



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.

**First Sunday of Advent
(Cycle A) - 28 November 2010**

Sunday Masses:

Nowra Vigil 6^{pm}; 8^{am} 9.30^{am} & 6^{pm}
Berry:.....8^{am} Bomaderry :.....9.30^{am}
Culburra Beach..... Vigil 6^{pm}
Vincentia Vigil 6^{pm} & 9.30^{am}
Kangaroo Valley..... 11^{am}

Weekday Masses:

Nowra Mon 7^{am}Tues, Wed & Thurs 8.15^{am}
 Friday 7^{am} & 11.30^{am}Sat 9^{am}
Morning Prayer Wed 7.50^{am}Adoration Fri 10.30^{am}
Berry Tues 5.30^{pm}Culburra Thurs 5.30^{pm}
Vincentia Mon, Thurs, Fri 8^{am}Tues, Wed 5.30^{pm}
Shoalhaven Heads Community Centre.....Fri 3.30^{pm}
Kangaroo Valley: Tues, Thurs 8^{am}, Wed 6.15^{am}. *Divine office is prayed 15 mins before Mass.*

Please note Saturday Dec 11- St Michael's- morning Mass at 8.00.a.m. No Reconciliation that morning, due to Diaconate ordination in Wollongong.

Confession ~ Reconciliation

Nowra Sat 9.30^{am}-10.30^{am} & 5^{pm}- 5.30^{pm}
Culburra Beach Sat 5.30^{pm} **Berry** Tues 6^{pm}
Kangaroo ValleySat 4.30 – 5^{pm}
Vincentia..... Sat 5^{pm} – 5.30^{pm}

We prayerfully remember **Geoff Wilkins (Berry), Hazel Keys (Nowra) and Christopher Zweerman** who died this week. May they rest in eternal peace.



We invite parishioners to remember in prayer the Zweerman family, who tragically lost their son Christopher in a motor cycle accident two weeks ago in Canberra. Christopher, a Canadian, was a first year medical student on the Shoalhaven Campus. His parents have travelled from Canada to Nowra for a Memorial Liturgy for their son.

FEASTDAYS: Tues 30 Nov - **Andrew**, apostle
 Fri 3 Dec - **Francis Xavier**, priest

ST VINCENT de PAUL: The Little Blue Books for Advent are available in the churches this weekend. The cost is **\$3** with proceeds going to St Vincent de Paul.

We have a limited number of the **Diocesan Advent Program 'Advent Vigilance: A Life-Saving Attentiveness to God'** available for sale. This is a four week program, reflecting on the Advent Gospels, for small group or personal use. **Cost** is \$2.

Disability Inclusion Mass The annual Mass will be held on Sun Dec 12 at 10.30am at the cathedral. If you would like a role in this special Mass please ring Jacinta Wall on 42289059.

CATECHISTS' MASS: Monday 29th at St Michael's 9.30.a.m. All are very welcome. *Please pray that many generous people will join the Ministry. Next year 6 new Catechists will be needed in order to continue scripture lessons in the State Schools. You are invited to register your expression of interest by contacting Lyn on 4423 1009.*

History was made in the Wollongong Diocese this week when Bishop Peter ordained Peter Presdee a married man as a permanent Deacon, in his home Parish of Mt Carmel, Varroville on Sat Nov 27th.

Bishop Peter has appointed Peter as Catholic Chaplain at the South Coast Correctional Centre. Peter was formerly the Manager of the Nagle Centre in Campbelltown, a special project of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Presentation Sisters. Both Peter and his wife Robyn eagerly look forward to joining the Parish community at St. Michaels in early December.

Duane Fernandez warmly invites all parishioners to his **Ordination to the Diaconate, Dec 11, 10.30^{am}**, St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. Please **RSVP** on duanefernandez@hotmail.com or 0414 626 357 for catering purposes (morning tea).

Bay & Basin CWL Christmas Stall will be held before and after each mass on **4 & 5 Dec. Monster Raffle: beautiful baskets** – 3 tickets for \$5.

Bay & Basin CWL will meet Thurs 2nd Dec at home of Mary O'Connor, 324 Elizabeth Dr, Vincentia, for BYO lunch at 12 noon, 1pm start. **New members most welcome – note change of venue.** Contact Eileen 4443 8008

PARISH DISABILITY CONNECTIONS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:

All volunteers and families who have members with additional needs are invited to a Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday 8 Dec at the Parish Centre between 12 noon and 1.30 to celebrate the coming great Feast of Christmas and share new ideas for 2011. **NEW FAMILIES ARE WELCOME.** For catering purposes please phone 46548709 or email jeanieh@materdei.org.au ASAP.

Geoff Wilkins: It is with a deep sense of sadness and loss that I write to let parishioners know of the death of Geoff Wilkins (Berry), on Thursday evening. We offer to his beloved wife Lillian and to the family our sincerest and prayerful sympathy. As a couple Geoff and Lillian have made a most enriching contribution to St Patrick's community. Geoff had a heart-felt love and appreciation of the Liturgy. May he now enjoy to the full the mysteries he so lovingly and faithfully celebrated on earth. (Fr Pat)



Having taken a number of significant factors into consideration, especially the number of Masses at Christmas throughout the parish, we have decided, not without a certain reluctance, that this year **we will not have Mid-Night Mass at St Michael's.** We will however have two Vigil Masses: 7.00 p.m. & 10.00p.m.

The St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal will be conducted in Nowra and Bomaderry next weekend. We encourage parishioners to be as supportive and as generous as you can to this deserving cause.



First Saturday Marian Devotions on 4 Dec Mass at 9^{am} followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction at 10.30^{am}. Morning tea is available in the Parish Centre. Everyone is most welcome.



Lost: Gold wedding band outside St Michael's Church last Friday afternoon. Phone: 0401 733 498



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Card Players: A group meets on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 9^{am} in the Parish Centre to play “500”. New players are invited to join. **Contact** Margaret Hardie 4422 6340.

Pope Benedict will celebrate a **Vigil for All Nascent (unborn) Human Life, Sat, 27 Nov**, in St Peter's Basilica. The Pope is asking all Catholics to join him in spirit by praying for the protection of every unborn human being called into existence. With the commencement of Advent this is a fitting time to reflect on the sacredness of life in the spirit of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pregnant with the unborn Saviour,



‘**A Prayer Newsletter**’, a new service, contains sections on: prayer to start meetings, prayer in difficult times, personal prayer, prayer group aides and other prayer resources. It can be found on the CathNews website www.cathnews.com.au