



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.

Second Sunday of Advent [Year A]

9 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: Please note: Mass is cancelled this week – Fr Ronan is on retreat.
Shoalhaven Heads Friday 3.30pm.

Weekday Mass times in Kangaroo Valley will change from the **17 December** to the following: Weekdays 8.00am except Wed 6.15am and no Mass Friday. Divine Office is chanted 15 minutes prior to Mass.

Year Six Graduation Mass-St. Michael's – Tuesday at 7.00.p.m.

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:** Cancelled this Sat.
Vincentia: Sat. 5 - 5.30pm.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

- ❖ 15 Dec – Combined Churches of Culburra will be holding Christmas Carols at the Culburra School at 7.30pm. All welcome. Supper will be served. **Christmas raffle** – tickets are being sold now – Donations for the hamper will be much appreciated.
- ❖ The clean-up of the Church both inside and out will take place on **Saturday Dec. 15th**. at 8.30.a.m. Any form of assistance will be much appreciated.



WORLD YOUTH DAY – The WYD Cross & Icon has arrived in Wollongong! There will be an information pack out over the weekend before Christmas and Christmas Mass about Home Stay for WYD08 – look out for it and see how you can become involved. 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. There will be a Best House competition, games & prizes, carols & children's Christmas Play. Tea/coffee provided and cold drinks (\$1 ea).

If you haven't organised to make a Gingerbread House **you can still come along, enjoy the night and support the fundraising** – bring your money and goodwill – there are lots of prizes and tickets will be drawn throughout the night.

If you are taking a kit home you will be able to collect them from the Parish Centre from Fri 14th Dec. Talk to Shannon 4421 3440 or Frances 4422 7791.

SR JEANIE HEININGER will speak briefly at the end of each Mass at St Michael's this weekend about a beautiful book that she has edited "Journey to the Heart. 50 Years 50 Stories". \$30/copy for a 240 page hardcover book. 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!**

ACTIVITY GROUP FOR SIBLINGS WITH DISABILITIES? Are you aged between 8-12 yrs of age and would like to meet others in a similar situation? **Centacare** will be running activity days in January to offer support to you. These will probably be at Horsley near Dapto – if there is sufficient response in the Shoalhaven area an attempt will be made to schedule a group here. For inform contact Jacinta Wall, Disability Advocate 4228 99059

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

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Sun 9 Dec – 6pm in the Hall - Annual Disability Awareness Mass.

Wed 19 Dec – 2nd Rite of Reconciliation, 7pm

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE, NOWRA – next meeting Tues 11 Dec 9.30 for 10.00am start. Christmas lunch at the Wholemeal Inn following the meeting.

PALMS AUSTRALIA is interested in meeting teachers, doctors, nurses and other professional, technical and tradespeople willing to share their skills for one to three years in Asia, Africa or the Pacific. Persons interested in departing 2008 or 2009 need to register their interest now, either online at www.palms.org.au or by calling (02) 9518 9551.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS!

Catholic Mission – light up a child's life – become a Children's Mission Partner and from 50 cents a day help support millions of children all around the world. Freecall 1800 257 286.

Caritas Global Gifts call 1800 024 413. Purchase a Caritas Global Gift for \$50 and you will receive a packet of 5 Christmas tree ornaments which you can give your loved one in place of a present. **TearAustralia** <http://www.usefulgifts.org>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL BOOKSTALL – The last for this year will be held after the 11.00am Mass in Kangaroo Valley next week. Don't forget to get your **Christmas cards and Columban calendar** from the St Vincent de Paul Society before Christmas



We prayerfully remember **Maurie Hanley** (Berry/S' heads) who died on Thursday. Maurie had been an Acolyte for 30 years, and took a very active part in the Church especially in the Berry community. *May he rest in eternal peace.*