



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.

2nd Sunday of Easter (Yr C)
April 15th 2007

Sunday Masses:

NOWRA : 6.00.Vigil 8.00am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
BERRY 8.00am
BOMADERRY 9.30am
CULBURRA BEAC H Vigil 6.00.p.m.
VINCENTIA : Vigil: 6.00.p.m.,8.00am & 9.30am
KANGAROO VALLEY 11.00am

MASSES DURING THE WEEK –

Nowra: Mon 7am; Tues, Wed, Thurs 8.15am; Fri. 7.00am and 11.30am; Sat. 9.00am.
Berry: Tues. 5.30pm,
Culburra: Thurs 5.30 p.m.
Vincentia: Mon/ Thur/Fri 8.00am Tue/Wed 5.30pm.
Kangaroo Valley: Tues/Thurs/Sat : 11.a.m.
(Divine Office 10.40.a.m.) Wed. 6.20.a.m.
Shoalhaven Heads Friday 3.30p.m.

Confession/Reconciliation :

Nowra: Sat 11.30.-12.30pm. 5.00 - 5.30pm.
Culburra: Sat. 5.30pm. **Berry:** Tues. 6.00pm.
Bomaderry: 1st Fri. 5.15pm.
Vincentia: Sat. 5.00-5.30pm.

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)

YOUNG ADULTS – will next meet on Mon 23 April for Tennis Under Lights. For information please ring Frances 4422 7791 or Jody 4422 3318 **All Welcome.**

Dates to note:

- **Anzac Day Mass** at St. Michael's - 8.00am
- First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Parish on 19/20 May.
- Missions annual Appeal Sun 17 June.
- Confirmation : Sunday 24 June.



We prayerfully remember the recently deceased. Also **Jean Mathers, Stefan Pajak, Fr Leo Stevens and Fr Peter Hill** whose anniversaries occur and all whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- In his Easter message broadcast to millions of people in more than 65 countries Pope Benedict lamented the countless wars, disasters and horrors ravaging the world, including "the continual slaughter" in Iraq and the situation in the Darfur region of Sudan. With all the suffering, evil and injustice plaguing the world, it is possible one's faith in God might be put to the test, just as the apostles' faith in Jesus had been shaken "by the scandal of the cross". But such doubts, fears and disappointments help "purify all false concepts of God" and guide people "to discover his true face. Instead of being a sign of apparent failure, Jesus' passion and death show "the face of a God who, in Christ, has taken upon himself the wounds of injured humanity," he said. "Only a God who loves us to the extent of taking upon himself our wounds and our pain, especially innocent suffering, is worthy of faith." Pope Benedict read his message and gave his blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world) after celebrating Easter morning Mass for about 85,000 people in front of St. Peter's Basilica.



The basilica's steps and central balcony were teeming with colourful tulips, daisies, hyacinths, and blooming trees, all donated by companies in the Netherlands. The pope offered Easter greetings in 62 different languages. During Easter Vigil, Pope Benedict baptized and confirmed six women: two from China, two from Japan, and one each from Cuba and Cameroon. He also baptized the two Chinese women's children -- a small infant and a toddler, both born in Italy. Speaking without a text, the pope said the early Christian theologians considered the greatest sin of the pagan world to be a hardened, insensitive heart. Becoming Christian is to receive a tender heart, "a heart of flesh" that is sensitive and moved by the pain and suffering of others, he said. Pope Benedict left the Vatican Easter afternoon to spend a few days resting at the papal residence in Castel Gandolfo, south of Rome.

Divine Mercy Sunday. "On the 2nd Sunday of Easter (since 2000) the Church invites us to look with confidence to the Father rich in mercy, who raised up for us his Son Jesus and gave us the gift of His consoling Spirit. "(Pope John Paul) Placing greater trust in the Mercy of God ourselves and by showing mercy to others through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, we are invited to experience God's mercy personally in the Sacrament of Penance so that we can in turn be merciful and forgiving to others and so help break the spiral of violence through the miracle of forgiveness..

The Catholic Missions and Caritas- Wollongong Offices have been RELOCATED to the Diocesan Administrative Centre, 2 Bond St., Bellambi

Contributions to the **Good Friday Collection** for the Church's work and the maintenance of the Sacred Shrines and Holy Places in the Holy Land amounted to \$3,240.00

To-date **Project Compassion** donations have reached approximately \$10,000. A sincere thank you for the amount received to-date.

BAY & BASIN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will be participating in a Retreat at Berry Catholic Church Hall on 2 May commencing 10.00am. The Theme is 'Journey of Faith' presented by Sr Bridie O'Connell. Morning tea provided – BYO lunch.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 08 – don't forget to look up the Diocesan Web Site – www.wyd08wooll.org for information about activities in the Diocese.

Regional meetings will be held throughout the Parish to inform parents and candidates about Confirmation, commencing at Berry **Tues 24 April** – 6.30p.m, after Mass and at other centres as 'per' previous notification. Attendance at one of those Meetings is an essential aspect of preparation.