



*The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord
(Manifestation)*



“Herod views the world from the confines of his own ego, and tries to make the world conform to his plans. The Magi look outside of themselves by looking for an order that they can conform to. By focusing their attention away from themselves they are spiritually liberated to follow the star of Bethlehem. This is the liberation that Christ grants us. He allows us to escape the jail cell of our egos to join the liberating current of His love and leads us closer to eternal life.” (Fr Robert Barron)

SUMMER MASS TIMETABLE

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 5th only).

Vincentia: Vigil 6.00pm,(and 8.00am this Sun 5th only) and 9.30am

Kangaroo Valley: 11.00.am.

S'haven Heads: Vigil 6.00pm this week Jan 4th 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: Wed at 7.00am only for this week.

Confession / Reconciliation

Nowra: . Sat 11.30am – 12.30pm,

Culburra: Sat. 5.30pm

Vincentia: Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

VATICAN CITY (CNS)

-- With lots of kisses, but very few words, Pope Francis spent more than two-and-a-half hours visiting sick children, their parents and doctors at Rome's Bambino Gesu children's hospital Dec. 21. Mostly without cameras following him, the pope also visited the 12 babies in the neonatal intensive care unit, the eight children in intensive care and the 18 youngsters in the hospital's nephrology department. In the hospital chapel, he met 30 children suffering from cancer who gave him a basket containing their prayers and dreams. Just outside the chapel, he blessed and held hands tightly with members of the parents' support group.



We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Matthew Abbott (20), Berry, Mark Broomhead (Vic) and Sr M. Xavier Compton SGS.** Also **Dick Murrell, Joyce McMahon, and Rona Wakefield** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace. The funeral of Matthew Abbott will be held at St Patrick's Berry on Tuesday at 10.30.a.m.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Volunteers needed!

This was a most fruitful ministry last year, making it easier both for children to engage in their faith, and for young families to participate in Sunday Mass. Are you available to help out in this important and rewarding ministry, at Nowra's 9:30am Sunday Mass? Resources and guidance will be provided, and frequency will be determined by you. If you are 18 years or over and interested, please write your name and contact number on the sheet in the foyer. Call Fr Duane on 44231712 for more information.

Feastdays:

Sunday January 12th, The Baptism of the Lord.

Saturday January 18thThe Feast of Santo Nino- The Filipino Annual Festival Mass – 9.00.a.m. at St. Michael's

Parish Statistical information for 2013:

Being essentially a Church of Word and Sacrament reports on the life and mission of a parish cannot convey a full picture of God's work in our midst. Reports can service to some extent as to how we are travelling. There is also much good accomplished by people individually and organisations in very practical and compassionate ways within parishes, which cannot be recorded.

Baptism: 124

Confirmation: 67

First Holy Communicants: 72

Marriage: 22

Funeral: 69

Holy Spirit Vincentia: A donation of \$10,000 has been received from a family who wishes to remain anonymous. The Holy Spirit Community wishes to convey its sincere and prayerful gratitude to this family for their most generous donation...

Parishioners are advised that the **Saint Vincent de Paul Piety Stall** (Berry St, Nowra) has now been stocked up by Cate Bye (also managing the Bomaderry Piety Stall). It will be well worth a look for your religious gifts.



Culburra – Callala St Vincent de Paul Conference members wish to sincerely thank parishioners and visitors who contributed \$1,660 to their appeal last week.

CatholicCare is offering a **Pastoral Care Training Program** for those who would like to be part of a Pastoral Care Team. Holy Spirit Vincentia: Tuesdays for 8 weeks **11 Feb - 1 April**, 9:30am-3:30pm. Please contact Carmen Karauda, the Aged Care Advocate for the Wollongong Diocese, on 4640 8515, 0448 930 287 or carmenk@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au

Our prayer for each other in 2014:

“May God, the source and origin of all blessing, Grant us grace and peace, pour out His blessing in abundance, and keep us safe from harm throughout the year. Amen



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The Epiphany of the Lord, Year A

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Sacred Heart, Bomaderry; Mary, Help of Christians, Culburra; St Joseph, Kangaroo Valley; Holy Spirit, Vincentia.

Pope Francis' message on New Year's Day:

“Mary the Mother of the Redeemer goes before us and continually strengthens us in faith, in our vocation and in our mission. By her example of humility and openness to God's will, she helps us to transmit our faith in a joyful proclamation of the Gospel to all, without reservation. In this way, our mission will be fruitful, because it is modelled on the motherhood of Mary.”

CatholicCare is offering a **Pastoral Care Training Program** for those who would like to be part of a Pastoral Care Team (visiting & supporting older people in our parish); or to acquire some pastoral care skills.

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