



# 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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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**5<sup>th</sup> May 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 **Pat (Vincent Patrick) Ryan, and Fr Jack Soulsby, SM** ( brother of the late Maureen Thompson, Berry) who died this past week. Also **Otto Anderson, Val Murdoch, Kevin Robinson, Maude Dhugon, Patrick Firmstone, Sir Neville Patrick McNamara, and Don Allen** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in peace.



## Pilgrimage Walk for Life Fri 24 May - Sat 25 May.

A walk in PRAYER for Australia and life's many issues. You are warmly welcome to join us on either day or both days. Friday: 9:30am Mass at Kiama Church, walk to Gerringong Church for Benediction at 3pm. Shuttlebus back to Kiama Church or sleep overnight. Saturday: 8:00am Mass Gerringong Church, walk to Shoalhaven Heads for lunch at 1pm, Shuttlebus back to Gerringong or walk to Culburra Church for 6pm Mass. BYO lunch & water. Friday dinner at local restaurant. Cereal breakfast provided Saturday. Further information: Sue Hill: 0435 336 195 or Gabriella De Battista: (02) 4261 2500

## The Book of the Apocalypse / Revelations features as our 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading in the current Easter Season Cycle.



“The Church has placed the book of Revelation at the end of the Bible, as the culmination of the entire Biblical narrative—precisely because it has relevance for all Christians of anytime, very much including ourselves. Something that was hidden to us and is now unveiled. **And it has everything to do with Jesus and his resurrection from the dead—which is why we are reading from this book during the Easter season..**”..(Bishop Robert Barron)

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** 18-19<sup>th</sup> May is our recruitment weekend for St Michael's Conference. Think about it. What better way to show, as St John puts it, *“My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active”*.



**Our Parish has a desperate need for Catechists** – Catechists do amazing work in our Parish sharing the life-giving message of the Gospel and of God's love for each of their students. The work that they do is priceless and so desperately needed by our young people. We need more Catechists to continue this great work in our Parish! Please talk to Frances/ the Parish Office if you are able to help in any way.

**Confirmation Cards & Gifts** - Do you need a gift or card for Confirmation? Sacred Heart Church Bomaderry has a Piety Stall which is open after Sunday Mass (9.30 am) or call Suzie Alamango: 4448 6219 / 0419 249 008. First Holy Communion and other items are also available at the stall and by special order from the catalogue.

**Celebration of Confirmation: Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am and 1.30pm.**



**Youth Group – Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May –** For children in year 5 to year 8, starts at 4:00pm in the St Michael's school hall. Pick up 6:45pm after Mass. Come and join us for games, faith, fellowship and pizza. Gold coin donation.

**May is Craft-Tea Characters' Birthday Month** – and we're turning 4! Each Wednesday during the month of May we celebrate what we have built *together*. Come and join us as we draw out the celebrations culminating on 29<sup>th</sup> with birthday cake. We gather in the Saint Michael's Parish Centre from 9:30-12:00. So come along and meet some new people, learn a craft, have a cuppa and a laugh. *That's really what we're about - Making Connections* Louise 0438 218 728 or Karen 0408214 031

Culburra, Mary Help of Christians Community, Social Evening at the Culburra Beach Bowling Club, in conjunction with the Feast of Mary Help of Christians will be on **Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>** following Mass. Details later.

**St Michael's School will celebrate Mass on Friday next May 10<sup>th</sup> for the Mothers of the community.** The 11.30.a.m. Mass will be in the Hall; all parishioners are very welcome. A sincere thank you to the CWL for hosting the special Mothers' Day afternoon Tea and providing entertainment this Saturday afternoon.



**Pope Francis' thoughts on the Feast of St Joseph the Worker: May 1<sup>st</sup>.** “May the figure of the humble worker of Nazareth always guide us to Christ; support the sacrifice of those that do good, and intercede for those that have lost work, or

are unable to find work. Let us pray especially for those that don't have work, which is a global tragedy of these times.”



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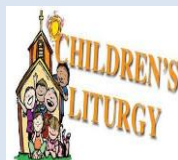
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**St Michael's Playgroup – St Michael's School Hall Mondays**  
**9:00am to 10:30am.** Playgroup is held each Monday, *during the school term.*



**Craft-Tea Characters – St Michael's**  
**The Parish Centre Wednesdays**  
**9:30am to 12:00pm.** 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 in a fun and interactive way.



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)

**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