



**SUMMER MASS TIMETABLE - Sundays:**

**NOWRA**.....6pm Vigil; 8am, 9.30am & 6pm  
**BERRY** : 8.00am **BOMADERRY** :9.30am  
**CULBURRA**: 6pm Vigil, and 8.00am **on Sundays**  
**Dec 30 & Jan 6 only.**  
**VINCENTIA** : 6pm Vigil, 8.00am. & 9.30 a.m.  
**KANGAROO VALLEY** ..... 11.00am  
**Shoalhaven Heads**: \*6.00pm  
**# Shoalhaven Heads Community Centre Mass on Saturday Dec 29<sup>th</sup> and Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 2013 only.**

**Weekday Masses:**

**Nowra**: Mon 7.00am; Tues/Wed/ Thurs 8.15am;  
Fri 7.00am & 11.30; and Sat 9.00am.  
**Berry** : Tuesday 5.30 a.m.  
**Culburra**: Thurs. 5.30pm  
**Vincentia**: Mon/Thurs/Fri.8.00am; Tues/Wed.  
5.30 pm.  
**K Valley**: Mon/Tues, Thurs/Sat 8.00am; Wed 6.15am  
**On Monday 31<sup>st</sup>**. an hour of reflective Prayer time as we enter 2013: 7.00.-8.00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – St Michael's.  
**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: **Lynette Turnbull** (Culburra), **Bill Christopher** (Nowra). Also **Joan Reid** and **Roy Healey** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**Feastdays: Tues Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**. Mary the Mother of God.  
**Wed. Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>** Sts Basil and Gregory the Nazianzen.  
**Sun Jan 6<sup>th</sup>** – The Epiphany of the Lord.

**Culburra – Callala Conference of St Vincent de Paul** will hold their **Annual Appeal** this weekend - **29/30 December**. Donations will be genuinely appreciated particularly to assist with heavy demand over the Christmas season.



A single female is **seeking single room accommodation** within a home, either furnished or not. She has recently taken up a new position in Nowra. Her contact number is 0435 091 003

**The Feast of the Holy Family**



The Feast of the Holy Family was introduced into the Church Calendar by Pope Leo XIII (1893). Leo X111 was the Pope who wrote so magnificently regarding working conditions, the rights of workers, and families, the importance of the just wages etc. With the restructuring of the Liturgical Calendar following the Vatican Council the Feast was linked more significantly with Christmas. By the grace and providential love of God - Christian Family life and the vocation of parenthood – are united and have their sacred source in the Sacrament of Marriage. Marriage needs to be have a spiritual and sacramental preparation. (There is in general a great negligence in this regard to-day). Parenthood is a sacred privilege and a joy but also an extraordinary responsibility.

“Today the Church calls our attention to not simply the importance of family life, but the necessity that our families be holy. Holiness is discovered in the realization that our lives are not about ourselves, but are meant as a gift for others. The families that exemplify this disposition to each other imitate the Holy Family of Nazareth.”..(Fr Robert Barron)

**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.  
**Deacon Peter Presdee** - Chaplain to Corrective Services  
**Mrs Lyn West**: Catechist Coordinator, 4423 1009  
**Mrs Liz Nimmo**: Part-time Parish Secretary 4423 1712  
**Mrs Cath Elton**: Part-time Parish Secretary 4423 1712

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

**New Year's Day – Feast of Mary Mother of God- Tuesday January 1<sup>st</sup> 2013**

The title Mother of God - had been given to Mary in popular devotion from the second century onwards, and it was confirmed by the Council of Ephesus in AD 431 to assert the full divinity of her Son. “Mary is Mother of God from having borne in His humanity, a son who is personally God.”



And of course in the Gospel scene of the Visitation, Elizabeth greeted Mary as “the mother of my Lord” As has been the practice for many years Pope Benedict has issued a special Message focusing on world Peace as we enter the New Year.. He begins his message as follows:

**“EACH NEW YEAR brings the expectation of a better world. In light of this, I ask God, the Father of humanity, to grant us concord and peace, so that the aspirations of all for a happy and prosperous life may be achieved.....**

On Monday Evening there will be an hour of reflective Prayer time as we enter 2013: 7.00.-8.00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**The Red Wagon.....**

It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. The pastor of the church was looking at the manger scene, when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing from the manger. He became concerned and immediately went outside as he heard some children talking; he saw a little boy a short distance away with a little red wagon walking down the street. As he came close the pastor peered into the wagon and was surprised to see the figure of the infant Jesus. So he cautiously said to the boy, ‘Son, where did you get that little baby Jesus that's in your wagon?’ The little boy replied, ‘I got him from the church.’ ‘Why did you take him?’ asked the pastor. The little boy replied, ‘Well, about a week before Christmas, I prayed to the baby Jesus. I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give him a ride around the block in it.’





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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.

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year C**

**30 December 2012**

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

**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; or Bernie 4421 2968.

**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.

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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...

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### **Parish Sesquicentenary Book contacts:**

**Culburra:** Mary Nelson 4447 3263

**Berry:** Barry McAndrew: see him after Mass

**Vincentia:** Sister Val