



**St Michael's Parish** NOWRA – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: [office@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:office@nowraparish.org.au)

Website: [nowraparish.org.au](http://nowraparish.org.au) Incorporates the Church Communities of St Michael, Nowra; St Patrick, Berry Sacred Heart, Bomaderry; Mary, Help of Christians, Culburra; St Joseph, Kangaroo Valley; Holy Spirit, Vincentia

**3rd Sunday of Easter Yr (B)**

**15th April 2018**

**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 (10:30am Holy Hour)  
 Sat 9:00am  
 Berry: Tuesday 5:30pm  
 Culburra: Thursday 5:30pm  
 Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri. 8:00am Tues/Wed 5:30pm  
 K' Valley: Tues/Wed/Thurs 9:00am  
 S'haven 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



We prayerfully remember the recently deceased **Olive Raftery** - Jaspers Brush, (Requiem Mass Wed 18<sup>th</sup> April, 10am, St Patrick's Berry), **Godwin Young, Guzi & Juliette Busuttil** (Jessie Alamango's cousins, Malta): Also, **Elva Merriman, whose anniversary occurs.** May they rest in eternal peace.

**Jervis Bay Cruise** Holy Spirit Vincentia fundraising / social cruise on beautiful Jervis Bay (courtesy of Jervis Bay Wild Cruises). **Sun 6<sup>th</sup> May 1pm** sharp 3pm return. BYO lunch, drinks available for sale on board. Followed by delicious afternoon tea at *Portside Cafe Huskisson* (included in cost) \$40 adults & \$25 children (family rates available) Contact: Brian 0412465040/Judy 44417456

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the Parish on Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Project Compassion-2018**

**Through your generosity we were delighted to forward a cheque for \$12,540.00 to Caritas during the week on behalf of the Parish.** With the crisis in Syria entering its eighth year this week, Caritas Australia continues, among many other projects, to support children who have been displaced by the war in Syria, which is now the largest displacement crisis in the world since World War II. According to the World Health Organisation, 57% of Syria's public hospitals have been damaged, while 37% no longer function. Suzy McIntyre, Caritas Australia's Program Coordinator: "A sometimes overlooked area of need is the trauma faced by children who, though they may not have witnessed the war in Syria themselves, experience the severe effects of trauma faced by their parents and older siblings"



**St Michael's Parish Retreat - Aging & Awakening: God's Surprising Gifts** is the theme for the day conducted by Sister Kerin Caldwell sgs. **Sat 19th May, 10:00am to 2:30pm.** St Michael's School Hall.

Topics for the day are; Aging: A Work of Art. Letting Go- So That.....; Physical Diminishment – A Choice: Acceptance or Denial. Flyers available at Churches. RSVP Parish Office: 44231712 / Sr Beverley:44212260 by **Fri 11<sup>th</sup> May.**

**St Vincent De Paul Callala:** urgently needs more volunteers, contact David 0418452648.

**St Vincent De Paul Nowra:** Donations of environmental bags in good condition will be gratefully received and can be left in the church foyer or at the Parish Office.

**"Mass and lunch at the Farm":** This Monday, 12:30pm.

**Mother's Day 13<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Mother's Day Stall - 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**CWL Bay and Basin Branch** will hold their Mother's Day Stall and raffle on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April with tickets available in our 3 beautiful baskets filled with gifts. Drawn after 9:30am Mass on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Great craft, books, plants and cakes. Phone Moya: 4443 9698



**Gaudete et Exsultate – Rejoice and be Glad!**

This is called an Apostolic Exhortation issued by Pope Francis during the week. "The document is rich in

guidance on how to answer the call to holiness in a world filled with distractions, consumerism and hedonism. - Holiness in living the Beatitudes." The heart of **Gaudete et Exsultate** is dedicated to the idea that holiness means following Jesus. Pope Francis considers each of the Beatitudes as embodying what it means to be holy. But if the Beatitudes show us what holiness means, the Gospel also shows us the criterion by which we will be judged: "I was hungry and you gave me food... thirsty and you gave me drink... a stranger and you welcomed me... naked and you clothed me... sick and you took care of me... in prison and you visited me.

**Our Youth Group for Year 5 to Year 8** has been growing nicely – with over 20 attending the first month, and over 30 attending the second month, the next instalment is **this Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>**, 4pm drop off and sign in at St Michael's school hall, for games, music, pizza and reflection on the Gospel leading to 6pm Mass.

**Youth from Year 9 to 12: Get along to iSTAND Camp 25-27 April**, at The Venue Conference Centre in Bellambi! Games, music, dramas, sport, prayer, recreation time [www.ymt.com.au/rego-wollongong](http://www.ymt.com.au/rego-wollongong) or call Louisa on 0433 636 359.

**Barefoot Bowls – Tues 17<sup>th</sup> April**, from 4:30pm at Bomaderry Bowling Club. The evening is guaranteed to be a lot of fun. There is no need to book, simply meet with the group at the club. Play in bare feet or wear a pair of soft soled shoes and bring \$5 for registration. Contact **Sylvia Palmer; 0437 267 245** for further details.

**Save the date: Our Lady Help of Christians Culburra** Feast Day dinner 26<sup>th</sup> May. This will also be a chance to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church building so if you have any photos that you'd like shown at the celebration please bring them to the Parish Office



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**St Michael's Playgroup** - runs each Monday during the school term from 9:00am–10:30am in foyer of St Michael's School Hall. Parents, grandparents, carers, all welcome! Please bring your child's snacks & gold coin donation.

**Craft-Tea Characters** - Wednesdays 9:30am-12:00pm, in the Parish Centre.

There's more to it than craft you'll see; like coffee, laughs, community, conversation & more, if you'll just walk in the door. Give it a go & then you'll know all you need to do is show. **Enquiries: Louise 0438 218 728**



**CAtHFAMILY** brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts & recipes for free from their website

[www.cathfamily.org](http://www.cathfamily.org). Don't miss Catkins, weekly interactive experience with a two-minute animated reflection on the Sunday reading. Families in the Diocese of Wollongong are encouraged to utilise these resources at home to share faith with kids.

**The Journey Catholic Radio Program – Airs weekly.**

Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can subscribe to weekly shows.

**Parish Staff – Parish Office: 4423 1712**

**Fr Patrick Faherty: Parish Priest, Nowra**

**Fr Duane Fernandez: Assistant Priest, Nowra:**

**Fr Leo Duck: Vincentia; 4441 5571**

**Fr Ronan Kilgannon: Kangaroo Valley.**

**Deacon Peter Preside** - Chaplain to Corrective Services

**Sisters Beverley Caffrey and Sue Barker SGS.**

**Mrs Frances Fairs:** Catechist Coordinator, 4423 1712

**Mrs Liz Nimmo:** PT Parish Secretary 4423 1712

**Mrs Melissa Mazzo:** PT Parish Secretary 4423 17