



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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4th Sunday of Easter
12th 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 **Ben Byrne** (Berry)**Brian Ryan** (S'haven Hds), and **Francesca Zaia**, (Italy) who died this past week. Also **Bernard Court and Scott Anthony Pettit** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in peace.



Project Compassion 2019 :Through your generosity we were delighted to have forwarded a cheque for **\$15,285.00** to Caritas on behalf of the Parish. This total included some very generous individual donations. You can be assured that Caritas in partnership with its overseas agencies will put this money into very deserving projects.

The Good Friday Collection to support and maintain the Holy Places amounted to **\$4582.00**



Nowra CWL – monthly meeting, Tues 14th May, 9:30am morning tea, followed by meeting at 10am in the Parish Centre.

"Thank you ladies for a wonderful afternoon, a sumptuous afternoon tea, a spectacular concert, and lovely mothers' day gifts.."Susan Chan

Wishing the mothers of the community a joyful, relaxed and blessed Mothers' Day



MOTHERS' DAY PRAYER

God of love listen to our prayer, God of Mary the mother of Jesus, bend down Your ear to this request and bless the mothers of our community. Bless them now, in this life with security and good health. Bless them with love, laughter and pride in their children. May they who carried life in their womb, be carried one day to Your divine embrace; there for all eternity to rejoice with their family and friends. May this blessing and all graces descend upon the mothers of our parish, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

A walk in PRAYER for Australia and life's many issues. Further information: Sue Hill: 0435 336 195 or Gabriella De Battista: (02) 4261 2500.

Good Shepherd Sunday – Vocation Sunday. "The Christian mission is now! Each one of us is called to become a witness of the Lord, here and now...We should not wait to be perfect to respond with our generous "yes", nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord.' (Pope Francis)



St Vincent de Paul Society: There are many ways to put our faith into action. As earlier newsletters have suggested, one of these is to become a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society – members show their faith by sharing who they are and what they have, with the poor, on a person to person basis. Next weekend, appeals will be made in both Nowra and Bomaderry for new members to St Michael's Conference. **Please give this apostolate your prayerful consideration.**

Youth Group – Sun 19th 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.



Confirmation Reflection Evening – Wed 15th May



Prayer and Reflection time for Candidates and parents at St Michael's 7:00 – 8:00pm (an integral part of preparation).

Culburra Family Group gathering **Wed 15th May** at 10:30 at the Nowra Entertainment Centre for morning tea and the performance of Caruso to Carreras.



Our Parish has a desperate need for Catechists –.. 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 - 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.

Breast Cancer: The needs of our Sisters in FIJI.

The craft Tea Characters have our 4th Birthday this month and we would like to celebrate by giving the gifts of bras (new or gently used) and basic toiletries to our sisters in Fiji who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. We will have a donation box available for any donations you would be able to make to our Appeal. **St Michael's Parish Centre Wednesdays 9:30am to 12:00pm.** All Welcome. Contact Louise 0438 218 728/Karen 0408214031.

Celebration of Confirmation: Sunday May 26th at 9.30am and 1.30pm.

Taize Evening- preparation for Pentecost June 7th at St Michael's . 7.30.p.m.



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May Is Craft-Tea Characters'

Birthday Month – and we're turning 4! Come and join us on **29th May** for birthday cake. We gather in the St Michael's Parish Centre from 9:30-12:00. Come along & meet 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

You are invited to Mary Help of Christians feast day celebration on **Sat 1st June** at the Culburra Beach bowling club. \$25.00per person, tickets available after Mass. Payment must be made prior to 25th of May.



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

Thank you

Once more the CWL treated us to a wonderful afternoon last Saturday 4th May with a spectacular concert, sumptuous afternoon tea and lovely Mother's Day gifts. As a mother and parishioner I thank them from all the mother's present

Susan Ghan



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

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