



**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.

### 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  
**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; **Holy Hour:** Fri 10.30am  
**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 (Divine Office 10.40am), Wed Mass 6.20am. (Lauds at 6am)  
**S'haven Heads.** Fri. 3.30.p.m.

### CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

**Nowra:** Sat 11.30am – 12.30pm, 5.00-5.30pm  
**Culburra:** Sat. 5.30pm, **Berry** Tues. 6.00pm  
**Vincentia:** On the 6 Saturdays of Lent from 24 Feb 11.00 – 11.30am and 5.00 – 5.30pm

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Nowra: Fridays: 7.00.p.m.  
 K.Valley : Fridays -5.30.p.m.  
 Vincentia: Following 8.00am Mass each Fri of Lent

### 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)**

**BAY & BASIN TRIATHLON** – due to the triathlon and the consequent street closures around Vincentia on Sun 25 Feb, the 9.30am Mass is cancelled. Saturday vigil at 6.00pm as usual.

**A REQUIEM MASS** will be celebrated on Monday at 11.00am for Joyce Byrne at Holy Spirit church, Vincentia. Internment will be at Goulburn.

**SONGS OF PRAISE** – Claiming the date – 9 Sept at 2pm

**YOUNG ADULTS** – the next meeting will be on 5 March in the D'Arcy room of the Parish Centre. All welcome. For information please contact Jody 4422 3318 or Frances 4422 7791



### “OPEN WIDE THE DOORS TO

**CHRIST”** – The 1<sup>st</sup> week of the program is titled “The God of Welcome” and we are asked the question “When was the last time we truly availed ourselves of God’s hospitality?” We are reminded that “God does not ask us to rush about but to first dwell in His presence”.

During this Lent let us try to take advantage of His invitation to each and everyone of us “Let them come to Me”. A message to group leaders – feel free to use your own music, hymns etc., instead of/or as well as the CD provided **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

### CATECHISTS' CORNER – Reminders!

- Return any unwanted Joy for Living Books
- TEF's and Coordinators blue forms please. Ring Lyn 4423 1009 (h), 4423 1712(w) for green cards or TEF's. Thank you for all your are doing. It is very encouraging to see you borrowing from our resources. **We still need 2 Catechists for Cambewarra.**

### MOTHER RUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND – THEATRE

**GALA** – Wed 21 March – “**The KidnapGame**” at the Nowra Players, B'derry. Adults \$25, Students: \$20 which includes Champagne on arrival and extended interval supper. Contact Denise 0419 248 889 or 4423 2299 (bh). Money must be in to ensure seat is yours.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – theme “United Under God's Tent” – Country – Paraguay Friday 2 March

- **Nowra** – 2pm Wesley Centre, Berry St., Nowra. Speaker Pamela James
- **Culburra** – 10am St John's Anglican Church.
- **Vincentia** – 10am St Peter's Anglican Church



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Spiritual Reflection Day** at Jim Da Silva Farm, Nowra on Sat 10 March from 10am to 2.30pm. The Theme – Building the Kingdom of God in 2007. Enquiries Peter Delaney 4422 1129

## First Sunday in Lent (Yr C) 25 February 2007



**ST MICHAEL'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL** are currently inviting families to enrol Kinder children for 2008. Children must turn 5 by 30 June, 2008. Enrolment packages are available from the School

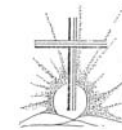
office.

**BAY & BASIN Catholic Women's League** – next meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Guests welcome.

**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CULBURRA** auxiliary will be holding their Easter raffle from Sat 3 March. All donations greatly appreciated.

**FIRST SATURDAY MARIAN DEVOTIONS- Sat 3 march** commencing with Reconciliation 8.30am followed by Mass at 9.00am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction from 9.30am. Morning tea will be available in the Parish Centre after devotions. All welcome

**ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, Nowra** will be holding their 'Songs of prayer & Praise' on Thurs 15 March from 10 – 11am. Morning tea will be served. This is an activity in conjunction with Seniors' Week.



We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Joyce Byrne** (Vincentia), **Paul Yip** (Cairns) **Kevin Fahy** ( Hunters Hill).. Also **Frances Dowling, Victoria Caruana, Joseph and Bartholomew Zarb** whose anniversaries occur, May they rest in eternal peace

Thank you to parishioners and visitors who joined in the Mass of Thanksgiving in conjunction with the Sesquicentenary of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. Bishop Peter with his customary enthusiasm certainly expressed appreciation and gratitude for the work of the Sisters here since 1893. A special thanks to the parishioners who assisted in facilitating the Blessing ceremony of the Parish Centre, School Library and Class Rooms. This was both an important happening in the life of the Parish and a very joyful occasion.

### YOUTH RETREAT & TRIP

- **Young men of God** (assoc. with the Missionaries of God's Love). Opportunity for 18-35 old men to join a trip to Ulladulla from 2 – 4 March. Cost \$35 plus dinner Sat night. Contact Steve Varney 0402 616 586