



St Michael's Parish Nowra

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3rd Sunday in Lent (Year A)
15 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 - 6.00pm
Culburra: Thurs - 5:30pm
Vincentia: Mon/Tue/Thurs/Fri 8:00am, Wed: 5:30pm
Kangaroo Valley: Tues/Wed/Thurs 9:00am
S'haven Heads: Fri 3:30pm



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

Please bring a plate to share for supper and wear something green!!!!!!

A thought on the Feast: "Patrick is no plaster saint, but someone whose faith was formed in the crucible of suffering. He interprets the events of his life through the lens of Christian faith."

Patrick gives us a sense that our faith is ancient and enduring; in Patrick we have one who knows his God, and who sees the relevance of what he proclaims despite history, trial, hostility, betrayal, and danger. He would have been a fascinating personality to meet. His spirituality is robust, shaped no doubt by his life's experiences, he would have been enthusiastic, challenging and genuinely hospitable.

The ancient Irish manuscript the Book of Armagh, records that Patrick wished his people to have two brief prayers regularly on their lips. Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy) and Deo Gratias (Thanks be to God)...This is how we begin and conclude the Mass.

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 23rd March.** The relics will be Liturgically welcomed at 4:00pm. On the hour until 9:00pm, there will be brief reflective presentations followed by personal prayer time. We encourage parishioners to spend some time in reflective prayer in the presence of parents and their daughter who epitomised 'the domestic Church'.

We live in anxious and challenging times; St Therese promised to spend her heaven doing good on earth. We have many needs within families, society, our Church and our world. What a blessed environment in which to pray.

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 Timetable for our Parish on March 24-25th

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.

For the full text check with the Parish website

CatholicCare Staff Reunion

To celebrate our 40th year CatholicCare invites all previous staff members and volunteers of CatholicCare (Catholic Family Life Centre and Centacare) to attend a staff reunion, to be held at the Wollongong Golf Club on Friday 27 March 5:30pm RSVP by 20 March on 4227 1122 or

enquiries@catholiccare.dow.org.au

Vincentia Mass on Wed 17 March (St Patrick's Day)

changed to 8am (to enable some people to attend St Patrick's celebrations at Berry in the evening

Mass on Wed 1st. April changed to 8am

2nd Rite of Reconciliation, Wednesday 1 April 6pm,

2nd Rite of Reconciliation at St Michael's on Thursday April 2nd at 7.00p.m.

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 those whose anniversaries occur: **Francene Devoy, Anne Rouen, Justin Sheedy, Keith Sheehy, Jackie & Peter Fossey, Alexandra Garnuszek, Brian Eccmann,**

Anne Doolan and **Leigh Collin** may they rest in peace.

Tues 17th March - The Solemnity of St Patrick

Thurs 19th March - The Feast of St Joseph



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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.

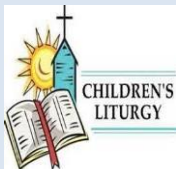
Sisters Beverley Caffery and Sue Barker SGS
Mrs Frances Fairs: Catechist Coordinator 44231712
Mrs Michelle Marshall: Parish Secretary (Fri)
Mrs Melissa Mazzo: Parish Secretary (Mon-Thurs)
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Parish Playgroup -

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



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