



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 in Ordinary Time, Year B

22 January 2012

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:** Australia Day: 8.a.m.
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 the recently deceased. **Also Betty Colnan and Vic Sutherland** whose anniversaries occurs. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastdays:

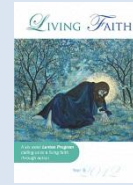
Tues 24 Jan; **St Francis de Sales**, bishop
 Wed 25 Jan; **The Conversion of St Paul**, apostle
 Thurs 26 Jan, **Australia Day Mass**
 Sat 28 Jan; **St Thomas Aquinas**, priest

Youth Group Holiday Activity. Ben's Walk, Wed 25 Jan. Meet at the Parish Centre at 9am (leaving just after). Please bring water, food and a hat. RSVP and more info email youth@nowraparish.org.au or call 0422 201 054. **Youth Group returns Fri 3rd February.**

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.

Lenten Program 2012: 'Living Faith'.

Our diocesan Lenten Program will begin the week of **Monday 20 Feb.** There are lists in Nowra/Bomaderry church foyers with the names of group leaders, times and places of meetings. Please write your name and phone number under the group you wish to attend (max 10 per group). *Booklets will be available for sale shortly.* For enquiries please **contact** Francene 4421 5962 or Tina 4422 9250 or Bernie 4421 2968.



Contacts for other areas:

Berry/Shoalhaven Heads: Christine Da Silva 4464 1035 or Katherine Brandon 4464 1897.
Callala: Joyce Buttel 4446 5569
Culburra Beach: Harry Ray 4447 2941
Currarong: Connie Heap 4448 3157
Vincentia/Bay & Basin: Fr Leo 4441 5571

Interested In Adult Faith Education? Wollongong Diocese offers a number of audited & non-audited pathways for adult faith including Certificate III Theology (Beginning Theology) and Foundations (follow-up to Beginning Theology). These courses are designed for adults who have no previous experience of formal theological studies; are seeking a systematic introduction to theology in the Catholic tradition and seek formal (nationally recognised) qualifications in theology. They are intended to strengthen the theological foundations for life and ministry. You don't have to be engaged in active ministry to enrol. Both day and evening options are available. For more info please **contact** Jane Edwards on 4253 0900 or email jane.edwards@woll.catholic.org.au. You can acquire an information pack &/or book into an information session. Sessions: **Tues, 14 Feb**, 3.30pm or 7.30pm, Catholic Church Offices, 86-88 Market St, **W'gong** & **Wed 15 Feb**, 3.30pm or 7.30pm Micah House, 35A Cordeaux Street, **Campbelltown.**

Holy Spirit Vincentia Community Auxiliary: First Meeting for 2012. *Program for the year!* Sat **28 Jan, 1.00pm**, in the Holy Spirit Hall. New parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Some features of the Gospel of Mark:

In what is classed as Ordinary Time in this Year B we will travel in the company of St Mark. His Gospel of 16 chapters is the shortest. Mark is described as the 'interpreter' of Peter. There is some disagreement as to whether or not the Gospel was written before or after Peter's death c. 65.A.D. Rome is favoured as the location; reference to persecution seems to confirm this opinion. It is a Gospel written with a deep awareness of human suffering. In 1½ Chapters Mark gives five instances of human suffering: possessions, fever, leprosy, and paralysis In proclaiming the reign of God, Jesus is confronted by the spirit of evil ref. **Ch 1: 21-28.** In liberating this man Jesus is revealing the Presence & power of God...This is Good News...Jesus brought calm and tranquility. He is seen to speak with authority:



- ◆ He recognises evil
- ◆ He has power over evil
- ◆ He can and he wishes to release people from evil; the kingdom of God breaking into human life.

In practical terms this is very much the concern of St. Mark- the human plight or human condition, which is so fully shared by Jesus.

The focus is on Jesus **'the Suffering Servant.'**

Culburra Family Group: Sun 29 Jan, 9am. Pancakes and Planning Meeting at the Casey's. Ph 4446 4117

Ministry Training. Training for the ministries of *Acolyte, Adult Server* and *Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion* **Sat 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. *Contact the parish office to register,* 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*



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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.