



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.

Second Sunday of Advent, Year B
4 December 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:..... Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 8.00am
Wed 6.15am. Divine Office is prayed 15 mins prior to Mass.
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.
Also **Krystyn Brimmer, Maurie Hanley** and
Esmeraldo Labrador whose anniversaries occur.
May they rest in eternal peace.



Feastdays: Wed 7 Dec, **Ambrose**, bishop

Thurs 8 Dec, Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary



This is a great Advent Feast. This singular privilege of Mary's was believed and celebrated down through the centuries, however it was only defined as of Catholic Faith in 1854. In 1854, Pope Pius IX solemnly proclaimed : "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin." The Gospel describes Mary as 'fully of grace' i.e. in perfect relationship with God, sharing God's favour completely.



2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION:

Friday December 16th - 7.00.p.m.
We encourage parishioners to avail of this opportunity to sacramentally prepare for Christmas. Four priests will be present for the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession.

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.

St Vincent de Paul, Nowra

Conference meets every Tuesday at 10am in St Michael's Church to say the Rosary. Everyone is welcome. If the church is being used at this time, the Rosary is said in the meeting room at the St Vincent de Paul Centre, entry via Collins way.



Culburra Church special cleaning day inside and outside– Sat 10 Dec, 8:30am, Much help needed.



Culburra Family Group's next function will be a Christmas lunch at Noel Reid's home (38 Warrain St, Currarong, 4448 3215) on Sunday 11 December at 11.45. Please bring a Christmas lunch to share.

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.

Nowra CWL monthly meeting, **Tues 13 Dec**, 9.30am morning tea is followed by the meeting at 10am in the Parish Centre. **Contact** Judy 4421 8565.

Winners of Bay & Basin CWL Christmas raffle:-

- 1st prize - Fay Peters (St Georges Basin)
- 2nd prize - Val Maloney (St Georges Basin)
- 3rd prize - Barbara Howard (Vincentia)

Crossroads Shoalhaven Christmas picnic!

Date: Friday 9 December, 5.00—7.00pm
Place: Marriott Park, enter via Douglas Street.
Please take your own picnic and a rug or chair.

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.*



St Patrick's Community Berry is delighted with the recently installed Stained Glass Window of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Parishioners wishing to see this magnificent Window will have an opportunity to do so Sunday Dec 11th. The Church will be open from 1.00 – 3.00p.m.

St Michael's School - YEAR SIX – End of Year Mass on Tuesday Evening at 6.30.p.m. We pray God's blessing and guidance on the students as they complete their years at St Michael's.

A reminder that on next week-end we conduct the pre-Christmas St Vincent De Paul Appeal at Nowra-Bomaderry. Based on the statistics for the year ending in June 2011, the local Conference conducted 3,400 interviews and distributed \$129,700 in food assistance.



2012 SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY provides a social justice program for the full year, and includes info & ideas for prayer and reflection. **Cost:** \$6.60 (inc GST) plus postage. To download an order form go to: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au> or phone 8306 3499.



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.

The Sick and house-bound. Despite our best efforts we know that there are sick and aged parishioners scattered throughout the parish who are not known to us. If you know of such people who are not being pastorally visited please contact one of the priests or the Parish Office. Ph 44231 712



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Rerum Novarum Lecture – ‘Asylum seekers, is there a just solution?’ Each year the Office for Justice and Peace of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne holds an event to commemorate the 1891 encyclical of Pope Leo XIII, *Rerum Novarum*. Delivering the oration, Vincent Long Van Nguyen proclaimed ‘unashamedly that the Church is on the side of the poor as God is on their side.’ Video of the Oration, which was responded to by former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser is available on Youtube or at: <http://www.cam.org.au/melbourne-news/bishop-vincent-long-gives-rerum-novarumoration-2011-video.html>

Noah's Pudding Neighbourhood & Friendship Day, Sun, 11 Dec, 10.30am – 1.00pm. at St Brigid's Parish School Hall, Vickery St, Gwynneville, Hosted by **Affinity Intercultural Foundation**, this is an opportunity to see old friends and extend the hand of friendship to others we don't know well. The sausage sizzle will be provided by Affinity (no cost to you) so please register by email to friendsinthegong@gmail.com if you can come. Please bring something for morning tea. Cordial, coffee & tea are provided.

‘Reading the Signs of the Times’ To mark the 120th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's social encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, the ACSJC Secretariat is releasing Catholic Social Justice Series paper No.70, **‘Reading the Signs of the Times: A basic introduction to Catholic social teaching’**. This paper provides a method for applying the principles of social doctrine to the challenges of today. This is a valuable resource for people coming to the Church's social teachings for the first time. (\$6.60 a copy, plus postage – to order, go to: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au> 3

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

