



# St Michael's Parish Nowra

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent (Year A)

8 March 2020



## 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 and 9:30am

**Kangaroo Valley:** 11:00am

## Masses during the Week

Nowra: Mon 7.00am, Tues/Wed/Thurs 8:15am

Fri 7:00 & 11:30am, Sat 9:00am

Berry: Tues – 5:30pm

Culburra: Thurs – 5:30pm

Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8:00am, Tues/Wed: 5:30pm

Kangaroo Valley: Tues/Wed/Thurs 9:00am

S'haven Heads: Fri 3:30pm

## Confession / Reconciliation Nowra:

Sat 9:30am – 10:30am & 5:00- 5:30pm

Berry, following the 5.30pm. Mass on Tuesday

Culburra : Sat 5:30pm Vincentia: Sat 5:00 – 5:30pm

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Patrick Ryan (Culburra)**. Also those whose anniversaries occur: **Francene Devoy, Gloria Engelhardt, Stan and Michael Bright** may they rest in peace.



**The relics of Carmelite St Therese of Lisieux**, and those of her parents, canonised in 2015, Ss Louis and Zelig Martin are coming to St Michael's Nowra **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Of themselves there is nothing 'magical' about relics. Relics are however the physical remains which connect us with the goodness and holiness of the saints. They remind us of the saints and through the saints move us to live better lives.

The relics will be Liturgically welcomed at 4:00pm. On the hour until 9pm., there will be brief reflective presentations followed by personal prayer time. Following Mass for the occasion at 8.15am on Tuesday, the relics will depart at 9:30 am for Kiama. Timetable is available on the Parish website.

**Save the Date Mass with a Difference** will be celebrated on **Sun March 29 at 6pm** in conjunction with the parish Youth Group. This Mass is held outdoors in the grounds of St Michael's Primary School and has a relaxed and informal feel. Everyone is welcome - young and not so young, families, all faiths, all abilities. We are all **Companions on the Journey**.



**Nowra CWL – monthly meeting, Tues 8<sup>th</sup> March**, 9:30am morning tea, followed by meeting at 10am in the Parish Centre.

**3 Day Cursillo Weekend** Jesus often called His disciples to come away to a quiet place to reflect on what He was teaching them. Take time in your busy life to do the same. Please join us at Hartzler Park, Bowral between 7pm on 14th May to the afternoon of 17th May to reflect on where life is taking you. Phone Steve 0466115900 or Denise 0438254139 for more details.



Each and every day we are called on to become closer to God. This Lenten Season take a step closer to the Lord with prayer.

**Social Bowls – Tues 8<sup>th</sup> March**, from 4:00pm at Bomaderry Bowling Club. Everyone welcome. Join a group of friendly people and enjoy a couple of stress free, fun filled hours. The cost is \$5.00 for bowls' hire and use of bowling green. Please wear flat soled shoes. 'Cheap Tuesday' dinner at the club optional after the game. Contact **Sylvia Palmer; 0437 267 245** for further details.

Feast of St Patrick- Mass at St Patrick's Berry for the Feast will be **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm**.

Visitation of the sacred relics: A copy of the Homily by Bishop Greg Homeming OCD explaining the tradition of 'relic veneration' is available. On the reverse side is a detailed Timeable for our Parish on March 24-25<sup>th</sup>.

## EXTRACT FROM PASTORAL STATEMENT BY BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ - As you are aware, the spread of coronavirus, COVID-19 continues to present challenges. As a result certain practices will be altered in the Mass to ensure the health and safety of parishioners.

With the wellbeing of all parishioners of our diocese in mind—I am issuing the following directives to all clergy, religious and the lay faithful in the Diocese of Wollongong:

- **Communion of the Precious Blood will be for the celebrant only.**
- **Given that one of the easiest ways to transmit a virus is by the transmission of saliva, Communion will be received only in the hand.**
- **Clergy & parishioners are not to shake hands during the sign of peace.....**
- **All ministers of holy Communion are to use hand sanitisers before the distribution of holy Communion.**

These directives are informed by the latest advice from the Dept. of Health which states that everyone should practise good hygiene to protect against coronavirus infection, including "avoiding close contact with others, such as touching". These directives will remain in place until the need for them ceases.

Please join me in praying for all those who have passed away or been affected by coronavirus; for the women and men working tirelessly to care for those affected; and for the development of a vaccine to keep us all safe.

Receiving Communion on the tongue was developed in the Middle Ages out of fear that the sacred species would be desecrated in some way.

The more ancient gesture is to receive on the hand. Saint Cyril of Jerusalem attests to this noble practice. Around 400 St. Cyril writes:

**"When you approach, do not extend your hands with palms upward and fingers apart, but make your left hand a throne for your right hand, since the latter is to receive the King."**

For the full text check with the Parish website



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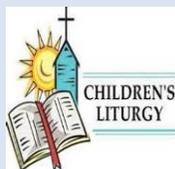
### Parish Playgroup - Monday

mornings (during school term) 9:00am  
– 10:30am in foyer of St Michael's  
School Hall. Parents, grandparents

and carers all welcome! Please bring your child's  
snacks and drinks and a gold coin donation. **Contact**

**Bernadette Pullen**

0402136691 or [bpullen@outlook.com.au](mailto:bpullen@outlook.com.au)



### Children's Liturgy Sundays -

9:30am (during the school term) St  
Michael's Church - children aged 4  
and up gather with our volunteer  
teachers to receive God's Word in a  
fun and interactive way.

### Parish Staff

**Fr Patrick Faherty: Parish Priest – 4423 1712**

**Fr Leo Mifsud:** Assistant Priest Nowra – 4423 1712

**Fr Tiziano Torresan:** 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 44231712

**Mrs Michelle Marshall:** Parish Secretary (Fri)

**Mrs Melissa Mazzo:** Parish Secretary (Mon-Thurs)

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