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**Sunday Masses:**

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

**Weekday Masses:**

**Nowra** Mon 7<sup>am</sup> Tues, Wed, & Thurs 8.15<sup>am</sup>, Fri 7<sup>am</sup> & 11.30<sup>am</sup>  
 Sat 9<sup>am</sup> ..... Morning Prayer of the Church, Wed, 7.50<sup>am</sup>  
**Berry** Tues 5.30<sup>pm</sup> ..... **Culburra** Thurs 5.30<sup>pm</sup>  
**Vincentia** Mon, Thurs, Fri 8<sup>am</sup> ..... Tues and Wed, 5.30<sup>pm</sup>  
**Kangaroo Valley.** Mon, Tues, Thurs Sat: 8<sup>am</sup> Wed: 6.15<sup>am</sup>  
**Shoalhaven Heads:** Fri, 3.30<sup>pm</sup>

**Confession ~ Reconciliation**

**Nowra** ..... Sat 9.30<sup>am</sup>-10.30<sup>am</sup> & 5<sup>pm</sup>- 5.30<sup>pm</sup>  
**Culburra Beach** Sat 5.30<sup>pm</sup> ..... **Berry** Tues 6<sup>pm</sup>  
**Kangaroo Valley** ..... Sat 4.30 – 5<sup>pm</sup>  
**Vincentia:** Sat 11-11.30am (during Lent) & 5<sup>pm</sup> – 5.30<sup>pm</sup>

**Stations of the Cross:** Vincentia, after 8am Mass each Fri of Lent.

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased. Also **Desmond McDevitt, John O'Shaughnessy** and all whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in eternal peace.



**Feastday:** Fri 25 Mar **Annunciation of the Lord**

**Catechist Corner: IT INSERVICE.** "Making Scripture Resources Using Laptop Computers." **Fri 25 March**, 10<sup>am</sup>-1<sup>pm</sup>, Parish Centre. Ph Lyn to book, 4423 1009. CCD has 12 laptops – 8 spaces for those with their own laptops. **Smartboard day has been cancelled.**

**Statistics 2011: Co-ordinators; vital info needed;** (1) Total number of children attending RE classes (2) total number of classes taught each week. **Please notify Lyn urgently 4423 1009.**



**First Saturday Marian Devotions, 2 April.** Mass at 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction at 10.30. Morning tea available in the Parish Centre. Everyone most welcome.



**NEW ENGLISH MISSAL** Will the readings change? At this stage the readings will remain the same. In a few years time the Lectionary will be revised and the translation of the readings will change then.

**When can I buy a new Missal for my personal use?** The new Missal for use by the priest during Mass will be printed in the latter half of 2011 or early 2012. The new version of the readings will not be available for a few years. The Brisbane Liturgical Commission has produced a missalette with the new translation of the main parts of the Mass. At this stage it is not known when publishers will publish personal missals.



This week we meet Elisabeth, 24, from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Here violence and homelessness are



widespread. Caritas Australia is supporting medical, psychological and economic care to thousands of men, women and children affected by sexual violence there. This unconditional acceptance and compassion give people like Elisabeth hope. Your generous donation to Project Compassion will help survivors of violence to heal after conflict and learn skills for a more stable future.

**Choir Practice for Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies** will be held **Thurs 24 March, 5.30-6.30<sup>pm</sup>**, St Michael's Church. All singers & musicians welcome.

**St Michael's Youth Group** (For anyone in Year 5 & 6 and high school) will gather on **Sun, 20 March at 3<sup>pm</sup>**. to go on Ben's walk (but start from the Parish Office). The Youth are to be dropped off at the Parish Centre and picked up either at 5:30<sup>pm</sup> or after the 6<sup>pm</sup> Sunday Night Mass. Parents are welcome to come along. For more info and RSVP email [youth@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:youth@nowraparish.org.au) or ring 0422201054.

**Holy Spirit Fundraiser – Sun 3 April**, Huskisson Cinema. A light lunch commences at 1<sup>pm</sup>, followed by the movie, "A Heartbeat Away". Adults \$15 ; Children \$12. Lucky door prizes & raffle. Proceeds go towards contents of Holy Spirit Hall. See Sr Val or Eileen Oliver for tickets.

**Rediscovering God** "One of the disciplines of Lent is letting go of those things that hold us back in order that we might be freed to respond more fully to God. Could one of the things I am being asked to let go of be my inaccurate view of myself?"



**Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)  
20 March 2011**



**The Eucharist, (the Mass) No 3**

The celebration of the Eucharist has its origins in the Last Supper of Christ and his Apostles. From the beginning the followers of Christ gathered weekly on Sunday, the Lord's Day, to commemorate his Resurrection. The Eucharistic meal was for quite some time combined with an agape or communal meal, but, as Saint Paul describes in the First Letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 11:18) this meal eventually became the subject of abuses and was no longer attached to the Eucharist. In keeping with their respect for the Scriptures Jewish Christians added a service of the Word to their weekly celebration of the Eucharist toward the latter part of the first century. At the Word service the Hebrew Scriptures were read, just as in the synagogue, but to them were added the Letters of the Apostles and St. Paul as well as the accounts of the words and deeds of the Lord that eventually developed into the Gospels we know today. It was also customary for the one who presided at the liturgy to preach and for the assembled faithful to pray for the intentions of the community. (A Walk through the Mass -Sr. Janet Baxendale, SC)



**SVDP say Thankyou! To everyone who helped at the Huskisson Triathlon as part of the Vinnies team over the weekend. All money raised from your efforts will help people in need in the Nowra area.**

**(Extract only) A number of the Catholic Bishops of NSW** have issued a statement to help people of faith recognise that there are some specific Greens' policies that give rise to grave concern in the areas of religious freedom, school funding, marriage, drug use, abortion and euthanasia.

Please bear in mind: It's not the role of the bishops or the Church to tell people how to vote. Everyone needs to make up their own mind.

- It is the responsibility of bishops to alert people to issues where there are serious concerns for the protection of human rights and human dignity. e.g major policies on euthanasia, abortion, marriage, non-government schools and religious freedom. Such issues need to be examined carefully.



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- None of us has a monopoly on virtue – nor does any political party. We need to look at the three major parties and the individual candidates.
- The Greens promote important issues such as the environment; however, other Those elected on 26 March should be concerned for the rights of every person in the State, rich or poor, young or old, the dying or the unborn.

**Palms Australia** is seeking global mission volunteers willing to live in Africa, Timor-Leste or the Pacific to share skills to reduce poverty. Positions exist in education, health, administration, agriculture (farming), trades and other skilled areas. Positions range from 6 mths to 2 yrs commencing after July 2011. You will be well prepared. All expenses including a volunteer allowance, travel, insurance and health will be covered. **Info Session - Sun, 27 March, 10.30<sup>am</sup>–12.30<sup>pm</sup>** at **The Hermitage**, Old South Rd and Bong Bong Rd, Mittagong. Enquire online <http://www.palms.org.au/news/2011-information-sessions/>, contact Marie Gilbert 9518 9551 or email [marie@palms.org.au](mailto:marie@palms.org.au)

**Vincentia: The New Translation of the Missal:** *'Becoming one Body One Spirit in Christ'*. A 5 week information program is being offered during Lent at Holy Spirit Church. There is a day session or an evening session: **Tuesdays, 10.30<sup>am</sup> or 7<sup>pm</sup>, 15 March to 13 April.**

*Envelopes are now available* for parishioners and visitors wishing to made a donation toward the **St Mary of the Cross, MacKillop Stained Glass window** commissioned for St Patrick's Church Berry.



Envelopes may be placed in the Sunday Collection bag, at the Parish Office, or to Barry McAndrew, or a member of St Patrick's Community Group. All contributions will be confidentially recorded by the Parish.

**NEW ENGLISH MISSAL EDUCATION CORNER**  
**When will the new translation be introduced at Sunday Masses in Australia?**

In Australia the new texts for the people's responses will be introduced gradually between Pentecost Sunday 12 June 2011 and November 2011. Once the date of publication of the Missal is known the Conference of Bishops will decide on the implementation date for the whole Missal.

**Will there be many changes?**

For the people the changes are minor ones. For the priest, however, the changes involve all the Prayers and the Eucharistic Prayers and are quite extensive.

**Who is translating the New English Missal?**

The work of translation has been done by a group of Bishops and clergy specialising in translation and linguistics. The International Commission for English in the Liturgy (ICEL) translated the Latin into English and then submitted the drafts to all the Bishops of the English speaking world. Finally the translation has been approved by the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments with the assistance of a committee called Vox Clara.

**Is this Missal the Vatican II Missal?**

It is most definitely the Vatican II Missal. It is the same missal which was produced in 1970 and revised on two later occasions. It is the translation into English that has changed not the original prayers of the Mass.

**Summary copies of Diocesan Pastoral Plan, are available in our Churches** –The plan entitled "***Bearers of Christ's Love***" seeks to enrich our Christian mission over the next five years, and follows a year of consultation with over 2000 participants.



For more information please contact Daniel Hopper on 4253 0900 or visit our website on [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au)