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**Website: [nowraparish.org.au](http://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.

**Third Sunday (Year A)**

**23 January 2011**

**Sunday Masses: Regular Time-table**

<b>Nowra</b> .....	Vigil 6 <sup>pm</sup> ; 8 <sup>am</sup> 9.30 <sup>am</sup> & 6 <sup>pm</sup>
<b>Berry</b> .....	8 <sup>am</sup>
<b>Bomaderry</b> .....	9.30 <sup>am</sup>
<b>Culburra Beach</b> .....	Vigil 6 <sup>pm</sup>
<b>Vincentia</b> .....	Vigil 6 <sup>pm</sup> & 9.30 <sup>am</sup>
<b>Kangaroo Valley</b> .....	11 <sup>am</sup>

**The Holiday Timetable concludes this week-end**

**Weekday Masses:**

<b>Nowra</b> Mon 7 <sup>am</sup> .....	Tues, Wed & Thurs 8.15 <sup>am</sup>
Friday 7 <sup>am</sup> & 11.30 <sup>am</sup> .....	Sat 9 <sup>am</sup>
<b>Berry</b> Tues 5.30 <sup>pm</sup> .....	<b>Culburra</b> Thurs 5.30 <sup>pm</sup>
<b>Vincentia</b> Mon, Thur, Fri 8 <sup>am</sup> .....	Tues, Wed 5.30 <sup>pm</sup>
<b>Kangaroo Valley</b> .....	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat 8 <sup>am</sup>
Wed 6.15 <sup>am</sup> .....	Divine Office is prayed 15 mins before Mass.

**Mass at Shoalhaven Heads will resume on Friday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Confession ~ Reconciliation**

<b>Nowra</b> .....	Sat 9.30 <sup>am</sup> -10.30 <sup>am</sup> & 5 <sup>pm</sup> - 5.30 <sup>pm</sup>
<b>Culburra Beach</b> Sat 5.30 <sup>pm</sup> .....	<b>Berry</b> Tues 6 <sup>pm</sup>
<b>Kangaroo Valley</b> .....	Sat 4.30 – 5 <sup>pm</sup>
<b>Vincentia</b> .....	Sat 5 <sup>pm</sup> – 5.30 <sup>pm</sup>

We prayerfully remember the faithful departed. The recently deceased: **George Sandy** (England – brother of Pauline Nield). Also **Vic Sutherland, Eithne Wood, Milton Mitchell, Theodoro Labrador, Lily & Bob Davison**, and members of the **Garvin, McGrath & Davison families** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.



**Feastdays:**

- Mon 24 Jan, **St Frances de Sales**, bishop;
- Tues 25 Jan, **Conversion of St Paul**, apostle;
- Wed 26 Jan, **Australia Day**;
- Fri 28 Jan; **St Thomas Aquinas**, priest, doctor.



**First Saturday Marian Devotions 5 Feb.** Mass at 9<sup>am</sup> followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction at 10<sup>30</sup>. Morning tea is available in the Parish Centre. Everyone is most welcome

**Queensland Flood Disaster:** Including a number



of large individual donations, the amount raised in last weekend's collection totalled \$11,800. A big 'Thank You!'. Your most generous response will assist Queensland's St Vincent de Paul to provide relief and support to

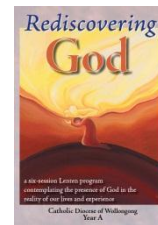
the thousands of people so severely affected by the devastating floods.

**A Prayer for Australia Day:**

God of all Nations on this Australia Day we pray for the leaders and citizens of our Nation: together may we be formed by the Gospel and come to appreciate the great richness in our cultural diversity. At this time we commend to your providential love and care the many thousands of people throughout the land stricken by recent floods. Through the compassionate support of fellow citizens and professional expertise may they be enabled to rebuild their lives with hope and security. This we pray through Christ our Lord Amen

Ash Wednesday this year is on 9 March. **Our Parish Lenten Program will therefore commence the week beginning 7 March.** We ask those prepared to be group leaders this year to please get in touch with Peggy 4421 3417 or Francene 4421 5962 to confirm a time and place. Also anyone who is willing to be a new group leader would be very welcome and should ring one of the above numbers.

**Our Parish**



**Bay & Basin CWL** will meet on **Thursday 3 February** in the Holy Spirit Hall for BYO lunch at 12 noon, with the meeting beginning at 1<sup>pm</sup>. New members are most welcome. **Contact Eileen 4443 8008.**

**Accommodation needed:** Young mother with child who attends St Michael's School is looking for accommodation in Nowra. A flat adjoining a house would be ideal. If you can help please phone **0423 451 400.**

**God Bless and farewell to our Visitors:**

To all holiday makers returning home, we trust you had a joyful and rejuvenating time in the Shoalhaven. We thank you for your genuine witness to your faith by having worshipped with us at Mass and for your cordiality. Our prayers and good wishes go with you



**LIFT:** Therapeutic Group for men and women experiencing anxiety and/or depression. 5 Thursdays 10<sup>am</sup>-12<sup>noon</sup> on **24 Feb, 3, 10, 17 & 24 March.** Cost is \$20 per session. Bookings essential on 4421 8248.

**HOLY SPIRIT VINCENTIA PARISH AUXILIARY MEETING: Saturday 29 January at 1<sup>pm</sup> - in the new hall!** All interested parishioners are invited to attend and be part of the planning for our 2011 functions.

**PARISH MUSICIANS:** The printing of music to accompany the new translation of the Roman Missal has been completed and our new Diocesan Mass settings have been selected. The Music Workshop for introduction of new Mass settings will take place on **Saturday, 19 February**, in the hall, Cabbage Tree Lane Fairy Meadow. **All musicians are encouraged to attend.** (More details later.)



Throughout the **Ordinary Time** of this Liturgical Year (A), our Gospel will be that of Matthew, one of the Twelve-Levi, the tax collector.

His is the longest of the four Gospels, thought to have been written approx.. 80

A.D. It was written especially mindful of a Christian community of Jewish origin and faith tradition.

Matthew frequently confirms his statements with Old Testament references (over 40 such instances) e.g **"this was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophets..."**The Jesus of Matthew's Gospel is Jesus the Teacher, the New Moses, the promised Messiah.