



St Michael's Parish, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: office@nowraparish.org.au

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

15 January 2012

SUMMER MASS TIMETABLE:

Sunday Masses:

NOWRA.....6pm Vigil; 8am, 9.30am & 6pm
BERRY 8.00am
BOMADERRY 9.30am
CULBURRA 6pm Vigil
VINCENTIA 6pm Vigil, 8.00.a.m. & 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. 3rd 2012

Confession ~ Reconciliation

Nowra:Saturday : 9.30.- 10.30am.&.5.00- 5.30pm
Culburra: Saturday 5.30pm
Berry: Tuesday 6.00pm
Kangaroo Valley: Saturday 4.30–5pm
Vincentia: Saturday 5.00 – 5.30pm

We prayerfully remember **Clare Ireland** who died recently . (Formerly of Bomaderry, her funeral at Bomaderry Church Monday 11.30am.) Also **John Standen, Annie Moses, Robert, Lily and Bob Davison, and deceased members of the Davison, Garvin and McGrath families** whose anniversaries occur. **May they rest in eternal peace.**



Feastdays: Tues 17 Jan; **St Anthony**, abbot
Sat 21 Jan; **St Agnes**, martyr

Some Parish Statistics for 2011

Baptisms:	102
Confirmations:	86
First Holy Communions:	88
Marriages within the parish	17
Funerals within the parish:	74

Ministry Training. Training for the ministries of *Acolyte, Adult Server* and *Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion* will be led by Bishop Peter Ingham, Fr Sean Cullen, Paul Mason and Noel Meddows on **Saturday 10 March, 10.00am – 2.30pm** at **St Michael's Parish Hall**. This training is intended for all who are interested in taking up a liturgical ministry for the first time, as well as those current ministers looking to renew their commitment. Bishop Peter Ingham will institute and commission ministers in regional celebrations during June.

Contact the parish office for an application form, or email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au by Tues, 7 Feb.

I encourage Acolytes and all who are associated with Holy Communion ministries to attend the above mentioned Formation Session. *Fr Pat*

Santo Nino. Mass honouring the National Feast for the Filipino people will be celebrated Saturday next 21 January at 9am at St Michael's. Population of the Philippines is said to be approx 95 million, over 81% Catholic (c 75m); third most Catholic country after Brazil and Mexico - 16 Archdioceses and 56 Dioceses. Of approximately 7000 islands 4000 are listed as being inhabited. The 2006 census recorded more than 95,000 Filipino Catholics living in Australia.

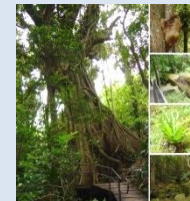
St Vincent de Paul, Culburra Beach Conference would like to say thanks for the generosity of all who gave to their recent annual appeal – in one word **"awesome"**. Total collected is \$1518.

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!**



Bishop Peter speaks on adjusting to the New Missal:

In a recent message to the clergy of the Diocese, Bishop Peter addressed the challenge we may be encountering both as priests and laity in receiving the new translation of the Missal. The following is in summary the first of four points made by the Bishop.



We mustn't lose the conviction that it is the Mass that matters. The Mass is always bigger than the word changes and the personalities associated with them. The Liturgy of the Mass is the action of the Church. It is not a platform for the individual priest. "Our task as a celebrant is to be faithful to the Church who gives you and me, through ordination and diocesan faculties, both the right and the privilege to celebrate the Liturgy. So, for example when we priests move from one parish to another, there should be clear continuity in the manner in which the Mass is celebrated according to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal."

This Sunday's Gospel: "Look - there is the Lamb of God." That was how John the Baptist introduced Jesus to his first disciples.

The Church has long since inscribed this same title into the Mass- where we profess our faith ***in Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away our sins leading up to Holy Communion.***

It is a title that speaks of the enormity of the Mission of Jesus & the incomprehensible intensity of His personal suffering on our behalf. This is a messianic title the full meaning of which will only be apparent when Jesus dies on the cross as Passover Lamb, effecting salvation for the world.

Lenten Renewal: "Starting Afresh from Christ", Tues, 6 March, 10.00am – 1.00pm Campbelltown Catholic Club, followed by lunch. Professor van Thanh Nguyen SVD will be the keynote speaker and will reflect on mission. Fr Nguyen is an internationally acclaimed biblical scholar, Assist Prof of New Testament Studies and Chair of the Catholic Theological Union. Claim the date for this free opportunity in your calendar now.



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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.

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.

Initiation and the Liturgies of Lent and Easter – RCIA & Liturgy Team Workshop. Thursday, 9 February 2012. 10.30am – 3.00pm. LOCATION: Meeting Room, Xavier Centre, 2 Bond St, Bellambi. Conducted by Paul Mason, Diocesan Coordinator of Liturgy. Each year the liturgies of Lent and Easter mark important stages in the Church's mission of evangelisation. For those adults journeying on the initiation process, these liturgies are key milestones in their personal lives. This workshop will explore the power of these liturgies to effectively engage the whole community in the process of initiating new members into the Church. **RSVP essential** to Helen Bennett on 4253 0934 or email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au by **Friday, 3 February**. Morning tea provided. BYO lunch.