



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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent [Year A]

23 December 2007



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Christmas Eve:

Nowra 7.00pm
 Culburra 6.00pm
 Vincentia 6.00pm & 10.00pm
 Kangaroo Valley 9.00pm
 Berry 9.00pm
 Shoalhaven Heads 6.00pm

Midnight Mass – Nowra

Christmas Day:

Nowra 8.00am & 9.30am
 Berry 8.00am
 Bomaderry 9.30am
 Culburra 8.00am
 Vincentia 8.00am & 9.30am
 (Croatian Mass at Vincentia – 12 noon)

Please note: There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day in the Parish.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK –

Nowra: Mon 7.00am, Wed/Thurs 8.15am, Fri. 7.00am & 11.30am, Sat 9.00am
Culburra: Thurs.5.30pm
B'derry: 1st Friday only 5.45pm
Vincentia: Wed 5.30pm, Thur, Fri 8.00am
K/Valley: Mon/Thurs 8.00am, Wed 6.15am. Divine Office is chanted 15 mins prior to Mass. No Mass Friday

Sunday Holiday Masses:

NOWRA 6pm Vigil; 8am,9.30am & 6pm
BERRY 8.00am
BOMADERRY 9.30am
CULBURRA: 6pm Vigil & 8.00am
VINCENTIA 6pm Vigil, 8.00am & 9.30am
KANGAROO VALLEY: 11.00am
SHOALHAVEN HEADS: (Community Centre)... Vigil 6.00pm

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 – 5.00pm
Vincentia: Sat. 5 - 5.30pm.

THANK YOU As an expression of appreciation and gratitude for the support and generosity of so many parishioners throughout the year, and especially at Christmas time, a *Triduum of Masses* will be offered for your intentions and needs over the Christmas season. ***Our prayer is that you and your families will have a blessed, peaceful and joyful Christmas.*** (Frs. Pat, Richard, Ronan, and Leo).

CHRISTMAS MASS 2ND COLLECTION – a portion of the second collection is distributed to some of the Nursing Homes in the area to assist in caring for the aged. Among the residents are many parishioners; we will also contribute towards the Linear Accelerator.

WORLD YOUTH DAY – The Diocese of W'gong's **HomeStay** has been launched. Would you like to host WYD pilgrims? This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome international visitors into your home in the days before WYD08 (10-14 July). 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

Diocesan Youth & Young Adults Forum: discussing our approach to youth ministry leading to WYD and beyond (creating a plan for post WYD08). Come share your insights and wisdom. All ages are welcome. Wed 30 Jan 7.30pm – 9.00pm at the Catholic Church Offices, Market St, Wollongong.



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

THE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP is conducting a raffle with prizes totalling - \$549/1st prize, \$250/2nd prize and \$120/3rd prize – tickets will be sold after each Mass concluding weekend 19/20 Jan. The winners will be announced through Bulletin. Tickets - \$2 each or 3 for \$5.00. All monies raised will assist youth and young adults attend WYD08.

1ST SATURDAY Marian Devotions – will resume 2 February 2008.



Mass will be offered over the Christmas period for all parishioners who have died over the past 12 months. May they rest in eternal peace.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS IN NOWRA – will have the customary participation of 'angels and shepherds' to assist in the celebrations. If any primary school children would like to participate please contact Maggie 4423 2725.

PARISHIONERS who are going overseas soon for 12 months would like to sell their 1998 Tarago with 150,000km. If interested please phone Maggie 0408 423 958. \$14,500 ono. Pink slip available.

JOURNEY TO THE HEART – 2008 LENTEN PROGRAM – As Ash Wednesday is on the 6 Feb next year we need to get **Lenten groups** organised over the Christmas break. You will find sheets for Nowra/B'derry at the Church doors – those in outlying centres should contact the usual people. For any enquiries please contact Peggy 44213417 or Francene 44215962 after 7pm. We are once again using the Diocesan program — entitled **Journey to the Heart** — an Australian Pilgrimage to renew our life in Christ and with one another. It is a wonderful lead in to the journey of the cross and icon and to WYD08.