



The Feast  
Of Mary  
Mother of  
God

MASSSES FOR  
SUNDAY

**Nowra:** .....  
Vigil 6.00pm,  
8.00am, 9.30am  
& 6.00pm

**Berry:**.....8.00am  
**Bomaderry:**..... 9.30am  
**Culburra:**..... Vigil 6pm & 8.00am  
**Vincentia:**.....Vigil 6pm, 8.00am & 9.30am  
**Shoalhaven Heads:**.....Vigil 6.00pm  
**Kangaroo Valley:**..... 11.00am

Masses this Week

**Nowra:** Mon 8.00am, Tues, Wed, Thurs 8.15 am;  
Fri. 7am & 11.30am. Sat. 9am.

**Holy Hour:** Fri. 10.30am **Rosary:** Tues. 10am  
**Berry**....Tues 5.30.p.m. **Bomaderry:** Fri 5.45 pm  
**Culburra**.....Thurs 5.30 pm  
**Vincentia** .....Mon, Thurs, Fri – 8.00am;  
Tues, Wed – 5.30pm

**Kangaroo Valley:** Mon, Tues, Thurs.  
(Divine Office 10.40am) Wed. 6.20am.

Confession/Reconciliation:

**Nowra:** Sat 11.30 - 12.30pm. 5.00 – 5.30pm  
**Culburra:** Sat. 5.30pm. **Bomaderry:** Fri. 5.15pm.  
**Berry:** Tues. 6.00pm  
**Vincentia:** Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

**Feastdays :** Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Saints Basil & Gregory  
**Sunday next Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>** will be the Feast of the  
Epiphany.

Mary Mother of God : Any list of saints according to Catholic tradition begins with the **Theotokos, Mary the God-Bearer**, whose acceptance of God's will in her life enabled the Incarnation of the Son of God. For centuries, meditating on the life of Mary has led Christians to a closer communion with her son, Jesus Christ. Although Mary is the Mother of God, she is not his mother in the sense that she is older than God or the source of her Son's divinity, for she is neither. Rather, we say that she is the Mother of God in the sense that she carried in her womb a divine person—Jesus Christ, God "in the flesh" ( John 1:14)—and in the sense that she contributed the genetic matter to the human form God took in Jesus Christ.

**The St. V. Paul Society** will make available a full report on the Christmas Appeal shortly. Meanwhile the Culburra Conference wishes to thank most sincerely both parishioners and visitors who contributed the magnificent sum of \$1508.85 to the Appeal. Two donors contributed close on half the total figure. This has been the best response to any appeal at Culburra. Many thanks.



We prayerfully remember **Diane Perry** (S. Point ) and **Thomas Harriman** ( Bathurst formerly Bomaderry) who died this week. Also **Eddie Hoffman, Neville Green, and Yvette Tito** whose anniversaries occur. - **May they rest in eternal peace.**

**The Diocesan quarterly Newsletter is available at all Churches in the Parish this weekend.**

**An estimated 11,000 attended the Papal Mass at St. Peter's which reached 75 countries by Satellite linkup**



Some extracts from Pope Benedict's Peace Message for 2006. " The theme chosen for this year's reflection—*In truth, peace*—As the result of an order planned and willed by the love of God,

peace has an intrinsic and invincible truth of its own, and corresponds "to an irrepressible yearning and hope dwelling within us regardless of particular cultural identity. ....All people are members of one and the same family.. The truth of peace calls upon everyone to cultivate productive and sincere relationships; it encourages them to seek out and to follow the paths of forgiveness and reconciliation, to be transparent in their dealings with others, and to be faithful to their word.. Jesus defined himself as the Truth in person.. ....At the conclusion of this Message, I would like to address a particular word to all believers in Christ, inviting them once again to be attentive and generous disciples of the Lord. When we hear the Gospel, we learn to build peace on the truth of a daily life inspired by the commandment of love.. At the same time I ask for an increase of prayers, since peace is above all a gift of God, a gift to be implored incessantly..."



**CAR FOR SALE Richard Healey** needs to sell his White Mitsubishi Magna Solara sedan (8/1998). V6 3L, Auto, Air con., cruise control, 12 stacker CD. Excellent condition, 142,000km, good fuel economy (9.8L/100km). AGV78D \$6950 ONO. Call Deacon Richard at the Presbytery for more info.

*May the Lord bless, protect and guide each one of us throughout 2006.*