



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.

First Sunday of Advent, Year C
2 December 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

Weekday Masses:

Nowra: Mon 7.00am; Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am;
 Fri 7.00am & 11.30; and Sat 9.00am.
Berry: Tues 5.30pm..... **Culburra:** Thurs. 5.30pm
Vincentia:...Mon/Thurs/Fri.8.00am;Tues/Wed 5.30pm
K Valley:.. Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 8.00am; Wed 6.15am
Shoalhaven Heads: ..Fri 3.30pm Community Centre
Confession--Reconciliation
Nowra: Sat 9.30-10.30am & 5.00- 5.30pm
Culburra: Sat 5.30pm.**Berry:** Tues 6.00pm
Kangaroo Valley:..... Sat 4.30. - 5.00pm
Vincentia: Sat 5 –5.30pm

We prayerfully remember **Lorna Murray and Ivan Pendergast** who died over the past week. Also **Margaret Pryde** and **Krystyn Brimmer** whose anniversaries occur .*May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastdays: Mon 3 Dec; **St Francis Xavier**, priest
 Fri 7 Dec; **St Ambrose**, bishop of Milan
 Sat 8 Dec; **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Parish Disability Connections: All volunteers and families with members who have special needs are invited to a Christmas Luncheon on **Wed 5 Dec** in the Parish Centre, 12 noon-1.30pm. For catering purposes please RSVP jeanieh@materdei.org.au or 4654 8709.

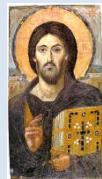
Morning Tea for Christmas: You are cordially invited to a Christmas Morning Tea & Carols sing-along at the Holy Spirit Church Hall, Vincentia, on **Friday 7 Dec** 10am. For more info please call Ron D'Souza 4441 5723.

Vincentia Christmas raffle will be drawn 23 Dec. Tickets on sale outside all Vincentia Masses. Tickets \$2 or 3/\$5. Winner's choice of 5 great prizes.

The Advent HOUR OF GRACE will be a perfect opportunity to take some time out to reflect and prepare spiritually for Christmas. **Friday December 7th**, St Michael's Church, followed by refreshments at the Parish Centre. *All welcome.*



Catechist Corner: Next year we will need many new Catechists. Could you spare 1 – 1 ½ hours per week to awaken the life of Jesus in our State School children? Ring Lyn West 4423 1009 for further information.



Please Note: - Due to the busy pre-Christmas season the December **Sesquicentenary Meeting** scheduled for the 3rd has had to be cancelled

St Michael's Youth Group will meet **Fri 7 Dec** 6.30 – 8pm in the Polding Room. *Cooking Theme.*

Bay and Basin Catholic Women's League will meet **Thursday 1 November** in the Church Hall: 11am for stall pricing; 1pm for the meeting. Contact person Eileen 4443 8008.

Culburra Family Group Christmas Lunch will be held **Sun, 2 Dec**, 12 midday, at Noel Reid's Currarong home Please bring some Christmas lunch to share.

Claiming the Date. Saturday 4th May. Inaugural fundraising Gala Dinner for St Vincent de Paul Society.

Culburra Christmas raffle will be drawn 22 December – donations for hamper gratefully received.

Nowra Branch of CWL is holding a **Christmas Raffle** in the Parish this weekend :(& 9 Dec at Berry). Tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5. Prizes: *Gourmet Christmas Hamper; Selection of serving platters; Knife Block.* Drawn 11 Dec at the CWL Monthly meeting. *Thank you for your continued support.*

Liturgical Readers: Parishioners are encouraged to express their interest in reading at Mass by phoning the Parish office on 4423 1712. Vacancies currently exist on the Reading Roster.



This year has been one of very extensive maintenance on our Church buildings throughout the parish, (i.e Bomaderry and Kangaroo Valley Churches) and the task is far from finished. St Michael's is in great need of a new carpet (the present carpet was laid c 25 years ago). Interior paint work is also becoming a bit dilapidated, so this would be the logical time to address the painting as well. The most convenient time would be January, when we are already in the Hall for Masses during the holiday period. To hear your constructive suggestions, I invite interested parishioners to meet in St Michael's Church on Wednesday evening at 7.00.p.m. to discuss the proposal.



Advent Reflections - AWAKEN - This year the Diocese has produced a magnificent little Advent Booklet of daily reflections. They are selling for just \$1 per copy. *Unfortunately some copies are defective with some middle pages missing and others are duplicated. Please check your copy and contact the Parish Office if your copy is flawed.*



The **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** for Nowra-Bomaderry will be conducted next weekend, **8/9 December.**



WorldChangers Fair Trade & Ethical Christmas Market is a one-stop not-for-profit event for unique and beautiful gifts that make a difference. W'gong Church of Christ auditorium, 25 O'Briens Rd, Figtree, **Fri, 7 Dec 5.30 – 9pm.** Products from global communities seeking to break out of the cycle of poverty. Rides, children's activities, live performers & international food. Contact number 4226 5022.

Lenten Groups 2013: Lent is early in 2013 Ash Wednesday falling on 13 Feb & we are calling for interested Parishioners to lead / host groups, either in homes or the Parish Centre, as lists need to be displayed in early Jan. We warmly welcome new members, & welcome back the 'old hands'. If you are interested please ring / leave a message: Francene 4421 5962; Tina 4422 9250; Bernie 4421 2986.

The Christmas timetable will be available next week



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Mount Carmel Day Retreat: Sat 8 Dec. 10am – 4pm.
"Advent and Christmas" Praying with Mary and Joseph Fr.
Paul Maunder, OCD Tea/ Coffee provided, BYO lunch.
Retreat Contribution: \$ 20. 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville,
Booking: (02) 8795-3400 or email retreats@carmelite.com /

Waiting On God's Call In the Season of Advent we hear many calls in the Gospel: Mary's call, John the Baptist's call, and this week, discerning the signs. Let us make space for God's call this Advent or be an agent of God's call for others. Priests, religious, deacons, married, committed single people all received a call. Is God preparing you for a vocation in 2013? Or are you being prompted to invite someone else to consider God's call for them? For advice, please your local priest or Fr Richard Healey on priesthood@dow.org.au or 0401 621 591, or visit <http://dow.org.au/priesthood>.

Parish Staff – Parish Office: 4423 1712

Fr Patrick Faherty: Parish Priest, Nowra

Fr Duane Fernandez: Assistant Priest, Nowra:

Fr Leo Duck: Vincentia; 4441 5571

Fr Ronan Kilgannon: Kangaroo Valley.

Sr Sue Barker: Sr Beverley Coffey, Sr Margaret

Prendergast, Sr Patricia Lawless SGS: Sisters of the Good

Samaritan: Nowra 4421 2260

Sr Val Green, RSC: Sister of Charity :Vincentia

Mrs Lyn West: Catechist Coordinator, 4423 1009

Catriona Nunan: Youth Minister: 0422 201 054

Mrs Liz Nimmo: Part-time Parish Secretary 4423 1712

Mrs Cath Elton: Part-time Parish Secretary 4423 1712

Parish Sesquicentenary Book contacts:

Culburra: Mary Nelson 4447 3263

Berry: Barry McAndrew: see him after Mass

Vincentia: Sister Val

Claiming the Date: Mother Ruth Scholarship Fund,
Gala Theatre Night, **Wed 13 March 2013**. The play will
be "*The Hallelujah Girls*".