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The Epiphany of the Lord

6th January 2013



The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (Manifestation)

The very ancient Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the fact that Israel's Messiah is also the Saviour of the entire world. We believers of later generations take this more or less for granted. For the Magi their journey has been one of faith and risk. Their coming has caused 'disturbance' in Jerusalem; the treacherous and murderous figure of Herod looms over all, foreshadowing the Passion that is to come. But the riches of God's salvation will go to the Gentiles. We too walk in the footsteps of the wise men, sharing their longing, their faith, and the joy of their discovery, and bringing our own gifts to the Lord.

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2013: Many thanks to all who responded to our call for group leaders / hosts. The Diocesan program "**BELIEVE**" begins the week of 11 February. Those interested in joining a group are asked to write their name & phone number on the lists at Nowra/ Bomaderry (max of 10 per group). Inquiries to: Francene 4421 5962, Tina 4422 9250, or Bernie 4421 2968.

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Peace and God's Blessings to all throughout 2013

May this year- 2013 marking the Sesquicentenary of our Parish, be a time of spiritual renewal when we attune our minds and hearts to the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday Masses for the Holiday Season:

Nowra:..... Vigil 6pm, 8.00am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
Berry:..... 8.00am
Bomaderry:..... 9.30am
Culburra: Vigil 6.00pm, (and 8.00am this Sun 6th only).
Vincentia:..... .. Vigil 6.00pm, 8.00 & 9.30am
Kangaroo Valley: . 11.00.am.
S'haven Heads: Vigil 6.00pm this week Jan 5th only (Community Centre)

Masses During The Week

Nowra: Mon. 7.00.a.m Tues/Wed/Thurs. 8.15 a.m. Fri. 7.00am and 11.30am, Sat. 9.00 a.m.
Berry: Tues. 5.30 pm
Culburra : Thursday 5.30.p.m.
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8.00 am, Tues/Wed 5.30 pm
Kangaroo Valley: Mon/ Tues/Thurs and Sat. 8.00am (Divine Office 10.40am), Wed Mass 6.15am. (Lauds at 6am)

Confession / Reconciliation

Nowra: . Sat 11.30am – 12.30pm,
Culburra: . Sat. 5.30pm
Vincentia: . Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

Feastdays:

Saturday January 12th The Feast of Santo Nino- The Filipino Annual Festival Mass – 9.00.a.m. at St. Michael's.
Sunday January 13th, The Baptism of the Lord.



We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Dick Murrell, Anthony Stone, and Bill Christopher.** Also **Joyce McMahon, Yvette Tito, Joan Reid, David Weeks, and Rona Wakefield** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.

"A new year is like a journey: with the light and grace of God, may it be a path to peace for every person and every family, for each country and for the whole world," Pope Benedict Jan 1st 2013

From the Pope's Peace Message for 2013

"The many different efforts at peacemaking which abound in our world testify to mankind's innate vocation to peace. In every person the desire for peace is an essential aspiration which coincides in a certain way with the desire for a full, happy and successful human life. In other words, the desire for peace corresponds to a fundamental moral principle, namely, the duty and right to an integral social and communitarian development, which is part of God's plan for mankind. Man is made for the peace which is God's gift. All of this led me to draw inspiration for this Message from the words of Jesus Christ: "**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God**" (Mt 5:9)



The Word penetrates to the silent centre of our heart:



'Contemplative reading of the Holy Scriptures and silent time in the presence of God belong closely together. The Word of God draws us into silence: silence makes us attentive to God's Word. The Word of God penetrates through the thick of human verbosity to the silent centre of our heart: silence opens in us the space where the Word can be heard. Without reading the Word, silence becomes stale, and without silence, the Word loses its re-creative power. The Word leads to silence, and silence is the deepest response to the Word.'

- Fr Henri Nouwen,