



St Michael's Parish Nowra

Incorporates the Church communities of St Michael's - Nowra, St Patrick's - Berry, Sacred Heart - Bomaderry
Mary Help of Christians – Culburra, Holy Spirit - Vincentia & St Joseph's – Kangaroo Valley
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5th Sunday of Easter
19th 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



Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians
Patroness of the Church in Australia –
Friday 24th May.

We prayerfully **Kevin Merriman** (Sydney, Liz Nimmo's brother), and **Leo Nicholl** who died this past week. Also **Richard Singleton, Kontessa Pavlis, Martha Stevens, Barry Egan, Rob Waller, and Frank Padovan**, whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in peace.



St Vincent de Paul Society – Winter Appeal. We will not be holding a doorknock appeal this year. Instead, there will be Church collections in Nowra/Bomaderry on the weekend of 1-2 June. We also need volunteers to assist us collecting donations at shopping centres on that same weekend – anyone able to assist, please leave names on forms at the Church doors or contact Mary on 44210717/0421834846 or Ivor on 44210929.



Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday May 26th - 9.30am & 1.30pm

Due to the large number of 'Confirmandi' at 9:30am, we urge Parishioners who regularly participate

in that Mass, to attend an alternative Mass.

Thursday 23rd May – 5:00pm & 6:00pm Confirmation Mass practice in the School Hall.

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 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. A donation box is available, in the Parish Centre, for any donations you would be able to make to our Appeal. Karen 0408214031

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.

Social Bowls – Tues 21st May, from 4:00pm at Bomaderry Bowling Club. Everyone welcome. Contact Sylvia Palmer; 0437 267 245 for further details.

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.



Taize' Evening Friday June 7th - preparation for Pentecost at St Michael's, 7:30pm. This is a beautiful and prayerful way to prepare for the Feast of Pentecost on Sun.9th..

Holy Spirit Parish Auxiliary AGM will be held on **Sun 26th May** after the 9.30am Mass. At this meeting Office Bearers will be elected. These are: President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and two representatives to the Parish Pastoral Council. Anyone who wishes to nominate either themselves or another, please advise Fr Leo or the current Secretary, Sharon Johnson (0431 457 441). Nominations will also be accepted at the meeting.

Nowra Community Meeting - a brief summary from the last meeting of the NCG is on the notice board in the side foyer of St Michael's for Nowra parishioners.

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.

Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche, in 1964 the international community for people with disabilities, died in Paris last week at the age of 90. L'Arche International now has 150 sites around the world. He co-founded Faith and Light with Marie-Hélène Mathieu in 1971. This is an international network for those with learning disabilities, and families. It now has more than 1,500 communities in 81 countries.

Sunday Roast – Sun 26th May at North Nowra Tavern from 12 noon. Come with a friend or on your own . All welcome!



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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.*



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

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

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