



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.

Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

9 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 **Brian Walsh** who died over the past week. Also **Maurie Hanley, Jo Hillyard, Frederick Hill, and Wesley Rodrick** whose anniversaries occur .*May they rest in eternal peace.*



Feastdays: Thurs 13 Dec, **St Lucy**, martyr
 Fri 14 Dec; **St John of the Cross**, priest
Culburra Christmas Church cleaning – Saturday 15 December at 8:30am. The Christmas raffle will be drawn 22 December – donations for hamper gratefully received.

The next monthly **Youth Mass** at **St Michael's** takes place Sunday **16 Dec.** at 6pm. Mass is followed by refreshments and activities in the Parish Centre.

St Michael's Children's Liturgy will be held Sun, **16 Dec** at 9.30am Mass. There is a Christmas morning tea afterwards to which both the children and parishioners are invited. If you would like to bring something to share, that would be lovely but not compulsory.

Nowra CWL monthly meeting is on Tues **12 Dec.** Morning tea at 9.30am is followed by the meeting at 10am in the Parish Centre. Contact Judy 4421 8565.



CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2012

Christmas Eve - Vigil Masses:

Monday 24 December

Nowra: 7.00pm & 10.00pm
 Culburra: 6.00pm
 Vincentia (St George Ave): 6.00pm & 8.00pm
 Kangaroo Valley (Moss Vale Rd): 9.00pm
 Berry (Albert St): 9.00pm
 Shoalhaven Heads (Community Centre): 6.00pm



Christmas Day : Tuesday

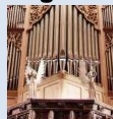
Nowra: 8.00am and 9.30am
 Berry: 8.00am
 Bomaderry: 9.30am
 Culburra: 8.00am
 Vincentia: 8.00am and 9.30am

Please note: There is no Mid-Night Mass and no evening Mass on Christmas Day - 25 December

Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated at St Michael's on Wednesday Dec 19th at 7.00.p.m.

Parishioners are encouraged to use this opportunity to prepare sacramentally for the Feast of Christmas. Four priests will be available for the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation.

Organists required for two Christmas Masses at St Michael's.



For family reasons two of our regular organists will be away this Christmas. This means we have not been able to schedule any organist for the 8.00 a.m. and 9.30.am. Masses at St Michael's. We would very much appreciate any assistance parishioners or visitors might be able to offer in this regard.

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. Please return tickets and money within the next two weeks.

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.



St Michael's Church. We are planning to have St Michael's Church painted and also to have new carpet laid during January. There are also some preparatory repair jobs required. I suggest we transfer the Church pews to the Hall on Friday Dec. 21st. This will be quite a physical effort, so the assistance of able bodied parishioners would be much appreciated. I was hoping we might begin the task at 1.00p.m. If you can assist with this task please contact the Parish office



The **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** for Nowra-Bomaderry will be conducted this weekend, **8/9 December.** This is one of the busiest Conferences in the Diocese. On average over the past five months, the Society assisted 217 persons monthly; and the average monthly expenditure for that same period was over \$13,000. Your support will be genuinely appreciated in this pre-Christmas season.

St Michael's will sadly farewell our Primary School Principal **Mr Paul Croker** at the end of this. year. Paul has put extraordinary time, energy and professional expertise into St Michael's over the past three years for which we as a parish community should be deeply grateful. We wish Paul every success as the new Principal of St Thomas More's Ruse.



We also welcome Paul's replacement at St Michael's Mr Chris Payton. Chris has been principal at St Paul's Camden for the past 8 years.

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

Lenten Groups 2013: Lent is early in 2013 Ash Wed. on 13 Feb. We are calling for interested Parishioners to lead / host groups, either in homes or the Parish Centre .If you are interested please ring / leave a message: Francene 4421 5962; Tina 4422 9250; Bernie 4421 2968.

Sr Val 80th birthday: Sr Val extends her warmest thanks to parishioners and friends for cards, prayers and best wishes on her recent birthday. Special thanks also to those who organised the gathering last Saturday to make it such a special time of celebration.



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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>.

Advent Reflections - AWAKEN - This year the Diocese has produced a magnificent little Advent Booklet of daily reflections. *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.*



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

SUMMER MASS TIMETABLE

Sundays December 30th and January 6th 2013

Vigil Masses (Saturday)

Nowra: 6.00pm
Culburra: 6.00pm
Vincentia: 6.00pm
Shoalhaven Heads: *6.00pm

Shoalhaven Heads Community Centre Mass on Saturday Dec 29th and Jan 5th 2013 only.

Sunday Mass

Nowra: 8.00am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
Berry: 8.00am
Bomaderry: 9.30am
Culburra: 8.00am (on **Sundays Dec 30 & Jan 6 only**)
Vincentia: 8.00am & 9.30am (up to and including **January 26th/27th**)
Kangaroo Valley: 11.00am

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