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The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

(Manifestation).

In a way that, I think, has abiding meaning, we see here a pattern whereby revelation springs from a combination of natural wisdom and biblical prophecy. The human gifts and learning of these representatives of the Gentile world play an essential role in leading them to the Saviour.



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. (Fr. Brendan Byrne SJ)

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, (8.00am this Sun 4th only).

Vincentia: Vigil 6.00pm, (8.00am this Sun 4th only) and 9.30am

Kangaroo Valley: 11.00.am.

S'haven Heads: Vigil 6.00pm this week Jan 3rd only (Community Centre)

Feastdays:

Sunday January 11th. The Baptism of the Lord.

Saturday January 17thThe Feast of Santo Nino-

The Filipino Annual Festival Mass – 9.00.a.m. at St. Michael's

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: 9.a.m.; Wed. 7.a.m

Confession / Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 9.30am – 10.30.a.m. 5.00 - 5.30pm,

Culburra: Sat. 5.30pm

Vincentia: Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

Parish Statistical information for 2014:

Much of the Church's pastoral work and ministries cannot be statistically quantified. It has to do with initiating, encouraging, and enriching people's relationship with God; also ensuring that people are supported in a manner that is in keeping with the truths and spirit of the Gospel, and thereby respect and promote people's dignity and God given-rights. Statistics can indicate to some extent how we are travelling. There is however much good accomplished by people individually and through organisations in very practical and compassionate ways within parishes, which go beyond facts and figures.

From the Parish Registers for 2014:

Baptism: 99

Confirmation: 88

First Holy Communicants: 86

Marriage: 22

Funeral: 76

Culburra – Callala St Vincent de Paul Conference members

wish to sincerely thank parishioners and visitors who contributed \$1,825.00 to their appeal last week.

We prayerfully remember: **Allan Mason** (N.Nowra) and **Mary Tait** (Sanctuary Pt.) who died this week. Also **Norman Muller and Kevin Cliffe** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



SACRED HEART CHURCH, Bomaderry ~ Piety Stall. If you would like a Daily Mass Book for 2015 (\$24), please see Suzie Alamango after 9.30am Mass on Sunday at Bomaderry, or call 4448 6219.

The Epiphany of the Lord (Yr B).

4th January 2015

Pope Francis made a private visit to the Sistine



Chapel on Christmas Day. The Holy Father visited the chapel alone, to not only enjoy the new lighting recently installed, but also to

have a little time for personal prayer. In addition to being Christmas Day, December 25th was a special day for Pope Francis for another reason: it was the anniversary of his Baptism. He mentioned this on Dec. 14 on a visit to a Roman parish, where he spoke to a group of families with recently baptized children:.... "When was I baptized? He asked. And this is beautiful, it's beautiful! I was baptized, precisely, on Christmas Day! Eight days after my birth, because at that time it was the custom – at least in Argentina – to baptize children eight days after their birth...."

Vatican sources estimate that approximately six million people took part in various meetings with Pope Francis during 2014, in Rome

In his homily at Vespers on New Year's Eve, Pope Francis reflected on **time** as a reality that is not foreign to God, but instead, his messenger. Time was touched by Christ, and became "salvific time, the "definitive time of salvation and grace." There was a beginning and there will be an end to our journey" ...He added that with this truth, the Church "teaches us to end the year and also our days with an examination of conscience, through which we review what has happened: We thank the Lord for every good we have received and have been able to do and, at the same time, we think again of our failings and our sins -- to be grateful and to ask for forgiveness.

Our prayer for each other in 2015:

“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