



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.

First Sunday of Advent [Year A]

2 December 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 7.00am Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am
 Fri. 7.00am and 11.30am; **Holy Hour:** Friday 10.30am
Berry: Tuesday 5.30pm., **Culburra:** Thurs.5.30pm
Bomaderry: First Friday only 5.45pm (This Friday)
Vincentia: Mon, Thur, Fri 8.00am Tue, Wed 5.30pm.
Kangaroo Valley: 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.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS



- ❖ 8 Dec – Christmas Party following Mass, in the Church grounds. All welcome – please bring a plate.
- ❖ 15 Dec – Combined Churches of Culburra will be holding Christmas Carols at the Culburra School at 7.30pm. All welcome. Supper will be served. More information to follow.
- ❖ **Christmas raffle** – tickets are being sold now – Donations for the hamper will be much appreciated.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HEALING MASS

- ❖ **Vincentia** – Sat 8 Dec, 10.30am, followed by a light luncheon – please bring a plate to share. If anyone needs transport please ring Sr Val on 4441 7035

CATECHISTS' CORNER –

- ❖ Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in becoming catechists. We still need 4 more generous folk. Please ring Lyn 4423 1009 for information.



WORLD YOUTH DAY – The WYD Cross & Icon arrives on **Sat 8 Dec**. You are invited to participate in a **Youth Rock Mass** at St Mary's College Hall, 15 Harbour St, Woll'gong at 7pm. We gather

in thanksgiving and worship with Bishop Peter, the diocesan choir, the **Set Apart Band** and **Joseph Gateau**. Be one of the first to welcome and pray with the WYD Cross and Icon in our diocese.

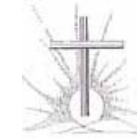
- This will be followed by an **All Night Vigil** in the Cathedral. For more info email Amanda wyd08@nowraparish.org.au

YOUNG ADULTS – will be holding a **Gingerbread House Making night** as a fundraising event towards **WYD08** – on Sat 15 Dec, 7pm in the Parish Hall. Cost - \$25 per kit - includes the house, lollies, wrapping & supper. If you can't make it on the night take-home kits are available for \$20. Best House competition, games & prizes, carols & children's Christmas Play. Tea/coffee provided and cold drinks (\$1 ea). Please provide name, number of people, number of kits (usually one per family/group) and money to the Parish Centre, St John's or St Michael's school front office by Fri 30 Nov. Talk to Shannon 4421 3440 or Frances 4422 7791.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY BOOKSTALLS – anyone owing money to the Society for books purchases, would you please put it into an envelope marked bookstall and hand in to any known Society member, to one of the Priests or to the Parish Office.

SR JEANIE HEININGER will speak at the end of each Mass at St Michael's on the w/end 8/9 Dec about a beautiful book that she has edited "Journey to the Heart. 50 Years 50 Stories". \$30/copy for a 240 page hardcover book with beautiful coloured photos. The book celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Srs of the Good Samaritan. But focuses especially on 50 years of special education at Mater Dei, Narellan. **Why not buy a copy next weekend!**

MAKE A WISH AUSTRALIA have made it possible for Malacy Frawley to produce a short movie "**Max Martly & The Fantastic Group!**" The Movie will be shown at the Roxy Theatre on Sun 9 Dec at 3.15pm. **TICKETS ARE FREE!** Seats must be **pre-booked** at the Roxy or call 4423 5222. Donations to Make-A-Wish Australia can be made on the day.



We prayerfully remember: **Allan Vosti** (Nowra) who died this week; also **Kath Robinson, Frank Hall, Richard Brown,** and **Margaret Pryde** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*

Requiem Mass for Alan Vosti on Monday at 11am at St Michael's.

YOUNG ADULTS' next function will be a "Christmas Party with a Twist" on Mon 17 Dec. Details to follow.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will be holding their Christmas Appeal this weekend. Please be generous in assisting the Society in their work, particularly for the Christmas Season.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Sat 8 Dec** – Lydian Singers, St Patrick's Berry
- Sun 9 Dec – 6pm in the Hall - Annual Disability Awareness Mass.** Parishioners are reminder of the significance of this Mass by way of a community expression of support for those with disabilities and their families.
- Sat 15 Dec** – WYD fund raiser – Ginger Bread House making – St Michael's Hall.
- Wed 19 Dec** – 2nd Rite of Reconciliation, 7pm

ADVENT PROGRAM -

be a gift to others this Christmas

- As we prepare presents and messages, let us pause to consider how we are present to others and what message we are to others. **Called and Gifted by Christ** is a program reflecting on our Christian calling, and also considers how we may share our time, talents and treasure this Christmas. Cost \$1.