



**St Michael's Parish**, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: [office@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:office@nowraparish.org.au)

Website: [nowraparish.org.au](http://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 of Advent, Year C**

**16 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

**Berry- Reconciliation**

**Saturday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9.00a.m.- 10.00.a.m.**

We prayerfully remember **Lola Watts** who died this past week. Also **Austin Pavlich**, **Louise Moore**, **Margaret McLean** and **Carlo Malina** whose anniversaries occur .*May they rest in eternal peace.*



Primary school age children wishing to participate as an **Angel or Shepherd** for a Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, **Mon 24 Dec at 7pm**, are invited to attend a **practice on**

**Friday next 21 Dec at 11am** in St Michael's Hall. Parents must stay to supervise their children. For further information contact: Annette Smith 0438 831472.

**CWL Nowra branch** would like to thank parishioners for their support during 2012 and wish you all a **Happy and Holy Christmas**. The Christmas Raffle raised \$700. Prize winners are: 1<sup>st</sup> Maggie McGregor; 2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Da Silva; 3<sup>rd</sup> Janine McQueen; and 4<sup>th</sup> Mrs Flowerdew.

Nowra CWL members are reminded there will be **no meeting in January 2013**.

**CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2012**

**Christmas Eve - Vigil Masses:**

**Monday 24 December**

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



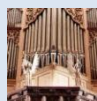
**Christmas Day: Tuesday**

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**

**Caritas Appeal - (Philippines);** Each Christmas a portion of the Christmas Day Second Collection is distributed to Church run Nursing Homes in the area, in appreciation of the care they give to residents, many of whom are parishioners. We also contribute to **Caritas**. This year I suggest that we support the Caritas Appeal for the victims of Typhoon Bopha which has brought death and devastation to parts of the southern Philippines.

**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 are still hoping that some parishioners or visitors might be able to offer assistance in this regard.

**Diocesan Journey Magazine Available**

This edition includes Bishop Peter's statement on the Royal Commission, an exploration of the problem of evil and suffering, winning artwork from the student Christmas exhibition, and a complete list of Christmas Mass times for parishes within the Diocese

**2<sup>nd</sup> RITE OF RECONCILIATION:**

**St Michael's Hall Wednesday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 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. **(The venue will be the Hall)**



**St Michael's Church** painting and carpet laying - this work will take place during January. The Pews are now being transferred to the Hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> commencing at 9.00.a.m. Kevin Wellman -the Painter – will provide assistance in this regard, but assistance from able bodied parishioners will still be much appreciated.



**Catechist Corner:** *We still need many new Catechists for 2013.* If you could spare 1 – 1 ½ hours per week to awaken the life of Jesus in our State School children, please ring Lyn West on 4423 1009.

**Claiming Dates in 2013**

- **April: 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Parish Mission with a difference –** The Catholic Guy (a team of five)
- **Claiming the Date:** Mother Ruth Scholarship Fund, Gala Theatre Night, **Wed 13 March 2013.** The play will be "*The Hallelujah Girls*".
- **Saturday 4th May.** Inaugural fundraising Gala Dinner for St Vincent de Paul Society.

**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 by the next weekend.

**Lost Keys:** A bunch of ten keys including a car key was left behind at St Michael's on Sunday last, and has not yet been claimed. The loser can claim the same by contacting the Parish Office: 44 231 712...

**Christmas and Summer Timetables available at Church doors**



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**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.

**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

### **SUMMER MASS TIMETABLE**

***Sundays December 30<sup>th</sup> and January 6<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> and Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>)**

Kangaroo Valley:. 11.00am