



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
(Cycle A) - 19 December 2010

Sunday Masses Regular timetable:

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}

Masses this Week:

Nowra Mon 7^{am}Tues, Wed & Thurs 8.15am.
Friday : 7.00.a.m.
Berry Tues 5.30^{pm}**Culburra** Thurs 5.30^{pm}
Vincentia Mon, 8^{am}Tues, Wed 5.30^{pm}
Kangaroo Valley: Tues, Thurs 8^{am}, Wed 6.15^{am}. *Divine office is prayed 15 mins before Mass.*

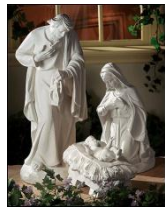
Confession ~ Reconciliation leading up to Christmas.

Nowra : Tues/Wed/Thurs. following Morning Mass until 9.30^{am}, Wed 22nd. 12.00 – 1.00^{pm}.
Berry : Following Mass Tues : 6^{pm}
Culburra Beach Thurs 23rd following Mass : 6.00^{pm}

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME-TABLE

Christmas Eve - Friday 25
(Please note No Mid-Night Mass at St Michael's Nowra)

Vigil Masses
Nowra: 7.00pm and 10.00.pm
Culburra: 6.00pm
Vincentia: 6.00pm and 8.00pm
Kangaroo Valley: 9.00pm
Berry : 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

Up to and including - 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 Sunday Dec. 26th only)
Vincentia: 8.00am & 9.30am
Kangaroo Valley: 11.00am

Sunday Dec. 26th. Fest of the Holy Family

We prayerfully remember **Dallas Carberry** **Orient Point** who died this week, after a long illness. (Funeral Wed. Culburra at 10.a.m.)
 Also **Alice Donogher** whose anniversary occurs. May they rest in eternal peace.



Christmas Eve Mass: Children who would like to participate as **Angels or Shepherds** for the **Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 7^{pm}, Friday 24 December** are asked to attend 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 information **contact** Roseanne 4446 0349 or Annette 0438 831 472.



VATICAN CITY, DEC. 15, 2010 (Zenit.org).- Pope Benedict spoke to the sick, noting how in their illnesses they "share with Christ the weight of the cross." "May the forthcoming Christmas celebrations bring serenity and comfort," he told them.

Sacred Heart Community, Bomaderry:

Thank you to each of the generous and committed parishioners who enable residents of Shoalhaven Nursing Home to attend weekly mass at Bomaderry by providing support with wheelchairs, walkers etc. Your help is very much appreciated.



HSC 2010 Achievements: St John the Evangelist Catholic High School community congratulates the Class of 2010 for their outstanding HSC results. Our students received 34 Band 6's over 17 subjects, and 187 Band 5's. Twenty of our subjects scored above the state average. We are extremely proud of the Year 12 Class of 2010.



Jamie Pisani - Dux of School, ATAR 98.85
 Samantha White - 1st Place in State - Indonesian Beginners
 Thomas Robertson - Major Works selected for ArtExpress 2011 and DesignTech 2011 Exhibitions
 Kieran Butler - Major Works selected for ArtExpress 2011
 Kirstyn Dryer - Selected to audition for Board of Studies Encore concert for Singing.

Christmas Collection: As has been our parish practice for many years, the greater proportion of Christmas Day second collections will be donated to Church Aged Care Facilities in the Shoalhaven, and to Caritas to assist in regions of the world that suffered major natural disasters during the year.

Let Nothing Disturb You!

When we find ourselves under pressure, it is good to recall this reflection by St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) which echoes the refrain of Jesus: 'Peace be with you!' 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.' 'Do not be afraid!' *Let nothing disturb you; Let nothing frighten you; All things pass away; God never changes. Patience attains all that it strives for. Those who have God find they lack nothing. God alone suffices.'*

Culburra Beach St V. De Paul Annual Appeal will be conducted on the first week-end of January.2011



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Card Players: A group meets in the Parish Centre to play “500”. New players are invited. Please **Contact** Margaret Hardie on 4422 6340 if you are interested in joining and would like to discuss a suitable time.

A Gift for Christmas? The Diocese of Wollongong has a selection of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop memorabilia featuring the unique icon commissioned for the canonisation. Mugs, candles, icons, key rings, magnets and button badges are all available. Please visit the online store at www.dow.org.au or contact Loretta Brinkman on 4253 0809



EASTERN TURKEY TOUR: Father Wim Hoekstra, Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will be leading a **pilgrimage tour to Eastern Turkey from July 2 to 21, 2011**. The tour will include Tarsus (birthplace of St Paul), Antioch (“where they were first called Christians”), Haran (links with Abraham), Mount Ararat (Noah's Ark), and many other cultural and historical places associated with the history of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. **For brochures, enquires or information please ring** Fr Wim on (02) 8839 8420 or e-mail wim@stpatcathedral.com.au