



*The Feast of
the Epiphany
of the Lord
(Manifestation)*

VATICAN CITY
Addressing an
estimated 7,000
people gathered

for his weekly general audience Jan. 4, Pope Benedict encouraged Christians to continue living the joy and mystery of Christmas as they prepare for the feast of the Epiphany, and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.....
"Christmas is the feast when God becomes so close to human beings that he shares the same fact of being born to reveal to them their deepest dignity, that of being sons and daughters of God..
Pope Benedict said that if at Christmas Jesus is born and almost "hidden" in human form in the manger of Bethlehem, at Epiphany he is revealed to the Three Kings, and the world.....

The celebrations of Christmas, Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord, the Pope said, are invitations to become more aware of the responsibility each Christian has to bring the light of Christ to the world.

The feasts also are an invitation to welcome Christ into one's heart once again and strengthen a commitment to imitating him, so that his feelings, thoughts and actions are our feelings, thoughts and action.

(Over 2.5 million people took part in various Vatican events with Pope Benedict in 2011)

We extend a very warm welcome to Fr Duane Fernandez recently ordained, as he takes up his first appointment in the Nowra parish this week. We pray that Fr Duane will have a very fulfilling and fruitful priestly ministry in our midst.

SUMMER MASS TIMETABLE:

Saturday 31st Dec 2011 - Sunday 29th January 2012

Vigil Masses (Saturday)

Nowra: 6.00pm
Culburra: 6.00pm
Vincentia: 6.00pm

Sunday Mass

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

Masses during the Week:

Nowra: Mon 8.00am; 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. 3rd 2012

Confession ~ Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat : 9.30.- 10.30.a.m.& 5.00- 5.30 pm

Culburra: Sat 5.30pm.

Berry: Tues 6.00pm .

Kangaroo Valley: Sat 4.30–5pm

Vincentia : Sat 5.00 – 5.30.p.m.

We prayerfully remember **Josephine Ireland** (formerly of Bomaderry) who died this week . Also those whose anniversaries occur. **May they rest in eternal peace.**



Feastday: Mon 9 Jan: **The Baptism of the Lord**

Triathlon Raffle Tickets on sale at Vincentia Church. **1st Prize: Toyota Yaris.** Tickets \$2 each; \$5 for 3, & \$34 for book of 20. Proceeds help repay the loan for Vincentia Hall.

2012 MINISTRY FORMATION AND COMMISSIONING: Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Adult Servers

The focus of our Diocesan Pastoral Plan in 2012 is on New and Renewed Models of Ministry. Over the past few months the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, in consultation with Clergy and with Parish Services, has been planning a renewal of the ministries of Acolyte, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and Adult Server within the Diocese.

The renewal will comprise:

~an updating of the Diocesan Guidelines for Acolytes, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion ~a program of regional and parish based training and formation

~regional institution and commissioning of ministers by Bishop Peter Ingham.

Key date:

Regional Formation Session, led by Bishop Peter Ingham:

Saturday, 10 March 2012, 10.00am – 2.30pm at St Michael's Parish Hall, Nowra (Shoalhaven)

Holiday Activities for St Michael's Youth Group:

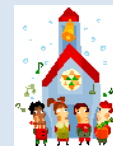
***Wed 18th Jan, 1pm-5pm, DVD Afternoon** at the Parish Centre. Please bring snacks to share.

***Thurs 19th Jan, Minnamurra Rainforest.** Meeting at 11am at Minnamurra Rainforest. Cost is \$11 per car. Please bring a picnic lunch or money for lunch.

For more information please email youth@nowraparish.org.au RSVP is essential!



Mass for the Young and Young at Heart. The monthly Mass for the young and young-at-heart is at 6pm, next **Sunday January 15.** BBQ to follow. Anyone who would like to be involved in the Mass or BBQ please contact the parish office or email Katherine -



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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.

Regional Institution and Commissioning Mass

Saturday 30 June, 2012 6.00pm – St Michael's Church,
Nowra

Full details and application forms are being sent to parishes this week.

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 or mail PO Box 76 BROOME WA 6725.

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/bishopp-vincent-long-gives-rerum-novarumoration-2011-video.html>

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

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