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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.

Christmas [Year B]

25 December 2011



“The Word was made flesh. He lived among us.” – John 1.14
“God is not distant: he is ‘Emmanuel,’ God-with-us. He is no stranger: he has a face, the face of Jesus... ‘Emmanuel’ has come as King of justice and peace.”

In the Christ Child, God humbly knocks on the doors of our hearts and asks us freely to accept his love, his truth, his life. At Christmas, let us

rekindle our hope in God’s promises and, in humility and simplicity, welcome the light, joy and peace which the Saviour brings to us and to our world”..(Pope Benedict)

We wish all parishioners and visitors, a very holy, joyful and peaceful Christmas! Welcome home to all who are visiting their families for Christmas.

(Fathers Pat, George, Ronan and Leo).

NOTE: There will be **NO** evening Mass in the Parish on Christmas Day.

Thank You!

As an expression of appreciation and gratitude for the support and generosity of so many parishioners throughout the year, and especially at Christmas time, a **Triduum of Masses** will be offered for your intentions and needs over the Christmas season.

Sunday Holiday Masses:

NOWRA:6pm Vigil; 8am, 9.30am & 6pm

BERRY: 8.00am

BOMADERRY: 9.30am

CULBURRA BEACH: 6pm Vigil (and 8.00am **January 1st and 8th only**)

VINCENTIA: 6pm Vigil, 8.00am & 9.30am

KANGAROO VALLEY: 11.00am

SHOALHAVEN HEADS: (Community Centre)

6.00.p.m.Vigil: **24th December, 31st December 2011 and 7th January 2012 only.**

Masses during the Week:

Nowra: Mon 8.00am; Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am
 Friday 7.00am and 11.30am; Sat 9.00am

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.

Confession/Reconciliation:

Nowra: Sat 9.30.-10.30pm. and 5.00 - 5.30pm.

K Valley: Sat 4.30 – 5.00pm

Vincentia: Sat. 5 - 5.30pm.

Feastdays:

Mon 26 - Stephen, first martyr: **Mass 8.00.a.m.**

Tues 27th. St John the Evangelist

Wed 28th. Holy Innocents

Fri 30th. The Holy Family

Sun January 1st Mary Mother of God.

The Parish has been presented with the gift of a beautiful **Book of Gospels** from Deacon Peter Presdee and his wife, Robyn. We most gratefully acknowledge this gift and extend our sincere thanks for their thoughtful generosity.



Triathlon raffle tickets on sale outside Vincentia Church. **1st prize: Toyota Yaris.** Tickets \$2 each; \$5 for 3; or \$34 for a book of 20. All proceeds to loan for Vincentia Hall.



On Saturday last, as you would be aware, Bishop Peter ordained Geoffrey Allen and Duane Fernandez to the Priesthood. The Cathedral was filled to capacity with family and friends, some

travelling from as far as Sweden, Canada and Malaysia, as well as over 50 clergy. Bishop Peter welcomed the first priests in five years to be ordained to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Wollongong. With ordinations come clergy appointments and in this instance they directly affect the Nowra Parish. Fr George who has been with us for only 18 months is being transferred to Wollongong, and Fr Duane has been appointed to Nowra. During his time here in Nowra parishioners have come to acknowledge and appreciate Fr George's zeal, his selflessness and his caring pastoral outreach. The appointments take effect early in the New Year. Hopefully in the not too distant future there will be an opportunity for both welfares and welcomes.

CHRISTMAS MASS 2ND COLLECTION – a portion of the loose money in the 2nd collection will be distributed to some Church run aged Care facilities in the region to assist in this special ministry.

St Vincent de Paul, Culburra Beach Conference will hold its' **Annual Appeal** on Sat 31 Dec & Sun 1 Jan 2012. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS TELEVISION - Papal Mass, The Pope's Midnight Mass for Christmas can be viewed on **ABC 1, Sunday December 25, 11am – 12.50pm.** This Mass will be delivered from Rome via satellite.



We prayerfully remember parishioners who died over the past week: **Karlo Malina, Louise Moore, Austin Pavlich** and **John Wheatley.**

Also **Richard Guthrie, Joan Reid, Geoff** and **Pat**

Prendergast, Marge, Murray and **John Hay, Dallas, Daniel, and Luke Diebert,** At Christmastime we pray for our deceased relatives, friends and parishioners. *Mass will also be offered over the Christmas period for all parishioners who have died over the past 12 months. May they rest in eternal peace.*