



**St Michael's Parish, Nowra** – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: office@nowraparish.org.au

**Website: 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.

**27th Sunday in Ord Time (Yr B)  
8th October 2006**

**Sunday Masses:**

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

**Masses during the week**

**Nowra:** Mon 7.00am, Tues / Wed / Thurs 8.15am,  
 Fri 7am & 11.30am, Sat 9.00am.  
**Rosary:** Tues.10am, **Morning Prayer:** Wed 7.50am  
**Holy Hour:** Friday 10.30am  
**Berry:** Tuesday – 5.30.p.m.  
**Culburra:** Thurs. 5.30.p.m.  
**Bomaderry:** *First Friday only:* 5.45pm  
**Vincentia:** Mon, Thurs, Fri 8am; Tues & Wed 5.30pm  
**Kangaroo Valley:** Mon/Tues/Thurs & Sat 11am.  
 Wed. 6.20am (Divine Office 10.45am).  
**Shoalhaven Heads (C'mty Centre):** Friday 3.30pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):**

**Nowra:** Sat 11.30 – 12.30; 5.00 – 5.30pm  
**Culburra:** Sat 5.30pm **Berry:** Tues 6.00pm  
**Vincentia:** Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm **K/Valley:** Sat 4.30pm

**Clergy of the Parish:**

Fr Patrick Faherty PP (Nowra) 4423 1712  
 Fr Richard Healey (Nowra) 4423 1712  
 Fr Leo Duck (Vincentia) 4441 5571  
 Fr Ronan Kilgannon (Kangaroo Valley)

**CATECHIST NEWS – Coming events : Mon 23 Oct**

- o Catechist meeting 9.30 – 11.00am Behaviour management — Parish meeting room
- o Mon. Oct. 16th. Gerringong Retreat: God is Love- Fr. Schmitzer. ( 9.30.a.m- 2.30.p.m)
- o Sat. 11 Nov – Annual Catechist Mass, 2pm at St John Vianney's Fairy Meadow

**Young Adults' Group :** Guest Speaker : Monday October 16th. – Our Missionary Calls - Maria Pineda - a Verbum Dei missionary who is also an appointed chaplain at Wollongong University. Commencing at 7.30.p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room – Supper provided Contact Frances 4422 7791.

**Holy Spirit, Vincentia: CaFE** - A new series of 5 Video'd Talks by David Payne entitled "Knowing God Even Better" will be presented at Holy Spirit Church, Vincentia. There will be two presentations (1.30.p.m. & 7.00.p.m.) for 5 consecutive Mondays, beginning on October 23rd. All very welcome.

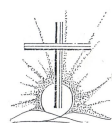
**St. Patrick's Berry :** Will commence its second **CaFE** programme on four Tuesdays of November commencing on Tuesday 7th – 7.15.p.m. The general theme will be Catholics Making a Difference.

**Pastoral Council Meeting;**

This Sun. Oct. 8th. 7.15.p.m- Meeting Room – Nowra.  
**Dates to Note;** Saturday Nov. 4th. Liturgy at Worrigea Chapel for the Faithful Departed: 10.00a.m. Sunday Nov. 12.th. Mass for Disability –Awareness- St. Michael's Hall – 6.00.p.m.

We prayerfully congratulate **Michael Davies**, who is being ordained to the priesthood according to the Byzantine Rite this Sunday in the Monastery of the Resurrection in Newberry Springs, California. Michael was a lawyer by profession and is the eldest son of Ivor and Carol Davies, of Bomaderry. Michael ( Brother Maximus) joined the Byzantine Monastic Community in 1994-----

A very sincere thank you to the many parishioners who attended the special Mass and supper on Friday last – the Feast of St. Michael to mark my 40th. Ordination anniversary and Fr. Ron's farewell. I am deeply humbled and profoundly grateful for the magnificent Chalice presented to me on the occasion. It was a very joyful and convivial evening. Many thanks.



We prayerfully remember **Alan Martin, and Marie Longhurst** who died this week, and **Daniel Gleeson** whose Anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in eternal peace

An Extract from the Homily of Pope Benedict at, **Regensburg 12 September 2006 ...We believe in God....** Today, when we have learned to recognize the pathologies and the life-threatening diseases associated with religion and reason, and the ways that God's image can be destroyed by hatred and fanaticism, it is important to state clearly the God in whom we believe, and to proclaim confidently that this God has a human face. Only this God saves us from being afraid of the world and from anxiety before the emptiness of life. Only by looking to Jesus Christ does our joy in God come to fulfilment and become redeemed joy. During this solemn Eucharistic celebration, let us look to the Lord lifted up before us on the Cross and ask him to give us the immense joy which, at the hour of his farewell, he promised to the disciples (cf. *Jn* 16:24)!

**from reports on the Church in China**

**"Blessed are they who are persecuted.."** It seems not a little ironic that many of the religious goods that we readily purchase, as well as candles, and nativity sets, are made in China. On the other hand there is little religious freedom within China e.g. In September two priests were arrested three hours after arriving back at Shenzhen in the southern province. The police took away a large number of books and photos that the priests brought back from Europe and Rome. No reasons were given for their arrest. Both Father Saho and Father Jiang were arrested on Oct. 27, 2005 after they concelebrated Mass with other priests to close the Eucharistic Year proclaimed by the Pope John Paul II. Father Shao was also arrested in 1999 and later released. Father Jiang was detained in 1999 for publishing hymn books, sentenced to a six-year jail term, and fined the equivalent of \$32,000. He was released in 2003. There are thought to be at least 12 Bishops in Chinese prisons and many priests.

The next Youth gathering for Mary Help of Christians Culburra- Fri. Oct. 13th 7.30-9-30 p.m. Contact the Hill family 4447319