



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.

2nd Sunday of Advent Year C 6th December 2015

Sunday Masses:

Nowra: Vigil 6pm, 8.00am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
 Berry: 8.00am

Bomaderry: 9.30am

Culburra: Vigil 6.00pm

Vincentia: Vigil 6.00pm & 9.30am

Kangaroo Valley: 11.00am

Masses during the week.

Nowra: Mon 7.00am, Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am;
 Fri. 7.00am, 11.30am; Sat 9.00am

Berry: Tues 5.30pm Culburra: Thurs 5.30pm

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

Shoalhaven Heads: Community Hall, Fri 3.30pm

K. Valley: Tues/Thurs 9.00am; Wed 7.00am

Year Six- St Michael's Thanksgiving Mass at

6.30.p.m. Tuesday 8th.

Confession/Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 9.30-10.30 & 5.00-5.30pm

Culburra: Sat 5.30pm

Vincentia: Sat 5.00-5.30pm

Feastday: Mon 7th St Ambrose.

Tues 8th: The Immaculate Conception of Mary.

We prayerfully remember those who died recently: **Ralph Peters** (Womgee) **Christine Price**, **Meryl McCoy**, **Steve Joyce** (St George's Basin) Also, **Maurine Hanley**, **Kathleen Lynskey**, **Lola Watts**, **Krystyn Brimmer**, and **Peter Paul Fernando** whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*

Culburra/Callala Family Group. "The final 2015 function for the Culburra Beach Family Group will be Christmas breakfast at Casey's' at Callala Bay (44464117) at 9.00 am on Sunday 6 December. A happy Christmas to all, and think about coming along to Family Group functions in 2016."

Culburra Church Cleaning: Inside and out on Saturday Dec 12th at 8.30.a.m. Your assistance would be much appreciated

Jubilee Year of Mercy: The Jubilee

Year of Mercy will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica on 8 December 2015 (the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council) and concludes when he closes that same door on 20 November 2016, Bishop Peter has issued a Pastoral Letter emphasising the importance and significance of this Year of Mercy.

Copies are available at the Churches. More specific guidelines will be provided as they become available.

Bishop Peter Ingham will open the **Holy Door of St**

Francis Xavier's Cathedral Wollongong on

Sunday 13 Dec, 10:30am-12:00noon.

Ref: the Diocesan website.

Pilgrims through the Holy Door. Jesus in the Gospel of John states: **I am the door...** The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in this Holy Year because our life is a pilgrimage as we make our way to our final destination - to be with God for ever.

The Shoalhaven Lydian Singers are presenting excerpts from **Handel's Messiah** and **Christmas Carols** on Saturday, 12th December, 2.30 pm at St. Patrick's Church, Berry and Sunday, 13th December, 2.30 pm at Nowra School of Arts, Berry St., Nowra. Tickets available at Tourist Info Centre 1300 662 808 or at the door. Admission: Adult \$30/Conc. \$25.



CWL Nowra Branch Monthly Meeting on Dec 8th 10am at the **Parish Centre.** Morning Tea at 9.30 am. The Christmas Raffle will be drawn at the Meeting. (Contact Judy 44218565)

Catholic Youth Festival: Around 3,000 young people from dioceses all over Australia arrived in Adelaide Thursday to celebrate the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Fr Duane, two teachers, and four students from St John's are in attendance.

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH VINCENTIA ~COME & CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH YOUR CHURCH COMMUNITY!! Morning Tea/Brunch, SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER After 9.30am Mass.

BOX under Xmas tree for children's gifts (Vinnies)

Music sing-along Bring plate to share

Encourage & assist other parishioners to attend

Contact: Judy 4441 7456

An Advent Hymn: COME, LORD JESUS

Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus,
 Come Lord Jesus, Come and be born
 in our hearts.

Come, O Prince of Peace, Come, O
 Prince of Peace, Come, O Prince of
 Peace, Come, and be born in our hearts.

Our hearts are open, Our Hearts are open,
 Our Hearts are open, Come and be born in our
 hearts.

Come, Emmanuel, come Emmanuel, come
 Emmanuel, Come and be born in our hearts,



The Christmas- New-Year Parish time table is now available. The Reverse side has some beautiful quotations from Pope Francis on the Year of Mercy

Africa Captured 'Pope of the Peripheries' at his Boldest: In the 11th overseas trip of his Pontificate, the Pope has showed a particular heart for the poor. Nowhere was this more obvious than on his three-country tour of Africa. He spoke of peace, the poor, violence, the sick, inter-religious dialogue, the sick. He visited a museum of the Uganda martyrs, celebrated Mass in a Kenyan slum, and visited political hotspots as a sign of solidarity.

A remote reminder – a bit unseasonable- **Lent 2016** is very early - Feb 10th. Organisers would like to hear from prospective Groups Leaders... Please contact: Francene- 44 215962, Tina 44 229250, Bernie 44 122968.