



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.

First Sunday of Advent, Year B

27 November 2011

Sunday Masses:

NOWRA.....6pm Vigil; 8am, 9.30am & 6pm
BERRY 8.00am
BOMADERRY 9.30am
CULBURRA 6pm Vigil
VINCENTIA 6pm Vigil, & 9.30am
KANGAROO VALLEY 11.00am

Masses during the Week:

Nowra: Mon 7.00am; Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am
 Friday 7.00am and 11.30am; Sat 9.00am

Morning Prayer: Wed 7.50am;..... **Holy Hour:** Fri 10.30am

Berry: Tues 5.30pm.....**Culburra:** Thurs 5.30pm

Vincentia: Mon/Thur/Fri 8.00am..... Tues/Wed 5.30pm

Shoalhaven Heads: ...Fri 3.30pm Community Centre

Kangaroo Valley: No daily Mass on Mon 28th & Tues 29th this week. Wed 6.15am. Divine Office is prayed 15 mins prior to Mass. Thurs/Sat 8.00am. No Mass on Fridays.

Confession ~ Reconciliation

Nowra:Sat 9.30-10.30am & 5.00- 5.30pm

Culburra: Sat 5.30pm. **Berry:** Tues 6.00pm

Kangaroo Valley: Sat 4.30 – 5pm

Vincentia during Advent : .Sat 11.00-11-30am and 5 00 –5.30pm

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased:
Ted Regan. Also **Marion Harber, Margaret Pryde, William & Lies Siero, and Geoff Wilkins** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastdays: Wed 30 Nov, **Andrew**, apostle
 Sat 3 Dec, **Francis Xavier**, priest and missionary

First Saturday Marian Devotions 3 Dec at 9^{am} followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation, Rosary and Benediction at 10.30^{am} Morning tea is provided afterwards in the Parish Centre. Fr George will be giving a talk.

First Saturday Group Christmas Gathering: Sat 3 Dec, 12pm–2pm, Bridge Tavern, Bridge Rd, Nowra. Ph Anna, 4447 0382, with your RSVP asap.

St Michael's Dec/Jan Readers' Roster is available at the church door

Advent marks the commencement of Liturgical Year..(Sunday cycle B)

The Liturgical year: "As each year passes by, the Church unfolds the whole mystery of Christ..... Recalling thus the Mysteries of redemption, the Church opens to the faithful the riches of her Lord's power and merits so that these are in a certain manner made present for all time, and the faithful are enabled to lay hold upon them and become filled with saving grace...."CSLit 102)



Although **Advent** has its own season grace and message, we are at this time very conscious of the closeness of Christmas, that wonderful Feast which calls us to focus on family and on home. May I suggest that over

the weeks ahead you as a parent or grandparent might gently invite and encourage a family member and/or a friend who is an inactive member of the 'Household of the faith' to return home to the sacramental life of the Church in preparation for the Feast of Christmas. (*Fr Pat*).

Holy Spirit Vincentia Church Auxiliary: AGM & Elections **Sat 3 Dec**, 1pm, in the church hall. All positions have been declared vacant. Would you like to nominate yourself OR another person? Please speak to Fr. Leo.

Bay & Basin CWL next meet **Thurs 1 Dec** in Holy Spirit Hall. Lunch at 12 noon, meeting beginning 1pm. All welcome. Contact Eileen 4443 8008.

Seniors Morning Tea: You are cordially invited to Morning Tea at the Holy Spirit Church Hall on **Mon 5 December** at 10.00am. If you need transport please call Ron D'Souza 4441 5723.



Office of Disability: All Parish Disability Connections' volunteers and families with members who have a disability are invited to a Christmas Party on **6 Dec**, 11.30am to 1.30pm, in the Parish Centre.

Duane Fernandez and Geoff Allen will be ordained to the Priesthood on **Sat 17 Dec**, at 10.30am, in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong. **A cordial invitation is extended to all.** RSVP is essential to jane.edwards@woll.catholic.org.au or 4253 0899. *If you would like to be part of the **Choir** please also advise Jane Edwards. The choir will meet for practice at 9am in the Cathedral prior to the Ordination Mass at 10.30am.*



Catechist Corner: We urgently need at least 8 new catechists for 2012. Contact 4423 1009 for information.



Lent 2012 starts 3 weeks earlier than 2011. So we would like to hear from group leaders/hosts, and those interested in leading or hosting a group, so that groups can be arranged & books ordered asap. Please call Francene 4421 5962 or Tina 4422 9250 &/or leave a message.

St Michael's Youth Group are meeting to *Get Ready for Christmas* in the Parish Centre **2 Dec** 6.30pm -8pm. This is a night of craft and creativity. Please bring supper to share.

Little Blue books: daily reflections for Advent and the Christmas season, are still available for \$3.20. Proceeds to St Vincent de Paul.

Christmas Gifts Supporting a Fairer World. The Good Shepherd Trading Circle supports women through micro-enterprises that have been initiated by the Good Shepherd Sisters internationally as a way of helping women and their families find a way out of poverty. Visit www.thetradingcircle.com.au or 02 9798 0373.

On a three-day visit to Benin, in Africa Pope Benedict urged African Catholics to witness the hope of the Gospel in their daily lives and make the church a model of reconciliation for the entire continent. The church must be "attentive to the cry of the poor, the weak, the outcast," the pontiff said at a Mass for more than 50,000 people who filled a stadium in Cotonou.

Beginning on this the First Sunday of Advent 2011, English speaking Catholics around the world will use a new translation of the Roman Missal.