



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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6th Sunday of Easter
26th 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 Day - Friday 31st May – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday 2nd June – The Ascension of the Lord
Sunday 9th June – Pentecost Sunday
Sunday 16th June – Trinity Sunday
Sunday 23rd June – Corpus Christi

We prayerfully remember **Henry Connolly** (Roseby Park – Orient Pt.), **Kevin Merriman** (Syd) who died this past week. Also, **Kathleen Sullivan, Sr Margaret Prendergast, John Markham** 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 1st & 2nd 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.



CWL Bay & Basin Branch would like to thank all who so generously supported our Mother's Day raffle and stall. Thank you and God bless.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is being celebrated this Sunday 26th May at St Michael's. We extend a very cordial and gracious welcome to Bishop Brian Mascord. We sincerely congratulate the 80 young parishioners who are being Confirmed and pray that they will remain courageous witnesses to their faith. A very sincere thank you to our Teachers & Catechists who have been directly involved in the children's preparation. At St Michael's School: Renee Maguire, Renee Roles, Anthony Hunt and Martine Mathieson (REC). Catechists; Frances Fairs, Bridget Shadforth, Ron D'Souza, and Mark Fuller (St John's). We are indeed most grateful to both Maree Brown, Maree McGrath and the Choir Group for providing the Liturgical music.



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

Craft-Tea Characters' Birthday - Come and join us on **29th May** for birthday cake. 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.

Copies of the quarterly magazine – **Australian Catholics** are currently available at the Churches. It is free of charge so take a copy.



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.



FOSTERING - EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO A FAMILY AND A PERMANENT HOME.. Right now children across our region are in need. If you would like to find out more about becoming a foster carer with CatholicCare Wollongong please email us on fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or call 0418 783 956.



The Blessed Virgin Mary 'Help of Christians,' is particularly venerated in China at the Shrine of 'Our Lady of Sheshan,' near Shanghai, Pope Francis said during his General Audience in St. Peter's

Square, on Wednesday last. "This occasion enables me to express my special closeness and affection to all Catholics in China, who amid daily toils, and trials, continue to believe, to hope and to love.. May our Mother in Heaven help you all to be witnesses of charity and fraternity, keeping yourselves always united in the communion of the universal Church. I pray for you and I bless you."

First Saturday Marian Devotions – Sat 1st June. 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!*



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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

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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

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