



# St Michael's Parish Nowra

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Fourth Sunday of Lent  
31st 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/Wed / 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

## 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:

**Anne Doolan** (S'haven Heads. Requiem Mass - St Patrick's, Berry Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> 11am),  
**Carlo Indorado**, (Illaroo), and **Neville Connolly** (Orient Pt), and also **Ramos Petilla**, whose anniversary occurs. May they rest in peace.



**First Saturday Marian Devotions – Sat 6th**, Mass at 9am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary & Benediction at 10:30am. Morning tea follows in the Parish Centre. *All Welcome!*

**Blokes' Night Out – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April** Bomaderry Bowling Club from 6:30pm. Call **Nigel Porter 0430 365 383** for further details.



**Gathered around the Cross - Join us for the remaining two Fridays in Lent at St Michael's, Nowra. Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Apr 7:00pm** - We unite ourselves

with the sufferings of our contemporary world, with prayer in the spirit of the Way of the Cross.

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Apr 7:00pm** - We reflect on the Paschal Mystery in art imagery, concluding with Friday Vespers, the official Evening Prayer of the Church.



**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION EVENING.** An essential Meeting for Parents and Candidates, from all regions of the Parish this **Wed April 3<sup>rd</sup>**, St Michael's Hall – 7:00pm. Signs & Symbols

**Project Compassion** – material is available at all churches in our Parish. We encourage parishioners to support this worthy & well proven aspect of our Lenten observance. Caritas Australia through Project Compassion supports a wide range of Programs in many regions of the Developing World.

## 1st Friday Rosary 5<sup>th</sup> April –(Bomaderry)

this week's Rosary will include, amongst our intentions, the souls of those lost in the Christchurch shootings and their grieving families. Please join us in Sacred Heart Church at 3pm.



**Youth Group Palm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April** from 4pm in the St Michael's Parish Centre. Pick up 6:45pm after Mass. Gold coin donation. Come join us for Games, Fellowship and Pizza for kids in Year 5 to Year 8.

**Vincentia Social Group – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April**, the fun continues at our next games and social night from 6pm. Holy Spirit Parish Hall, Vincentia. All welcome! Contact Brian 0412 465 040 or Eileen 4443 8008.

**Easter Choir Rehearsal – Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> April** at 6.30pm at St. Michael's Parish Hall. New singers always welcome



**CWL Bay & Basin Branch** will hold our next meeting on **Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> April** in the Hall with lunch at 12 noon and meeting at 1pm. All welcome. Info: Moya 4443 9698.

## CatholicCare Pastoral Carer Support Meeting – Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> April.

The Vincentia/Nowra Group will meet at Holy Spirit Church from 10:30 – 12:30pm. If you would like to arrange a Pastoral visit or become a volunteer contact Rebecca 0488 930 287 or [Rebecca.Miller@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:Rebecca.Miller@catholiccare.dow.org.au)



## St John's Enrolments Applications for 2020 are still OPEN.

To obtain an enrolment package, please phone the school on 4423 1666 or email: [info@sjedow.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@sjedow.catholic.edu.au) If you have any queries contact Ms Serena Jablonskis, ref. Year 7 2020. Enrolments will be accepted until 8 April 2019

## A brief reflection on this Sunday's Gospel; Luke 15

"...This may be the best short story that was ever written...No story tells us more about God or makes us feel better about ourselves. It's a short story with enormous scope, with the widest possible diameter, in that it embraces our sinfulness at one end and God's forgiveness at the other. The best part of it, of course, is that it brings both extremities to the centre. What led Our Lord to tell it? The fact that the Pharisees objected to the company he kept, to his eating with sinners. So, he tells the story to give an insight into his own mind, and the heart of God..."

**Holy Week commences with Palm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of April**



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**Light to The Nations 2019** 18<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> April - is an Easter Pilgrimage event for Catholics (singles & families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with many other young people and families. as we celebrate the Easter Triduum. Held in the grounds of Chevalier College, Bowral. Visit [www.ltnn.org.au](http://www.ltnn.org.au) for more information and registration



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

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.

**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.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend 26 – 28 April** at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre. Relationship enrichment for married couples. Bookings online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or Adrian & Janet 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)



CATHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes for free from their website. Don't miss CathKids: a weekly interactive experience with a two-minute animated reflection on the Sunday reading, questions to stimulate discussion, a simple activity and prayer. Families in the diocese are encouraged to utilise these resources at home to share faith with kids. Visit [www.cathfamily.org](http://www.cathfamily.org)



**St Michael's Playgroup – St Michael's School Hall Mondays 9:00am to 10:30am.** Playgroup is held each Monday, *during the school term.*

**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**



**Craft-Tea Characters – St Michael's**  
**The Parish Centre Wednesdays 9:30am to 12:00pm.** All Welcome. Contact Louise 0438 218 728.

**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**