a lasting difference in the lives of the young people that they teach. Sharing the message of God's love for them brings great hope and joy. There has never been a more critical time to engage in the faith formation of our young people. If you can give 1 hour of your time per week to teach or help out in a classroom, please speak to Frances: 0413539370.

Young Adults BBQ in Wollongong - All young adults are welcome for a BBQ after the 5pm Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on **Sun 3rd Feb.** Organised by Lumen Christi Young Adults - like their Facebook page for more info or contact Spencer - 0432938683.

Lenten Groups will commence on 4 March 2019. We need Group Leaders – anyone interested please contact Tina 4422 9250 or 0448 204 793.



St Michael's Nowra - Volunteers needed - People are needed to arrange flowers, mow the Church lawns and clean the Church on a regular basis, no more than once a month. Please contact Karen Sweeney on 0408214031 re flowers and Bernadette Pullen on 0402136691 re mowing and cleaning. (Health issues and age have made it necessary for some very supportive parishioners to retire from this dedicated work)

St Michaels Rosters for 2019 - Rosters for February and March are being compiled for readers at Mass, Church cleaning, mowing and flower arranging. Will all those currently involved please advise your availability for the year ahead. Some people may wish to retire, change their days, etc. We are always happy to welcome new readers. Contact Bernadette 0402136691 or the Parish office.

Social Bowls – Tues 29th Jan, from 5pm at Bomaderry Bowling Club. Everyone welcome. Join a group of friendly people and enjoy a couple of stress free, fun filled hours. The cost is \$5.00 for bowls' hire and use of bowling green. Please wear flat soled shoes. 'Cheap Tuesday' dinner at the club optional after the game. Contact **Sylvia Palmer; 0437 267 245** for further details.

Vincentia Social Group – the fun continues, our next games and social night is Fri 1st Feb at 6pm. Holy Spirit Parish Hall, Vincentia. All welcome! Contact Brian 0412 465 040 or Eileen 4443 8008.

Holy Spirit Vincentia Community Auxiliary Meeting - Sat 2nd Feb . First for Year - 1.30pm, Holy Spirit Hall. All Parishioners welcome.

The LMC Soup kitchen will reopen on **8th Feb** and runs every Friday lunchtime throughout the year. If you are interested in being part of our team of volunteers please contact Shannon Chittick 0414521404. The roster is a once a month commitment for a 3hr shift.



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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.

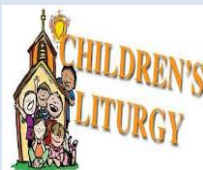
<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say>

Holy Spirit Catholic Church - call for choir members.

If you have an interest in singing and would like to assist at the 9.30am Mass on Sundays, please have a word after Mass or ring Deirdre on 44437825.

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

Looking ahead: Ash Wednesday March 6th
Easter Sunday 2019: April 21st
Proposed date for Confirmation Sunday May 26th



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 Caffery 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.