



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.

The Feast of the Ascension (Yr C) 20 May 2007

Sunday Masses:

NOWRA 6pm Vigil; 8am, 9.30am & 6pm
BERRY.....8.00am
BOMADERRY.....9.30am
CULBURRA BEACH 6pm Vigil
VINCENTIA:.....6pm Vigil; & 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.

Holy Hour: Friday 10.30am

Berry: Tues 5.30pm

Culburra: Thurs 5.30pm

Bomaderry: First Friday (only) 5.45pm

Vincentia: Mon/ Thur/Fri 8.00am Tue/ Wed 5.30pm.

Kangaroo Valley: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat : 11am
(Divine Office 10.40am) Wed. 6.20am.

Shoalhaven Heads Friday 3.30pm.

Confession/Reconciliation :

Nowra: Sat 11.30.-12.30pm. 5.00 - 5.30pm.

Culburra: Sat. 5.30pm. **Berry:** Tues. 6.00pm.

B'derry: 1st Fri. 5.15pm.; **K Valley:** Sat. 4.30 - 5pm

Vincentia: Sat. 5 - 5.30pm.

Dates to note:

- **Young Adults Holy Hour** St Michael's: Monday 21 May 8pm with Fr Leo Duck; Supper afterwards.
- **Diocesan Mass** celebration 150th anniversary of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan - Sun 3 June. Cathedral 2pm
- **Missions annual Appeal** Sun 17 June.
- **Confirmation:** Sunday 24 June.



We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Patrick O'Leary** (Shoalhaven Heads), **Carmel Thomas** (Culburra), **Patrick Clyne** and **Bill Egan** (Nowra).

Also **Jean Walsh** and **Joan Ashby** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION is being celebrated in the Parish this weekend. Our sincere thanks to Year Three Teachers at St Michael's, and to our Catechists at all regional centres who have so generously and diligently prepared the children for this special day. We pray that this will be a memorable and blessed occasion for the children and their families.

TAIZE CHANT – Celebrating Pentecost – Fri 25 May 2007 at 7.30pm at St Michael's Church, Nowra to be followed by a cup of tea in the Parish Centre.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea: – at the Home of Voni Muller "Pomona" 360 Prince's Highway Meroo – Thursday 24 May 10am - 12noon. Produce sales table, cakes, jams etc. Raffle. All proceeds to Cancer Research. (Enter via Lamond's Lane off the Princes Highway)

Catholic Women's League, Bay & Basin: will conduct Australia's Biggest Morning Tea after Mass on 27 May. Provision will be made for parishioners to donate at the Vigil Mass. This is a Cancer research Project Australia-wide. Please be generous.

ST MICHAEL'S P & F - Trivia Night on Fri 25 May in the Parish Hall – Cost \$15 per person (tables of 10), which includes nibbles throughout the night, tea & coffee. RSVP by 21 May. Please send money & names to the school office or Phone Barb 0428 632 898. (Forms available at the school office) Don't worry if you haven't got a full team we will put you on a table (with some winners of course!)

ST JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL will be holding a meeting on Tues 22 May at 7.30pm to discuss preparation/organisation of the school's 20th Birthday in 2009. All parents, parishioners, past & present staff & pupils are invited to attend. For information please contact Jo Geer on 4423 1666 (w) or 4234 3567 (h)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SHOP Nowra have a variety of pious gifts suitable for 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation available. Should you require something different don't hesitate to speak to staff.

What was visible in Christ has now passed over into the Sacraments of the Church. (Pope St Leo the Great 5th cent. referring to the Ascension.)

FEAST OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - Patroness of the Church in Australia - Thurs 24 May.

The Feast has been celebrated as such in Australia since 1844. "Through the prayers of Mary Help of Christians grant wisdom to our leaders, and integrity to our citizens Under her protection may Australia be blessed with harmony, justice and peace."



MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS COMMUNITY – CULBURRA will be celebrating their Feastday on Sat 26 May at the Vigil Mass, followed by a light supper in the Hall. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

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



ST VINCENT DE PAUL. This week is National Volunteer Week and the **Sacred Heart Care Conference, B'derry**, really need new members to help with the visiting of sick, aged and lonely in the community. It is not hard work, but very rewarding and only takes a few hours per month of your time. For further information please contact Judy 4421 8565 or Kath 4422 3592.

A NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS have expressed an interest in re-forming a branch of the Catholic Women's League in the Nowra/Berry/Bomaderry area (of course parishioners of other areas are welcome). A meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 May in the Parish Centre at 10.30am. For further information please ring Anne Rouen on 4421 2083 or Marie Hanley 4448 5347 or the Parish Office.

AN INVITATION TO a Diocesan Mass to mark 150th Anniversary of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. Sunday 3 June at 2pm at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, W'gong. The Sisters would appreciate the presence of parishioners and friends from Nowra Parish and those who have worked with them or been taught by them over the years. To assist catering, RSVP on 4253 0900.

New Diocesan Website: After many months of work, we are pleased to announce that the new website for the Diocese of Wollongong is now online: visit www.dow.org.au