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Sacred Heart, Bomaderry; Mary, Help of Christians, Culburra; St Joseph, Kangaroo Valley; Holy Spirit, Vincentia.

Feast of the Holy Family [Year A]

30 December 2007

The Feast Of The Holy Family



Sunday Masses: (Holiday time): **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
K/VALLEY:.....11.00am
S/HAVEN HEADS: Vigil 6.00pm
 (S/Heads Community Centre)

Feastdays :

Tuesday, Jan. 1*. Feast of Mary the Mother of God (New Year's Day)- a World day of prayer for Peace

MASSES DURING THE WEEK –

Nowra: Mon 7.00am Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am
 Fri. 7.00am and 11.30am, Sat 9.00am

Berry: Tuesday 9.00., **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.

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.



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.



We prayerfully remember **Fay Tritton** (Callala) all who died this week; also **Betty Conan** and **Yvette Tito** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*

WYD 08 – 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 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 –. The winners will be announced through Bulletin. All monies raised will assist youth and young adults attend WYD08.

JOURNEY TO THE HEART LENTEN PROGRAM



– As Lent begins on the 6 Feb 2008 we need to get **Lenten groups** organised over the holiday break. Sheets for Nowra/B'derry at the Church doors; for the other centres please check with the usual contact persons. Enquiries – please contact Peggy 44213417 or Francene 44215962. The Diocesan program is – **Journey to the Heart**-an Australian Pilgrimage to renew our life in Christ and with one another. It would be a wonderful lead in to the journey of the cross and icon and to WYD08.

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Archbishop of Westminster, who received Tony Blair into full communion with the Catholic Church before Christmas said: "I am very glad to welcome Tony Blair into the Catholic Church. For a long time he has been a regular worshipper at Mass with his family and in recent months he has been following a program of formation to prepare for his reception into full communion. "My prayers are with him, his wife and family at this joyful moment in their journey of faith together."

The Vatican has appointed a new Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – Archbishop Giuseppe Lazzarotto who was born in Vicenza (Italy) in 1942 and was ordained a priest on April 1, 1967.

THE HUMAN FAMILY, A COMMUNITY OF PEACE: an extract from the message of Pope Benedict.

1. At the beginning of a New Year, I wish to send my fervent good wishes for peace, together with a heartfelt message of hope to men and women throughout the world. I do so by offering for our common reflection the theme which I have placed at the beginning of this message. It is one which I consider particularly important: *the human family, a community of peace*. The first form of communion between persons is that born of the love of a man and a woman who decide to enter a stable union in order to build together a *new family*. But the peoples of the earth, too, are called to build relationships of solidarity and cooperation among themselves, as befits members of the one *human family*: "All peoples"—as the [Second Vatican Council](#) declared—"are one community and have one origin, because God caused the whole human race to dwell on the face of the earth (cf. Acts 17:26); they also have one final end, God"⁽¹⁾.



The family, society and peace: 2. The natural family, as an intimate communion of life and love, based on marriage between a man and a woman, constitutes "the *primary place of 'humanization'* for the person and society", and a "*cradle of life and love*". The family is therefore rightly defined as the first natural society, "*a divine institution that stands at the foundation of life of the human person as the prototype of every social order*".

Bishop Peter Ingham wishes to visit the Parish and celebrate some Parish Masses over the next two week-ends. My suggestion for next weekend will be Culburra (Vigil), with Berry and Bomaderry on Sunday morning.

