



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.

Third Sunday of Advent [Year A]

16 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, Sat 9.00am

Holy Hour: Friday 10.30am

Berry: Tuesday 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 8.00am, Wed 6.15am. Divine Office is chanted 15 mins prior to Mass. No Mass Friday. **Please note changes.**

Shoalhaven Heads No Mass next Friday Dec. 21st or on Fridays during the holiday Period.

Confession/Reconciliation:

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

Culburra: Sat. 5.30pm. **Berry: Sat next Dec. 22nd.** 9.00-10.00.a.m. & Tues. 6.00pm.

B'derry: 1st Fri. 5.15pm.; **K Valley:** Cancelled this Sat.

Vincentia: Sat. 5 - 5.30pm.

The Parish Christmas Newsletter is now available at all Church centres. It contains the Christmas and Holiday Mass Timetable and many interesting articles. We would be grateful if parishioners could distribute some copies to local Motels and Caravan Park offices.



We prayerfully remember **Maurie Hanley** who died last week; **John Lenehan** and **Beryl Ison** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, Culburra -The Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society will conduct their Christmas Appeal on the weekend 29/30 December. Please support the Society in their endeavours to help others.



❖ **“Faith of Our Fathers”** – The iconic Kamahl has produced a CD with the above title and is donating all proceeds to the St Vincent de Paul Society. There are 20 well known hymns, old and new. A great Christmas gift. Available at all St Vincent De Paul shops at \$16.



WORLD YOUTH DAY – The Diocese of W;gong’s Homestay is being launched this w/end. Would you like to host WYD pilgrims? This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome international visitors into your home during WYD08. Be sure to pick up a

flyer and register by visiting wyd08wooll.org or place your completed flyer in the Homestay box (in all Mass Centres). For more info email Amanda.wyd08@nowraparish.org.au

❖ **The Young Adults Group** will be holding a raffle with prizes of approx. \$500/1st prize, \$250/2nd prize and \$120/3rd prize – tickets will be sold after each Mass from Sun 16 Dec drawing the winning tickets after the 6pm Mass on Sun 23 Dec. The winners will be advertised in the Christmas Bulletin. All monies raised will assist youth and young adults attend WYD08.

YOUNG ADULTS’ next function will be a “Christmas Party with a Twist” on Mon 17 Dec. There will be cake and coffee at Michelle’s house. Partners and children welcome. Please bring a dessert to share. RXVP Michelle 4423 0549



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS!

Catholic Mission – Catholic Mission has launched a new online Gift Registry in support of the works of the Missionary Church. Online donors wishing to share their Christmas with the less fortunate in the global community can choose from 3 gift selection categories. Go to www.catholicmission.org.au and access the side menu directly under the Gift Registry Bow on the home page. Ph enquiries 1800 257 296.



THE SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

will be held, in preparation for Christmas on Wednesday next 19 December, **7.00pm** at St Michael’s Church Nowra. There will be 5 priests available for the Sacrament. Parishioners are encouraged to avail of the opportunity as an appropriate preparation for Christmas

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.

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>

Precious works we can so easily take for granted:

Among such works are :Church cleaning, Brassware polishing, Floral arranging, Altar – linen, Church grounds upkeep, Sacristy maintenance. What domestic care and pride is to our homes, such are these works to our Churches - ‘the House of God.’ We are indebted to the many parishioners who faithfully do these works throughout our parish.

Berry : Reconciliation /Confessions Saturday next December 22nd. 9.00-10.00.a.m

Disability Awareness Mass on Sunday evening last at St. Michael’s was well attended, and was for all who attended a most prayerful and uplifting experience. Some parishioners describe it as the Liturgical highlight of the year.



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CATHOLIC MISSION POCKET DIARIES 2008 – the diaries and the Wall Planner are now available from the Catholic Supplies Shop at 88 Kembla St., W;gong or Reception, Catholic Church Offices, 86 Market St. or by contact Mary Hiscox on 4284 0970. The diaries and wall planners are complimentary – stocks are limited.

MARIAN 1ST SATURDAY GROUP – there will be no gathering of the group on Sat 5 Jan. They will resume 2 February 2008.

Come Lord Jesus – may be sung during Advent.

Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus,
Come Lord Jesus, Come and be born in our hearts.

Come, O Prince of Peace, Come, O Prince of Peace,
Come, O Prince of Peace, Come, and be born in our hearts.

Our hearts are open, Our Hearts are open,
Our Hearts are open, Come and be born in our hearts.

Come, Emmanuel, come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel,
Come and be born in our hearts,