



**St Michael's Parish**, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: [office@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:office@nowraparish.org.au)

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent [Year A]

24 February 2008

**Sunday Masses:**

**NOWRA** ..... 6pm Vigil; 8am, 9.30am & 6pm  
**BERRY** ..... 8.00am  
**BOMADERRY** ..... 9.30am  
**CULBURRA** ..... 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

**Morning Prayer:** Wed 7.50am; **Holy Hour:** Fri 10.30am

**Berry:** Tues 5.30pm..... **Culburra:** Thurs 5.30pm

**Bomaderry:** First Friday only 5.45pm

**Vincentia:** Mon, Thur, Fri 8.00am, Tues /Wed 5.30pm

**S'haven Heads;** Friday 3.30.p.m.

**Kangaroo Valley:** ..... Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 8.00am;  
 Wed 6.15am. Divine Office is chanted 15 mins prior to  
 Mass. No Mass on Fridays.

**Confession/Reconciliation**

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

**Culburra:** Sat. 5.30pm. **Berry:** Tues 6.00pm

**B'derry:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri. 5.15pm.; **K'Valley:** Sat 4.30 – 5.00pm

**Vincentia: Lent - Sat.** 11.00 – 11.30am & 5 - 5.30pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

**St Michael's Nowra:** Fridays at 7.00pm

**Vincentia:** After the 8.00am Mass each Fri of Lent

**K/Valley:** Stations and Benediction Friday 5.00pm

**CLERGY OF THE PARISH:**

**Phone**

Fr Patrick Faherty PP	4423 1712
Fr Richard Healey (Nowra)	4423 1712
Fr Leo Duck (Vincentia)	4441 5571
Fr Ronan Kilgannon (Kangaroo Valley)	

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2009**

- **ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL** – applications for enrolment for 2009 are available from the School Office from Mon 18 Feb. Interviews in May.
- **ST JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL** – applications accepted from 5 March to 28 March. Open Night and Inform. Evening on Tues 4 March at 7pm in the School Hall. Enquiries Mrs Josephine Geer 4423 1666

**THE CULBURRA FAMILY GROUP'S** next function – Ben's Walk, Sun 2 March at 10.30am, meeting at Nowra Showground's river lookout - bring a picnic lunch to share. All Welcome. ( Marg and Paul Casey)



**A JOURNEY TO THE HEART**

Most of us can identify with the opening words of week 4 – “The journey towards new life is full of struggle and hardship. We can feel very much in the dark”. The

reflection in the program suggests there are “signposts” and “waterholes” to help us on the way. We just need to stay alert and be open to the guidance God offers.

**Lenten Group Leaders** – a reminder to organise your groups for the Paschal Meal – 16 March. Numbers should be given to Maree McMillan 4421 8516, Peggy 4421 3417 or Francene 4421 5962. Final numbers by Mon 10 March.

**Young Adult Group** – Lenten Program – meet in the Parish Centre on Mon 3 March.

**“COME & SEE”** Spirituality Program – **for men and women** - will resume on Wed 27 Feb, 6.30pm-8.00pm at the Parish Centre – followed by supper (please bring a plate of finger food to share). The focus for February is “Balance & Harmony – restoring the sacred rhythm of rest”. Information - Moira 4423 6077 or Liz 4422 1279. Future gatherings will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of each month.

**For Lease: PARISHIONERS** have a one b/room flat, fully furnished in B'derry to rent; – car accommodation, non smoker, references necessary. Phone 4423 6151.

**CATECHISTS' INFORMATION - Level 1** course will run on 3, 10, 17 March and 7, 28 April, 5 May at the Parish centre 9.30 – 2.00pm. BYO lunch. Please return unused books.



We prayerfully remember all who died in the past week: **Edith Ashby** (Roseby Park/Orient Pt.), **Margaret Higlett**, (Orient Pt). Also **Ramon Petilla** whose anniversary occurs at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*

**PARISH DISABILITY CONNECTIONS** – all volunteers and families connected with special needs are invited to a luncheon meeting on Tues 4 March in the Parish Centre 12.30 – 2pm. For catering purposes please ph 4654 8709 or email [jheininger@materdei.org.au](mailto:jheininger@materdei.org.au)

**1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY MARIAN DEVOTIONS** – 1 March commencing 8.30am. Everyone most welcome.

**‘YOUTH MINISTRY’** After much thought & deliberation the Parish Pastoral Council, with the support of Fr Pat has decided to initiate a process to develop both a strategic plan and the structure to implement a ‘youth ministry’ within our wide and diverse parish with a view to building on the outcomes of WYD08.

The Council needs to identify interested people (both youth and adults) from each of the parish centres willing to assist in the development and implementation of the strategy. If you are interested in becoming part of this much needed and indeed exciting new Youth initiative, please call Grant Gleeson (Secretary) on 0411 039 941 or send an email [ggleeson@mh.com.au](mailto:ggleeson@mh.com.au). Following the reception of expressions of interest, a meeting of interested parishioners will be convened as soon as is practicable. At that meeting the concept of the draft strategy will be presented and explained.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – 7 March. This year's country is Guyana and the theme is “God's Wisdom provides new understanding”

- **MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS, CULBURRA** – 10.00am - speaker Fr Ron Peters. Morning tea provided in the hall. Help with sandwiches, cakes etc. will be appreciated.
- **ST MICHAEL'S, NOWRA** – 2.30pm (in the Church) - speaker Fr Ronan Kilgannon. Afternoon tea will follow in the Parish Centre
- **BERRY** – 10.15am morning tea – Liturgy at 11am in St Patrick's Church – speaker Fr Ronan Kilgannon.
- **VINCENTIA** – 10.00am at Uniting Church, Meriton St., St Georges Basin

**ST MICHAEL'S – CHOIR for Holy Week & Easter Liturgies** – if you would like to participate please join the group on Thursdays at 5pm in the Church

**WYD08 – SOME AMAZING EVENTS COMING UP!**

**Camp Out with Cross & Icon** Sat 29 - Sun 30 March. Where: Glenmack Park Camping Ground, Kangaroo Valley. Cost: \$10 for camping (further costs for cabins & canoeing). Includes a 7.30pm Mass on the riverbank with Bishop Peter. Families are welcome!





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**Light of the Cross Festival** Fri 4 April from 5.00pm.

Large festival at WIN Entertainment Centre as part of our Journey of the Cross & Icon celebrations, including hundreds of talented young people and featuring a major act



### **PROJECT COMPASSION 2008**

Caritas Australia, through Project Compassion, works with communities in ways that respect, enhance and build their dignity. This week's story takes us to West Java, Indonesia and

gives us an insight into the struggles, hardships and commitment of Masna and her family. With the support of Caritas they now have clean water and basic toilet facilities, enabling them to look forward to the future with improved health.

**WARATAH DAY CLUB B'DERRY** – a Senior's Day Club meeting every Mon 10am – 2pm in the B'derry RSL Club. Morning tea & lunch provided – cost \$5 ea. week. Information call Sandra 4422 5342, Tony 4422 3592

**HYMN SINGING FOR ALL** – at All Saints Anglican Church from 2-3pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Sun of every month – all the old favourites.

**SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB W'GONG** – speaker Bishop Geoffrey Robinson at the Bulli Heritage Hotel, Princes Hwy, Bulli – Tues 26 Feb 7.30-9.00pm. More Info: Peter 0439 918 307 or Janet 4283 1722