



**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.

**Fifth Sunday in Lent (Yr C)**  
**25<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

**Sunday Masses**

**Nowra:** Vigil 6pm 8am, 9.30am & 6pm  
**Berry:** 8am  
**Bomaderry:** 9.30am  
**Culburra:** Vigil 6pm  
**Vincentia:** Vigil 6pm and 9.30am  
**Kangaroo Valley:** 11am.

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

**Nowra:** Mon 7am Tues, Wed, Thurs 8.15am  
 Fri 7am and 11.30am, Sat. 9am  
**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 (Rosary before)  
**Vincentia:** Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00am/Tues/Wed. 5.30pm.  
**Kangaroo Valley:** Mon/Tues/Thurs and Sat. 11.00am (Divine Office 10.40am), Wed Mass 6.20am (Lauds at 6am)  
**Shoalhaven Heads (Community Centre)** Fri. 3.30pm

**CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION**

**Nowra:** Sat 11.30am – 12.30pm, 5.00-5.30pm  
**Culburra:** Sat 5.30pm, **Berry** Tues. 6.00pm  
**Vincentia:** Sat 11 - 11.30am and 5 – 5.30pm

**2<sup>nd</sup>. Rite of Reconciliation at St. Michael's- Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> – 7.30.p.m.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Nowra:** Fridays 7.00pm.  
**K.Valley:** Fridays 5.00pm.  
**Vincentia:** Following 8.00am Mass each Fri of Lent

**CLERGY OF THE PARISH**

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

**CULBURRA FAMILY GROUP.** On Sun 25 March at 10.00am a walk, beginning and ending at the picnic area of Currarong's 'Bosom Beach' (near the creek) has been organised. If you do not wish to walk, please join us for a picnic lunch at 1.00pm. (Contact Paul & Marg Casey 44464117)

We prayerfully remember: **Ellen Bethe, Ellen (Nel) Wright, Toby Eade** who died recently. Also **Desmond McDevitt** and all whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal



peace.



**OPEN WIDE THE DOORS TO CHRIST** – week 5 – Welcoming Back. We are reminded that “the Gospel is clear: it does not say be ‘civil’ to your enemy, but to love them! Jesus does not exhort us to ‘tolerate’ others just as God has tolerated us, but to **forgive** others just as we have

been forgiven”.

**THE PARISH COMMEMORATION OF THE PASCHAL MEAL**, Sun 1 April – 7.00 for 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

**ALL WELCOME** to this simple and joyous Parish celebration that reminds us of the connections between our Christian beliefs and customs (our Easter mysteries) and the Old Testament Passover.

**Numbers** to Maree McMillan 4421 8516, Peggy 4421 3417 or Francene 4421 5962 by Mon 26 March **please!**

**Note:** We urgently need some helpers to set up the hall on the morning of 1 April.

**PARISH DISABILITY CONNECTIONS VOLUNTEERS** are invited to attend an a/noon or evening session on Wed 28 March at the Parish Centre, 30 North St from 2 – 3.30pm OR 7.30 – 9.00pm. For further details contact Sr Jeanie 0405 158 763

**REMINDERS FOR CATECHISTS** – Please return

- Teacher Engagement Forms
- Any un-needed Activity Books
- Co-ordinators – blue forms
- Urgently needed – a year 6 Teacher's Manual.

Thank you all for your generous work.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** – there will be **NO** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday for April as this is Holy Saturday.

**NOWRA CHURCH OF CHRIST** welcomes Janet Shayesteh who will talk about her family's conversion from Islam to Christianity and Women in Islam, followed by a question time on Tues 3 April 7.30 – 9.15pm. A light supper will be provided.

**SECET - An Appeal for a Christian Casual Teachers** to teach Scripture at local High Schools. Please contact Beth Dodd 4421 8137 (evenings). Remuneration standard rates.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>. **The Feast of the Annunciation**

**THE NEXT YOUNG ADULTS MEETING** will be on Mon 2 April – a prayer night in the Parish Centre (instead of Holy Hour). **All Welcome.**

**WHAT AN AWESOME, INSPIRING NIGHT** last Thursday evening, when the Diocesan Team for World Youth Day gave parishioners from Kiama, Nowra and Milton/Ulladulla a presentation on the lead up to WYD08, and an overview of the great event itself.. The Shoalhaven will be hosting a large number of youth from around the world in the week leading up to WYD08, via billeting and lots of activities. We will also be welcoming the Cross and Icon as it travels around Australia on its way to Sydney Celebrations. If you would like information or would like to get involved – even if it is just to be informed please check out the web site [wyd08woll.org](http://wyd08woll.org) Keep an eye out for the next event – don't miss it next time.



Sharing in Christ's suffering is about sharing in Christ's



resurrection! Through baptism, we are called to walk this same journey of discipleship with Christ. This week **Project Compassion** focuses on Y Re, an ethnic Vietnamese woman who is gaining basic financial skills, hygiene, health, agricultural techniques and animal husbandry. Your donation to Project Compassion will allow

communities like Y Re's to become self-reliant and look forward to a more productive future.

**2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting of Parents** whose children are due to receive their first Holy Communion this year; Wednesday next March 28<sup>th</sup>. - 7.30 in the Parish Hall

Parishioners are invited and encouraged to avail of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation on Friday next March 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's – 7.30.p.m. as an appropriate communal preparation for Holy Week and Easter.