



**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.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C**

**23 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; Thurs 8.15am;  
 Fri 7.00am & 11.30; and Sat 9.00am.  
**Culburra:** Thurs. 5.30pm  
**Vincentia:**..... Mon/Thurs/Fri.8.00am;T  
**K Valley:**..... Mon, Thurs/Sat 8.00am; Wed 6.15am

**Confession--Reconciliation**

**Nowra:** ..... Sat 9.30-10.30am & 5.00- 5.30pm  
**Culburra:** Sat 5.30pm. ....  
**Kangaroo Valley:**..... Sat 4.30. - 5.00pm  
**Vincentia:** ..... Sat 5 –5.30pm

We prayerfully remember Fr **Richard Hazlitt** who died recently in residential care after a significant period of illness, and Maureen **Worth** who died this past week. Also **Stan Bright, Alex McCoy, Marge, Murray and John Hay**, and all those whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**A very sincere thank you to the many men and women who so generously, enthusiastically and efficiently assisted in transferring the pews and other Church requisites from the Church to the Hall on Wednesday. It was an arduous task, but done most graciously and cooperatively** It was great to receive such strong support, and very much appreciated. St Michael's Church will be painted and have carpet laid during January. The side- -room of the Hall will be the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for that period.



**Please note:** There will be no First Saturday Marian Devotions in January. They will resume on 2 Feb at 9.00am.

**Weekday Missal:** If anyone would like to purchase the new translation of the Weekday Missal, there are copies available for sale at the Parish Office. Cost \$80. Phone: 4423 1712.

**CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2012**

**Christmas Eve - Vigil Masses:**

**Monday 24 December**

Nowra: 7.00pm & 10.00pm  
 Culburra: 6.00pm  
 Vincentia: 6.00pm and 8.00pm  
 Kangaroo Valley: 9.00pm  
 Berry: 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.

**The Nowra-Bomaderry Conference of the St Vincent De Paul Society** would like to say a big **Thank You** for the very generous response to the Christmas Appeal which totalled \$6,6250.00; this includes very generous financial donations from both St Michael's and St John's Schools

**Culburra – Callala Conference of St Vincent de Paul** will hold their **Annual Appeal** on the weekend of **29/30 December**. Donations will be genuinely appreciated to assist with support for the needy of the community, and particularly to assist with heavy demand over the Christmas season.



As a Parish Community we offer congratulations to Fr Duane on the occasion of the first anniversary of his priestly ordination on - 17 December. We express our sincerest thanks for his dedication, zeal and generosity. We pray that God will continue to guide him and bless him with a fruitful priestly ministry.



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

**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.

**"In this 'Visitation' story,** the two women share their remarkable experience. As their two stories come together, faith overflows in new insight, knowledge and celebration.

What is to be highlighted, I think, is Elizabeth's insistence that Mary is 'blessed', not simply because she is 'the mother of my Lord', but because of her faith: 'Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled'. Her faith was the essential channel through which salvation would flow into the world. It is people of faith who open up the world to God's power. All the scriptural promises heard through Advent come to their point of focus in the faith of Mary, the beginning and the model of all subsequent Christian believing. "... (Fr Brendan Byrne SJ)





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**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**

**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



**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.