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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.

**Sunday Masses:**

**NOWRA:**.....6pm Vigil; 8am, 9.30am & 6pm  
**BERRY:**..... 8.00am  
**BOMADERRY:**..... 9.30am  
**CULBURRA:**.....6pm Vigil  
**VINCENTIA:** 6pm Vigil, 8.00am & 9.30am (up to and including January 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup>)  
**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

**Confession--Reconciliation**

**Nowra:** ..... Sat 9.30-10.30am & 5.00-5.30pm

**Berry;** Following Mass on Tuesday

**Culburra:** Sat 5.30pm. .... **Berry:** Tues 6.00pm

**Kangaroo Valley:**..... Sat 4.30-5.00pm

**Vincentia:** ..... Sat 5.00–5.30pm

We prayerfully remember **Robert (Bob) Wood** (Requiem Mass at St Michael's Tues 15 Jan 10.30am), and **Peter Cram** (Windang who died this week. Also **Victor Sutherland**, and **Gaudencio & Emilia Coloma** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**Feastday:** Thurs 17 Jan; **St Anthony**, abbot

**Pancake Morning Tea:** Bored? Depressed? Need a break? Then come join us for Morning Tea at the Holy Spirit Church hall, Vincentia, on **Tuesday 12 February** at 10.00am. Meet old friends and make new ones. Contact Ron D'Souza 4441 5723.

**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

*The Baptism of the Lord*



With the feast of the Baptism today we make a swift transition from Jesus' infancy and childhood to the event which, in all four Gospels, inaugurates his adult public ministry.

The Readings link the baptism of Jesus, and his reception of the Spirit, with the baptism of all those who subsequently

hear the Gospel with faith and likewise receive the Spirit. In this way, I think, today's feast, while primarily about the baptism of Jesus, is also about our baptism as well. That Sacrament brings human beings within the Trinitarian experience of God's love enacted in Jesus' baptism and empowers them, as it empowered him, to reflect that love to the world. {Fr Brendan Byrne SJ}

**Easter is the Feast that is directly related to Christian Sacramental Baptism, however this is an appropriate occasion to reflect on the fact that through Baptism we are 'grafted into Christ' and on our own Baptismal 'calling'.**



St Michael's next **Youth Mass** is on **20 January** at 6pm. Mass will be followed by refreshments and activities. All welcome to join in.

**Culburra – Callala Conference of SVDP** recently held their Annual Appeal and \$1,938.35 was donated. A sincere thank you for your generous response to this appeal.



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 a list at Nowra/ Bomaderry (max of 10 per group). Inquiries to: Francene 4421 5962, Tina 4422 9250, or Bernie 4421 2968. **Contacts for other areas** Berry/ S'Heads: Christine Da Silva 44641035; Callala: Joyce Buttell 4446 5569; Culburra: Harry Ray 44472941; Currarong: Connie Heap 44483157; Vincentia: Fr Leo 44415571

**PARISHES PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE BY**

**WORKING TOGETHER – YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED**

Our Diocese is growing and to plan for our future we are asking parishes to work together to make sure our planning and process of change will strengthen us in our roles as bearers of Christ's love, in existing and new communities. The process for planning for the future builds on our existing diocesan pastoral plan and will be launched by Bishop Peter Ingham on **Sun, 3 Feb**. Every family in the Diocese will on that day receive a Workbook and DVD. These will give you information about our role as baptised people in the Church as well as particular information about parishes and ministries in our Diocese. Our parish will have information and discussion sessions on **Sat 9 March, 9.30- 2.30pm**, in the Parish Hall. The sessions will be led by Diocesan facilitators.

**Claiming Dates in 2013**

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

**Catechist Corner:** *We 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.

Anyone interested in purchasing a leather cover for their new Weekday or Sunday missal please phone Frank (leather maker) 4443 6182. The cost is \$35.

**Palms Australia** is a Catholic organisation that has been placing skilled Australian volunteers on mission in Africa, Asia and the Pacific for over 50 years. Join Palms on an *Encounter Visit* to volunteers in the field, and learn how Australians can work to reduce poverty. 4 trips, of 8-10 people, are available: Kiribati 13-25 April, Timor-Leste 30 June-13 July, Timor-Leste 22 Sept-5 Oct, and Kiribati 12-25 Nov. Contact Sarah on 02-9518 9551 or [sarah@palms.org.au](mailto:sarah@palms.org.au) or visit [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)



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**Baptism of the Lord, Year C**

**13 January 2013**

**ILLAWARRA SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM: Wednesday,**

**20 February, 5:00-6:30pm, Xavier Centre, 38**

**Harbour St Wollongong**

Are you concerned about social justice issues being faced by people in the Illawarra region and wider world? Would you like support in working proactively to care for creation? The Diocesan Justice Ecology & Peace Council invites you to participate in a forum on Social Justice in the Illawarra. The aim of this forum is to develop ways in which we can support each other in the work for social justice in this region of the Diocese. **Enquiries and RSVP by 15 February to [darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au) or 4222 2463**