



**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.

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (Yr C)**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> December 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:** Tues. 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  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation, in preparation for Christmas – Nowra – Wed 13 Dec., 7.30pm.**

**The St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal** will be conducted at Nowra and Bomaderry on Sunday next. For the past 12 months FoodVouchers totalled \$ 66,335.00



**CATECHIST NEWS –**

- o **End of the Year Mass – morning tea – this Mon 4 Dec** at 9.30am. Bring a plate of goodies to share
- o Please return all resources by 4.12.06 including any un-needed Manuals. I urgently need a yr 2 & yr 4 Manual for 2007.

**Feastdays of the Week:**

**Thurs 7** – Ambrose, bishop, doctor  
**Fri 8** – Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

- o **Dec 4 – Advent Night** – a night of Advent reflections, prayer and music to prepare the way for Christmas. This is the **commencement** of the Advent Program – Jesus Christ: Be our guest! Call Jody for details 4422 3318
- o **Dec 18 – Christmas BBQ & Trivia night** – Celebrate Christmas with fun, food & prizes. 6.00pm at Jody's. Call Jody for details.

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED!** St. Vincent De-Paul Society, Vincentia will be collecting presents until Sunday the 10th December. If you can assist please indicate on a card, male or female and what age group, and place present in the box at the rear of the Church. We will also be sending presents to the children of Iraq. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

**THE LYDIAN SINGERS** will present **Carols from Around the World** on Sat 9 December 7.30pm at St Patrick's Church, Berry. Please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper.

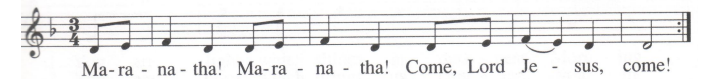


**PARISH DISABILITY CONNECTIONS GROUP** – volunteers & families who have members with special needs are invited to a Christmas Luncheon on Wed 13 Dec between 12.30 – 1.30pm in the new Parish Centre. Volunteers & parents who are employed on that day are invited to spend their lunch break at the event. For catering purposes please contact Sr Jeanie on 0405 158 763.

**Dec 3 is THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**, as designated by the United Nations and is a celebration of the abilities of people with a disability all over the world.

**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS** Youth Group will be holding a **Christmas Celebration** at 164 Penguin Head Rd., Culburra Beach (The Hill's home) on 8 Dec., commencing 7.30pm. There will be games, Christmas carols, prayer, spiritual discussions & food (please bring a plate to share)

**DURING ADVENT** the following refrain will be sung during the lighting of the Advent Candle.



**COME LORD JESUS** – to be sung during Advent

**Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come and be born in our hearts**

**Come O Prince of Peace, Come O Prince of Peace, Come O Prince of Peace, Come and be born in our hearts.**

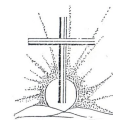
**Our Hearts are open, Our hearts are open, Our hearts are open, Come and be born in our hearts.**

**Come Emmanuel, Come Emmanuel, Come Emanuel, Come and be born in our hearts.**

**LOOK!** An activity sheet that is now available for children at Mass – available at the front of the Church. You will need to bring colouring pencils if preferred.



We prayerfully remember **Bill Lewis, Nathan McGaughey, Peter O'Donoghue** (Geelong formerly Nowra younger brother of Fr. Paul O'Donoghue) Also **Margaret Pryde and Keith Phillips** whose Anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.



**CAROLS IN THE PARK 2006** – Sampson Crescent, B'derry on Sat 16 Dec commencing with a sausage sizzle 6.30pm with Carols commencing 7.30pm. For information or to offer help ring David Esdaile 4446 0733

**FRIENDS OF MEROO UNION CHURCH** invite you to attend the Christmas tea & Service on Thurs 7 Dec commencing at 6.30pm. Please bring a small plate of cake/slice to share & a folding chair. As usual food hampers will be given to the Sal..Army .assist their work over Christmas. You are invited to donate items of non-perishable food etc.



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**WERE YOU A MEMBER OF REVESBY CYO?** If so please join us on Sat 28 April 2007 at 6.00pm Mass at St Luke's Revesby as we celebrate 50 years, followed by dinner (details to be advised). Contact Jan Boon (Carolan) on 9579 3371 or [janboon@bigpond.net.au](mailto:janboon@bigpond.net.au)