



**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.

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)**  
**11 February 2007**

**Sunday Masses**

**Nowra:**...Vigil 6pm, 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.

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

**Nowra:** Mon 7.00am Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am  
Fri 7.00am and 11.30am, Sat. 9.00am  
Morning Prayer Wed 7.50am  
**Berry:** Tues. 5.30pm  
**Bomaderry :** 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays only 5.45pm  
**Culburra:** Thurs. 5.30pm  
**Vincentia:** Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00am, Tues/Wed 5.30 pm  
**Kangaroo Valley:** Mon/Tues/Thurs and Sat. 11.00am  
**S'haven Heads.** Fri. 3.30.p.m.

(Divine Office 10.40am), Wed Mass 6.20am. (Lauds at 6am)  
**THE USUAL WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER** will commence at St Michael's Church on 14 Feb at 7.50 am

**CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION**

**Nowra:** Sat 11.30am – 12.30pm, 5.00-5.30pm  
**Culburra:** Sat. 5.30pm, **Berry** Tues. 6.00pm  
**Vincentia:** Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

**CLERGY OF THE PARISH**

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

**The World Day of Prayer for the Sick....**"I ask the Lord to strengthen your faith in his love, especially during these trials that you are experiencing. It is my hope that, wherever you are, you will always find the spiritual encouragement and strength needed to nourish your faith and bring you closer to the Father of Life. Through her priests and pastoral workers, the Church wishes to assist you and stand at your side, helping you in your hour of need, and thus making present Christ's own loving mercy towards those who suffer....**extract from the Message of Pope Benedict**

**Feastdays:**

**Wed 14** - Ss Cyril, monk & Methodius, Bishop



**“OPEN WIDE THE DOORS TO CHRIST”** – A six session Lenten program welcoming the person of Jesus in our lives and communities.

“Through reflecting upon, and praying with, this Lenten resource, my hope is that we may turn away from whatever fears or failings prevent us from

**opening our door.** May the Spirit of boldness give us the courage to throw open the doors of our hearts to the One who has come” Bishop Peter Ingham. Ash Wednesday, this year, is on the 21 Feb.; sessions will commence on the week of Monday 26 Feb.

- If you require any information please do not hesitate to contact one of the following coordinators.

**Nowra/B'derry** Peggy 4421 3417 or Francene 4421 5962

**Berry/S'haven Heads** Sr Patricia 4421 2260 or see Sister after Mass **Callala:** Joyce Buttell 4446 5569

**Culburra Beach:** Jean Helliwell 4447 3018, or Harry Ray 4447 2941

**Currarong:** Connie Heap 4448 3157

**K/Valley; Fr Ronan Vincentia:** Fr Leo 4441 5571

- Peggy & Francene would appreciate some help for the future - if you are interested in finding out what has to be done coordinating the Lenten Program - with the possibility of helping - please contact Peggy or Francene.
- The lists from Nowra/B'derry should be up in the side entrance of Nowra and in B'derry Church this weekend. Cost of Books \$3.00 each

**Catechists' Sunday Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> :** On this Sunday throughout the Diocese we are invited to reflect on the very important apostolate of our Catechists and to pray that the Lord will bless and prosper their work.

**SHOALHAVEN CROSSROADS** – the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for 2007 will be on 9 Feb. **Please note the change of venue** – Nowra Baptist Church on Old Southern Rd., South Nowra – commencing at 7.15pm.

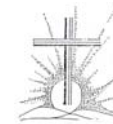
**YOUNG ADULTS** – the next meeting will be on 19 February. Fr Richard will be speaking on Reconciliation. All welcome.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Vonnie Muller and Sue McAndrew for their wonderful successes in the Berry Show.

Parishioners are well aware by now that the **Sisters of the Good Samaritan are celebrating their Sesquicentenary – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** The Sisters established their first community in Nowra in 1893 and were directly involved in the teaching apostolate here for over one hundred years. We are delighted that Bishop Peter will celebrate the 9.30.a.m.Mass at St. Michael's as a Mass of Thanksgiving for the presence and work of the Sisters in the parish since 1893.



MASS will be followed by the Blessing and Opening of the Refurbished Parish Centre and the Michael's School Library and Learning area. Morning tea will follow the blessing in the Parish Hall. A cordial invitation is extended to all parishioners to participate in the ceremonies of the day.



We prayerfully remember:) **Craig Smith,** and **John Standen** (son of Libby Baker) who died recently. Also **Patrick Maguire,** and **Maria Borg** and all whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace

**A Message to All Catechists.**

- **In-service** – Sr Joan – using puppets in S.R.E. Mon 19 February 9.30 – 2.30 in the Catechists' Room. All Welcome.

**PARISH DIRECTORY** – a draft copy will be available in all Parish Mass Centres from this weekend until the end of February. Parishioners are asked to read and advise of any gaps or errors and if any additions or changes need to be made. Please notify Cath 4422 1784 or the Parish Centre by 2 March.

**The Pastoral Council** is planning to start a **“WELCOME GROUP”** that will provide an opportunity for new parishioners to get to know fellow parishioners and to feel welcomed. A volunteer is sought from each weekend Mass at all Mass Centres within the Parish. Volunteers will be asked to make one phone call to each new arrival that requests contact, only within their local Church area. See draft Parish Directory for more details. Contact Cath 4422 1784 to volunteer or for more information.



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**PILGRIMAGE** to Israel/Palestine – departing 24 March,  
with Fr Mark O'Keefe of Unanderra as chaplain. Contact  
Harvest on 1800 819 156 for more details.