



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.

Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)
27 March 2011

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}, Fri 7^{am} & 11.30^{am}
Sat 9^{am} Morning Prayer of the Church, Wed, 7.50^{am}
Berry Tues 5.30^{pm} **Culburra** Thurs 5.30^{pm}
Vincentia Mon, Thurs, Fri 8^{am} Tues and Wed, 5.30^{pm}
Kangaroo Valley. Mon, Tues, Thurs Sat: 8^{am} Wed: 6.15^{am}
Shoalhaven Heads: Fri, 3.30^{pm}

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 11-11.30am (during Lent) & 5^{pm} – 5.30^{pm}

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

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased:
Mary Gatt (Vic-sister of Pat Fordham). Also
Kevin McBeath (Melb) and **Thomas Stevens**
whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in
eternal peace.



CATECHIST CORNER: Urgently Needed – classroom helpers for our catechists. We have bigger classes and fewer catechists (whose average age is 72). Anyone who can spare half an hour a week please ring **Lyn West** on 4423 1009. **Also needed are any spare 2A & 3A books.** All student activity books ASAP please.



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

Choir Practice for Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies will be held **Thurs 31 March, 5.30-6.30^{pm}**, St Michael's Church. All singers & musicians welcome.



Australia's support, the river communities have come together. A tourism project was developed and is starting to generate profit, while asserting their culture and preserving their land. Transformation in the lives of these marginalised communities is assisted by your Project Compassion donation. *Please donate today.*



Project compassion: This is Rosa, who lives on isolated Indigenous Community Land in Bolivia. With Caritas



Shoalhaven Crossroads is a *Christian Fellowship for people with a disability.* The next meeting is to be hosted by St Michael's, on **Fri 8 April, 7.15-9.15^{pm}** at Nowra Baptist Church, Old Southern Rd. *Please come and support and bring a plate*

St Michael's Youth Group *It's time to Wear Purple!!* Next meeting **Fri 1 April 6:30-8^{pm}**, in the Parish Centre. Everyone is encouraged to wear purple & to bring supper to share. If you would like to help out or be a leader of the Youth Group or want further info, email youth@nowraparish.org.au or ring Catriona on 0422201054.

Parish Disability Connections: Volunteers & parents of children or adults with additional needs are invited to the Parish Centre, **Wed 6 April** for a program entitled *Conversations for Nurturing Independence*, 11.30^{am}–1.30^{pm}, lunch included. **RSVP** Sister Jeanie 4654 8709.

Vincentia: The New Translation of the Missal: *'Becoming one Body One Spirit in Christ'*. This information program continues during Lent at Holy Spirit Church. There is a day session or an evening session: **Tuesdays, 10.30^{am} or 7^{pm} until 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.



Mass in the Early Church (No 4)

A detailed description of the structure of the Mass we know today is found in the writings of St. Justin, Martyr in about the year 150 AD:



On the day which is called Sun-day, all gather in the same place. Then the Memoirs of the Apostles or the Writings of the Prophets are read. The president speaks, exhorting us to live by these noble teachings. (*Homily*). Then we all rise together and pray. (*Prayer of the Faithful*)

Then bread, wine and water are brought. (*Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts*) The president then prays and gives thanks as well as he can. All the people reply with the acclamation: **Amen!** (*Eucharistic Prayer*)

After this Eucharist is distributed... the deacons are sent to take it to those who are absent. (*Holy Communion*) The gifts are collected and handed over to the president. He it is who assists those who are in want; through sickness or for some other reason, prisoners, strangers passing through, helping all who are in need (*Offering or Collection*)

We hold this meeting of us all on Sun-day because it is the first day, the day when God transformed matter and darkness and also because it was on this same day that Jesus Christ, our Saviour, rose from the dead. **A Walk through the Mass, Sr. Jane Baxendale, SC**



Nowra CWL monthly meeting, **Tues 12 April**, 9.30^{am} morning tea, followed by Meeting at 10^{am}, Parish Centre.

Holy Spirit Fundraiser – Sun 3 April, Huskisson Cinema. A light lunch at 1^{pm}, followed by the movie, *"A Heartbeat Away"*. Adults \$15; Children \$12. Lucky door prizes & raffle. Proceeds to Holy Spirit Hall. See Sr Val or Eileen Oliver.

Mother Ruth SF Trustees thank all those who contributed to a profit of over \$1550. **Thank you** to those who donated money, or supper, and to those who came along and were part of a great audience.

Parent Evening regarding First Reconciliation: Wednesday March 30th. St Michael's Hall 7.00pm.



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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.

