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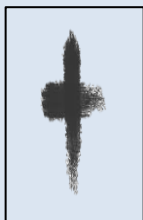
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
3rd March 2019

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 7:00am, Tues / Thurs 8:15am
Fri 7:00 & 11:30am – (Holy Hour – 10:30am)
Sat: 9:00am
Berry: Tues – 5:30pm **Culburra:** Thurs – 5:30pm
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8:00am, Tues/Wed: 5:30pm
K. Valley: Tues/Wed/Thurs. 9:00am
Shoalhaven Heads: Fridays 3:30pm



ASH WEDNESDAY: March 6th A Day of Fast and Abstinence Mass Times

Nowra: 7.00am and 11.30am
Culburra: 8.00am - **Berry:** 6.00pm
K Valley: 9.00am
Vincentia: 8.00am & 5.30pm

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 Tuesday c 6:00pm

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased:
Zofia Palczewski (Funeral, Berry Mon. 11am) and
Gwen Cliffe (Req. Mass St Michael's Mon 2pm.).
Also the following whose anniversaries occur:
Bernie Weir and **Valeriano Escorpion**. May they
rest in peace.



Message from Fr Duane: I wish to sincerely thank the whole Parish Community for your encouragement, warmth and friendship throughout my 7 years here, and for your kindness during my "farewells". I've written a longer "thank you" letter, available in Church foyers.

Trust Lenten Program – starts 4th March. Books are on sale for \$5.00 each at all Churches and the Parish office, for those groups or individuals. Please contact Tina 4422 9250 or Bernie 4421 2968.

Catechist Child Protection and Classroom Management Training: will occur **Wed 20th Mar**, 7pm – 9pm, in the Parish Centre.



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2020

St Michael's Catholic Primary School applications for enrolment for Kindy in 2020 are now being accepted. Enrolment packages are available from the school office. Enrolment Interviews **Sat 18th May**

and with the Parish Priest Fr. Pat Faherty by appointment. Open day **Tues 5th March** at 9.30 – 11am and Open evening **Tues 5th March** at 6pm – 7pm.

Message from Bishop Brian Mascord

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
I wish to make a short statement in relation to the news of Cardinal George Pell's conviction on charges of sexual abuse, which will be met with mixed emotions. Given that Cardinal Pell is appealing his conviction, it is inappropriate for me – out of respect for natural and procedural justice – to make any comment except to say that I hope the outcome will be marked by truth, justice, and healing for everyone involved. I invite you to join with me in praying for all those who have been abused and their loved ones. We commit ourselves to doing everything possible to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, especially the young and vulnerable.
Bishop Brian Mascord

Volunteer Driver Needed – an elderly couple require transportation from Greenwell Gardens, Nowra to the 9.30am Mass at St Michaels. If you are able to assist please contact the parish office on 4423 1712.

Volunteer Hosts Needed: our Sunday roster of helpers for the 'Cuppa' after 9:30 Mass is sadly depleted. Some of these generous people need a rest after several years of providing this valuable community builder. Two to four new volunteers would enable us to continue this weekly; otherwise we may need to offer only fortnightly gatherings. Can you give the gift of your time?

Samaritan Group Reminder: Remember the Nowra community offers emergency meals to people in times of special need. Let us know if you are aware of someone who might need this short-term care. New volunteers also welcome. Sue or Bev 44212260 or Bernadette 0402136691.

Catechist Needed for Bomaderry Public School. Lessons are 30 minutes on a Tuesday afternoon. Please speak to Frances if you can help keep Catholic Scripture in Bomaderry.

Soup Kitchen needs your help – we are looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to help with washing the tea towels and tablecloths, no ironing involved. Please contact Helene on 4421 2686 for information.



CWL Bay & Basin Branch will hold our next meeting on **Thurs** in the Hall with lunch at 12 noon and meeting at 1pm. All welcome. Info: Moya 4443 9698

Please pray for the "**Faith and Light**" Communities of the Southern Cross Province (Australia and NZ), an organisation founded by Jean Vanier of people with an intellectual disability, family and friends. The communities support families in recognising the spirituality and talents of their family member with a disability. Their Provincial Assembly in Canberra on 7th – 11th March will choose leaders for the next 5 years.

International Women's Day – 8th March all Australians are invited to acknowledge with respect the rich support that they provide to family, community and Church. Our Catholic tradition honours the many ways in which women minister and provide pastoral care.



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Holy Hour for Young Adults (18-30) - Wed 13th March at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 6.30pm. It will bring young people from around the Diocese together for a night of worship and fellowship. Come join Bishop Mascord for adoration, worship, teaching and benediction.

AUSTRALIAN PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 - THREE WEEKS TO GO! More than 68,000 people have engaged with the Plenary Council during the Listening and Dialogue stage. As this time comes to an end there's still three weeks to contribute your story, your experience of faith, Church and God in your life to help shape the Plenary Council agenda. The Listening and Dialogue stage will close on **Ash Wednesday 6 March**. The website is <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

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.



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 Leo Duck: Vincentia: 4441 5571
Fr Ronan Kilgannon: Kangaroo Valley
Deacon Peter Presdee: Chaplain to Corrective Services
Sisters Beverley Caffery and Sue Barker SGS
Mrs Frances Fairs: Catechist Coordinator 4423 1712
Mrs Michelle Marshall: 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.*



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.