



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 Advent, Year B
11 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/Thurs/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: Please Note Sat 17th. 4.30pm.-5.30pm (only)
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:
Tom Skelton (Sydney, formerly of Nowra). Also **Jo Hillyard, Beryl Ison,** and **Wesley Rodrick** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastdays: Tues 13 Dec; **Lucy**, martyr
Wed 14 Dec; **John of the Cross**, priest



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.

The St Vincent De Paul pre-Christmas. Appeal at Nowra-Bomaderry is being conducted this week-end. 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.



CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR MASS TIMETABLE:
2011 –2012

2nd Rite of Reconciliation: St Michael's Nowra,
Friday 16th Dec at 7.00pm



Christmas Eve Vigil Masses:
Saturday 24th December 2011

Nowra: 6.00pm and 10.00pm
Culburra: 6.00pm
Shoalhaven Heads: 6.00pm
Vincentia: 6.00pm and 8.00pm
Kangaroo Valley: 9.00pm
Berry: 9.00pm

Christmas Day - Sunday

Nowra: 8.00am and 9.30am
Berry: 8.00am
Bomaderry: 9.30am
Culburra: 8.00am
Vincentia: 8.00am and 9.30am
Kangaroo Valley: 11.00am

Please note: There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day - 25 December

SUMMER MASS TIMETABLE:
Saturday 31st Dec 2011 - Sunday 29th January 2012

Vigil Masses (Saturday)

Nowra: 6.00pm
Culburra: 6.00pm
Vincentia: 6.00pm
Shoalhaven Heads:* 6.00pm (*Shoalhaven Heads Community Centre Mass on Sat 24th December , 31st December 2011 and 7th January 2012 only.*)

Sunday Mass

Nowra: 8.00am, 9.30am and 6.00pm
Berry: 8.00am
Bomaderry: 9.30am
Culburra:* 8.00am (**January 1st and 8th only**)
Vincentia: 8.00am and 9.30am
Kangaroo Valley: 11.00am

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.** Duane is hoping to celebrate the Sunday 6pm evening Mass (18 Dec).at St Michael's. This will be at our monthly Mass for the young and young-at-heart. BBQ to follow. Anyone who would like to be involved in the Mass or BBQ email youth@nowraparish.org.au



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 this Sunday **Dec 11th**. The Church will be open from 1.00 – 3.00p.m.

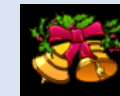


Catechist Corner: We still need many new catechists for 2012. If you can help, ph 4423 1009.

Culburra Family Group's Christmas Lunch is at Noel Reid's home (38 Warrain St, Currarong, 4448 3215), 11.45 on Sunday 11 Dec. *Please bring a Christmas lunch to share.*

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.

St Michael's Youth Group: 16 December *Christmas Group at the Jelavic's*. Details on what to bring are available on the Parish Website. Contact **Catrina** 0422 201 054 or email youth@nowraparish.org.au



Primary School aged children wishing to be angels or shepherds in the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: A practice will be held Thurs 22 Dec at 10am in the School Hall. Parents must stay to supervise.



Holy Spirit Vincentia Auxiliary - annual general meeting & elections held Sat 3 Dec. No nominations received prior to meeting. **Committee Members for 2012 as follows:**
Coordinator: Michael King; *Assistant Co-ordinator:* Julie Ritchie
Secretary: Judy Lenehan; *Assistant Secretary:* Alice Laps
Treasurer: Brian Ritchie



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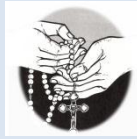
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St Vincent de Paul, Nowra Conference

meets 10am each Tuesday 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.



Kimberley catholic volunteer service. urgently wanted: volunteer workers. The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, cooking and cleaning. Placements are preferred for a period of six months to two years, with the possibility of an extension. **For further details and an application form please contact** Jo and Kevin Bell on 08 9192 1060 or 0427 433 244, , email volunteers@broomeparish.org.au or mail PO Box 76 BROOME WA 6725.

Life & Family Conference: local, national and international speakers including Mons Philip Reilly. Conference will be held from 26-29 Jan 2012 at Albury. Contact Adrian (02) 42844412 or FLI (02) 95199111. Email; mail@fli.org.au www.fli.org.au

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