



St Michael's Parish | 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

Sunday Masses:

Nowra.....Vigil 6^{pm}; 8^{am} 9.30^{am} & 6^{pm}
Berry.....8^{am}; **Bomaderry**.....9.30^{am}
Culburra BeachVigil 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.*

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 Valley Sat 4.30 – 5^{pm}
Vincentia..... Sat 5^{pm} – 5.30^{pm}

We prayerfully remember those who died this week: **Geoff Wilkins, Mary Elms, Hazel Keys, and Cecily Campbell (Dapto)** Also **Krystyn Brimmer, Margaret Pryde and Maurie Hanley** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.



St Michael's Parish Contacts

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Fr Leo Duck, <i>Resident in Vincentia</i>	4441 5571
Fr Ronan Kilgannon, <i>Resident in Kangaroo Valley</i>	
Mrs Liz Nimmo, <i>Secretary (Part time)</i>	4423 1712
Mrs Cath Elton, <i>Secretary (Part time)</i>	4423 1712
Sr Margaret Prendergast sgs	4421 2260
Sr Patricia Lawless sgs	4421 2260
Sr Val Green rsc	4441 7035
Mrs Lyn West, <i>Catechist Coordinator</i>	4423 1009
St Michael's Primary School	4421 3630
St John the Evangelist High School	4423 1666

FEASTDAYS: Tues 7 Dec: **Ambrose**, bishop
 Wed 8 Dec: **Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary**



St Michael's, Year 6 **Thanksgiving Mass** will be held on Tuesday evening at 6^{pm}.

Christmas Youth Group. Final Youth Group for the Year. A Night of Pizza, fun and games in the Parish Centre, Friday 10 December, 6:30-8:30^{pm}. Note the extended time. Please dress up in Christmas Gear, and bring \$5 towards Pizza and dessert to share. **Come and Celebrate!** For more information email: youth@nowraparish.org.au or call 0422 201 054.



A Critical Challenge to the Sacredness of Marriage in view of current Political Debate:

On 15 November 2010 a motion was tabled in the House of Representatives by the Greens Party member, Adam Bandt. This was successfully amended by the Government member Mr Stephen Jones (Member for Throsby, Dapto) as follows:



"This House calls on all parliamentarians, consistent with their duties as representatives, to gauge their constituents' views on ways to achieve equal treatment for same sex couples including marriage."

Bishop Peter on the recommendation of the Bishops' Conference has asked that a petition sheet be made available to parishioners to support the uniqueness and sacredness of Marriage. This petition is specifically focused on defending the unique, traditional and sacred institution of marriage, which of its nature is the very basis of family and society.

It is not a judgment of individual's sexual orientation. And as we are aware, there is variety of domestic arrangements now legally supported in Australia.

Bishop Peter strongly encourages parishioners to sign the petition Sheet available in our Church at this time.

Due to a family emergency (for which he urgently has to travel overseas) **Duane Fernandez has received permission from Bishop Peter Ingham to postpone his ordination to the Diaconate**, which was to have been held on 11 December 2010. Duane apologizes for any inconvenience caused, and will inform you of a new date for his ordination as soon as possible. I know you will keep Duane and his family in your prayers. *From the Bishop's Office.*

The annual **Disability Inclusion Mass** to celebrate the gifts of people with disabilities will be held Sun **12 Dec** at 10.30^{am} at the Cathedral. If you would like a role in this special Mass please ring Jacinta Wall on 4228 9059.



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.

PARISH DISABILITY CONNECTIONS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:

All volunteers and families who have members with additional needs are invited to a Christmas Luncheon, Wed **8 Dec** at the Parish Centre, 12 noon - 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.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIME-TABLE

Christmas Eve - Friday 25 December 2010

Vigil Masses

Nowra: 7.00pm and 10.00pm

Culburra: 6.00pm

Vincentia: 6.00pm and 8.00pm

Kangaroo Valley: 9.00pm

Berry (Albert St): 9.00pm

Shoalhaven Heads (Community Centre): 6.00pm



Christmas Day - Saturday 25 December

Nowra: 8.00am and 9.30am

Berry: 8.00am Bomaderry: 9.30am

Culburra: 8.00am

Vincentia: 8.00am and 9.30am

Please note: There is no evening/vigil Mass on Christmas Day - 25 December

Summer Mass Timetable

Sunday 26 Dec 2010 - Sunday 23 January 2011

Vigil Masses (Saturday)

Nowra: 6.00pm

Culburra: 6.00pm

Vincentia: 6.00pm

Shoalhaven Heads *6.00pm **Community Centre Mass only on Sat. Jan 1st and 8th 2011**

Sunday Masses

Nowra: 8.00am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

Berry: 8.00am Bomaderry 9.30am

Culburra: 8.00 a.m., and at 9.30.a.m on the 26th only

Vincentia: 8.00am & 9.30am

Kangaroo Valley: 11.00am



The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated at St Michael's on Wednesday December 15th at 7.00.p.m. Four priests will be available of individual Confession. Parishioners are encouraged to avail of this opportunity as an appropriate

Sacramental preparation for Christmas.

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



Culburra Christmas Church Cleaning, inside and outside, will be conducted **Sat 11 Dec at 8.30^{am}**. All help would be appreciated.

The **combined churches of Culburra** will be holding 'Carols on the Lawn' at **St John's Church** on Sunday **12 December** at 6^{pm}. All welcome.



Christmas Eve Mass: We are looking for **Angels and Shepherds** for the **Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 7^{pm}, Friday 24 December**. If you have a primary school age child who would like to participate in this special

mass **please bring them to the practice on Wednesday 22 December at 10^{am}** in St Michael's School Hall. *Parents must stay to supervise their children*. No wings or tinsel for angels please. For further info **contact** Roseanne 4446 0349 or Annette 0438 831 472.

Columban Calendar: The 2011 Columban Calendar is **now available** in the church foyer, or at the SVdeP shop in Nowra, for only \$7. *Buy one of the best religious calendars and you will be helping our missionaries at the same time.* This calendar also makes an excellent gift.



Deidre & Richard Sedman are holding a free **Christmas Concert** on **12 December at 2^{pm} at Vincentia Golf Club**. In the first half Deidre's students perform a *variety of musical pieces* which are most enjoyable. The second half consists of *Christmas Carols* in which all are encouraged to join. Sheets with the lyrics are provided. It finishes around 4.30 or 5^{pm}

Nowra CWL will have their next meeting on Tuesday **14 December** in the Parish Centre. Morning tea will be available from 9.30^{am} and the meeting will start at 10^{am}. *Please note: there will be no meeting in January 2011.* **The CWL would like to thank all parishioners for their support throughout the year and wish everyone a happy Christmas.**

Musicians: Please note that the printing of music to accompany the new translation of the Roman Missal is currently being undertaken by various printers. Because the music has not been available up until this point the Diocesan Liturgical Commission has had to **postpone the Music Workshop**. *In the meantime the Diocesan Mass settings will be selected.* The Music Workshop for introduction of new Mass settings will take place on **Saturday 19 February 2011**. **Please reserve that date.**



Journey magazine is available this weekend. This issue includes: Photos and stories from the Mary MacKillop diocesan Mass and pilgrimage to Rome; the latest on diocesan pastoral planning; and the ordination of our first married deacon for the Diocese. *Journey* is also available on the diocesan website: www.dow.org.au.

Preparation for the New Translation of the Missal. The DVD (computer only) "*Become one Body One Spirit in Christ*" is now available to assist with a renewal in catechesis on the Eucharist. This catechesis is a preparation for the implementation of the new translation of the Missal which will take place from Pentecost 2011. *Leaders are needed from each Parish.* These leaders need to be people familiar with computers and data projectors. They may be called upon to screen the DVD for various groups or to conduct a series of small group sessions using the DVD. A training session will take place on Saturday 12 February 2011. If you would like to be involved contact the Parish Office.



The **Culburra Family Group's** next function will be a **Christmas dinner** at Noel Reid's home at Currarong at 12.00 on Sunday 12 December. Please bring food to share. For more information, please contact Margaret or Paul Casey (4446 4117).