



St Michael's Parish, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: office@nowraparish.org.au

Website: 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.

Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

8 December 2013

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

Mass times for the Week.

Nowra: Monday 7.00.a.m.;Tues/Wed/ Thurs 8.15.am;
 Fri 7.00am & 11.30am; Sat 9.00am.

Holy Hour Fridays: 10.30-11.30am.

Berry:..... Tues 5.30pm.**Culburra** Thurs 5.30pm

Vincentia: Mon/ Thurs/Fri.8.00am; Tues/Wed 5.30pm

K Valley:... Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 9am, Wed 7am

Shoalhaven Heads: Fri 3.30pm Community Centre

Confession - Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 9..30 -10.30am; & 5.00-5.30pm

Berry: Tues 6.00pm **K Valley:** Sat 4.30-5.00pm

Vincentia: Sat 5.00-5.30pm

SVDP Rosary: Tues 9.30am St Michael's Church. All welcome

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased:
Kathleen Lynskey Also **Lola Watts, Maurie Hanley, Deble Majdlani, Krystyn Brimmer, Jo Hillyard, Wesley Rodrick, Peter Paul Fernando** and **Remedios Paliza** whose anniversaries occur. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to- Mon 9th.

Friday 13th St Lucy.

Saturday 14th. St John of the Cross

Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated at St Michael's on Wednesday Dec 18th. 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. Pope Francis is a great advocate of the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance in our lives.



Year Six Thanksgiving Mass at St Michael's on Tuesday Evening at 6.30.p.m.

The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding the **Annual Christmas Appeal** this weekend (7/8 December). The Society has had great demands on its resources. For the past 3 months alone we have helped on average 369 families with food vouchers, electricity and other household expenses to the amount of \$15,366.00. So your financial support would be greatly appreciated especially as we approach the Christmas Season



St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards & Columban Calendars are available for sale at churches.

CWL Nowra Branch Christmas Raffle: Tickets available this weekend at Bomaderry & Nowra: \$2 each or 3 / \$5.



Culburra Christmas Hamper Raffle: Tickets on sale at Mass. All hamper donations gratefully accepted.

Culburra Church Cleaning - Saturday 21 Dec at 8.30am.

Culburra Family Group will hold its *Christmas Lunch* this Sunday, 8 Dec, at Noel Reid's home, 48 Warrain St, Currarong (4448 3215), 11.30 for 12.00

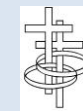
Shoalhaven Lydian Singers' Christmas Concert '*Joyeux Noel*' will be held **Sat 14 Dec 2.30^{pm}** at St. Patrick's Berry and **Sun 15 Dec 2.30^{pm}** at Nowra School of Arts.

Mrs Jean Ivers (Sanctuary Point), wishes to sincerely express her appreciation and gratitude to the parishioners of the Vincentia community, for their support and prayers during her late husband Jim's illness and recent death. Jean and her late husband Jim have indeed been a much loved and respected couple of the Holy Spirit community

A comprehensive **Christmas and Holiday Mass Timetable** for the entire Parish is now available. Copies at all of the Churches

Children's Liturgy of the Word Sun 8 Dec (today) at St Michael's 9.30 Mass. All children from preschool to Yr 6 welcome. **Everyone is invited to morning tea in the Parish Centre after Mass.**

If you are interested in organising and/or presenting Children's Liturgy of the Word in 2014, please contact the Parish Office. There is an urgent need for interested parents/parishioners to continue this work.



The Local Federal Member for Gilmore has written to the Parish inviting parishioners to write to her personally expressing their views on the proposed change to legislation governing the Marriage Act, so as to accord the status of Marriage to same-sex relationships. This is an important opportunity to support and defend what is the natural, the traditional and the Christian understanding of Marriage. The address: Mrs Anne Sudmalis MP, PO. Box 1009, Nowra 2541

Pope Francis met on the morning of Dec 2nd with Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, increasing hopes for a future visit by the Pontiff to the Holy Land. The two leaders discussed the "complex political and social situation in the Middle East." A Vatican press release stated that both the Holy Father and the Prime Minister expressed their hope for a lasting peaceful solution between Israel and Palestine.



Youth Spirit Alive: Celebrate - Fr Rob Galea Year 9 & up to 35 years of age. Into your faith and great music and amazing speakers? Fr Rob Galea is internationally sought after for his incredible gift in music & inspirational personal story. Sat 14 Dec, 5-9pm, Holy Spirit College, Bellambi. Bring money for dinner & drinks. youth@dow.org.au

... We are all the Church: from the recently baptised child to the bishops, to the Pope; we are all Church, and we are all equal in the eyes of God. We are all called to collaborate in the birth of faith in new Christians, we are all called upon to be educators in faith, to proclaim the Gospel! Pope Francis, Rome, Sep 11, 2013



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The **Diocesan Choir** will be assisting at liturgies at the *Lift Up Your Hearts National Liturgy Conference*, St Francis Xavier Cathedral 15-18 Jan 2014. Come along and join us. There are two rehearsals: **Mon 9 Dec 7:15-9pm & Mon 16 Dec 7:15-9pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral...** Robyn O'Dea, Diocesan Choir Director (robyn_odea@hotmail.com) Further info contact Helen Bennett 02 4222 2403.

Xt3.com has launched its' Advent Calendar, "*The Christmas Story: Retold*". View the calendar online at: www.xt3.com/advent



Advent Twilight Retreat Wed 11 Dec, 5.30-7.30pm (cuppa at 5.00^{pm}, soup & bread at 7.30^{pm}). St John the Evangelist Church, 24 Jerematta St Dapto. Facilitator: Michael Dyer (Diocesan Seminarian) RSVP: Anne-Maree Doyle T: 426113156 E: dapto@dow.org.au

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**EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL SYNOD OF BISHOPS IN
ROME NEXT OCT. ADDRESSING MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY:**

For those wishing to contribute to the questionnaire on-line it is suggested that you use the online response form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/synod>

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

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