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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.



MASSES: Christmas Eve – Vigil(Sun) 24

S'haven Heads 6.00p.m.
 Culburra 6.00p.m.
 Nowra. 7.00.p.m.
 Vincentia – 6.p.m. & 10.00 p.m.
 Berry 9.00.p.m.
 K.Valley: 9.00.p.m.

Mid-Night Mass – Nowra

Christmas Day -Mon. 25th

Berry : 8.00.a.m.
 Bomaderry 9.30a.m.
 Culburra 8.00.a.m.
 Nowra : 8.00a.m.
 Nowra. : 9.30.am.
 Vincentia: 8.00.& 9.30.a.m

(No evening Mass in the Parish Christmas Day)

Masses during the week

Nowra: Tues / Wed / Thurs 8.15am,
 Fri 7am & 11.30am, Sat 9.00am.

Berry: No Mass this Tuesday

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).

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat : 11. 30 – 12.30; 5.00 – 5.30pm

Culburra: Sat 5.30pm

Berry: Tues. following Mass at 6.00.p.m.

Vincentia: 4.30 – 5.30pm **K/Valley:** Sat 4.30pm

THE CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER is available at all Mass centres . Lots of interesting Christmas reading. Please take a copy home.

Thank You!

As an expression of appreciation and gratitude for the support and generosity of so many parishioners throughout the year, and especially at Christmas time, a **Triduum of Masses** will be offered for your intentions and needs over the Christmas season.

Our prayer is that you and your families will have a blessed, peaceful and joyful Christmas.

(Frs. Pat, Richard, Ronan, and Leo).

CHRISTMAS MASS 2ND COLLECTION – a portion of the collection will go towards a ‘Pulse Oximeter’ an instrument used in the Medical Ward Shoalhaven District Hospital. Also to **Caritas** to assist in the plight of famine victims in Africa..

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.

1ST SATURDAY MARIAN DEVOTIONS – There will be no devotions during January 2007. We will resume 3 February 2007. Happy Christmas.

The 4th Sunday of Advent (Yr C)
24th December 2006

THE NEW PARISH CENTRE : Many parishioners and visitors accepted the invitation to visit the Parish Centre following Masses last week-end. There appeared to be a unanimous sense of gratitude and appreciation that the building has been refurbished in such a beautiful and practical manner.

(from the homily of Pope Benedict – Dec. 17th.)

“To transform the world, God chose a humble maiden from a town of Galilee, Mary of Nazareth, and called her with this greeting: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you." In these words is found the secret of the authentic Christmas. God repeats them to the Church and to each one of us. Rejoice, the Lord is at hand! With Mary's help, let us give ourselves with humility and courage so that the world will welcome Christ, who is the source of authentic joy.



ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED – for a young lady beginning teacher training at Shoalhaven Campus (W'gong Uni). Please contact Fr Leo for details 4441 5571

A big thankyou to the Parishioners of Holy Spirit for your generous donations of money & toys for the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas appeal. God bless you all

We prayerfully remember **Richard Guthrie of Berry** who died on Thursday. Richard's Requiem will be at St. Patrick's Berry on Wed. at 11.00.a.m. Richard was a regular Lector at St. Patrick's. May he rest in eternal peace..

Due to the very extensive list of deceased whose names we are being asked to include in the Christmas Masses, these names will be listed in the Christmas edition of the Bulletin but not read at the Masses. Mass will be offered in due course for the specific intentions.