



**St Michael's Parish,** Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: [office@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:office@nowraparish.org.au)

Website: [nowraparish.org.au](http://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.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B**

**18 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

**Kangaroo Valley:**..... Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 8.00am

Wed 6.15am.. No Mass on Fridays.

**Friday Masses resume at S'haven Heads on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2012**

**Confession ~ Reconciliation**

**Nowra:** Sat : 9.30.- 10.30.a.m..&..... 4.30pm.-5.00pm

**Culburra:** Thursday: 6.-00 – 6.30 pm following Mass and Sat 5.30pm.

**Berry:** Tues 6.00pm and **Saturday : 9.00- 10.00.a.m.**

**Kangaroo Valley:** ..... Sat 4.30–5pm

**Vincentia during Advent:** ..... Sat 11.00-11-30am

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased:

**Louise Moore, Margaret McLean and Carlo Malina.** Also those whose anniversaries occur.  
*May they rest in eternal peace.*



**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.



**St Michael's Conference, St Vincent de Paul Society** wishes to thank parishioners who contributed to its Christmas Appeal last weekend. A total of \$3717 was received.

**Nowra CWL would like to thank you for your support during 2011, and wish you a very blessed Christmas.** CWL Christmas Raffle Results:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize (Hamper) Mary Gray; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (Crochet Rug) Joan Morrissey. 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (Picnic Backpack) Mary Gray  
 Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who supported our raffle.

**CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR MASS TIMETABLE:**

2011 –2012

**Christmas Eve Vigil Masses:**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2011 - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> December , 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 and 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012 only.*)

**Sunday Mass**

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

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

**A Message from Bishop Peter:**

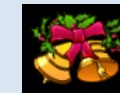
**When Pope Benedict was in Bethlehem in 2009, he**

**said:** May I wish each and every one of you the blessings and graces of this Sacred Season of the Nativity of the Lord. "The message of Christ's coming brought from heaven by the voice of angels continues to echo in families, homes, and communities throughout the world. It is 'good news', the angels say 'for all the people'. It proclaims that the Messiah, the Son of God and the Son of David, has been born 'for you': for you and me, and for men and women in every time and place.... God chose to become one of us in all things but sin to end the long reign of sin and death and to bring new and abundant life to a world which had grown old, weary and oppressed by hopelessness."

*I wish each and every one of you the blessings and graces of this Sacred Season of the nativity of the Lord, and for 2012.*

**Diocesan Journey magazine is available this weekend**

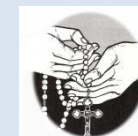
Features include news from the Australian Bishops' visit to Rome; the finalist artwork from the Catholic schools art competition; latest update on the diocesan pastoral plan; and the story of diocesan churches submerged underwater. Please pick up your free copy today.



**Triathlon raffle tickets on sale at Vincentia Church.**

**1<sup>st</sup> prize: Toyota Yaris.** Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5, book of 20 costs \$34. Proceeds help repay the loan for Vincentia Hall.

**Lifeline 13 11 14** is a 24 hour phone support service available to anyone needing emotional support during times of crisis.



**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.



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**Live Christmas Crib at Warrawong.** On **Thursday, 22 Dec** there will be a live crib (including camels!) at **St Francis of Assisi Church, 90 Flagstaff Rd, Warrawong.** Carols will start at **7.30pm** followed by the telling of the Christmas story. All welcome.

**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@broomedioocese.org](mailto:volunteers@broomedioocese.org) 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](mailto:mail@fli.org.au) [www.fli.org.au](http://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>