



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.

Sunday Masses:

Nowra: Vigil 6pm, 8.00am, 9.30am and 6.00pm

Berry:..... 8.00am

Bomaderry:..... 9.30am

Culburra: Vigil 6.00pm,

Vincentia: Vigil 6.00pm, and 9.30am

Kangaroo Valley: 11.00.am.

Masses during the Week

Nowra: Monday: 7.00 am. Tue/Wed/ Thurs. 8.15 am

Fri. 7.00am & 11.30am (10.30am Holy Hour), Sat 9.00am

Berry: Tuesday 5.30 pm

Culburra: Thursday 5.30 pm

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

Kangaroo Valley: Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9.am; Wed 7 am

S'haven Heads: Friday 3.30pm

Confession / Reconciliation

Nowra: Saturday: 9.30- 10.30.am and 5.00 - 5.30 pm

Culburra: Sat. 5.30pm

Vincentia: Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

We prayerfully remember, **Lorraine McDonald, and Margaret Preston** who died this week. Also those whose anniversaries occur, **Maurie Hanley, Julie Seyffer, Margaret Pryde, Lola Watts, Krystyn Brimmer, Kathleen Lynskey, Peter Fernando and Remedios Paliza.** *May they rest in eternal peace.*

CHOIR REHEARSALS for Nowra and Bomaderry Christmas liturgies, Sunday 4 December following 9.30 Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Bomaderry. *All welcome.*

DATES TO NOTE:

Dec 4 Sunday; Mass *with a Difference* ~ Outdoor Mass 6.00pm. Celebrated on grassed area beside St. Michael's Church, (God's Grass). Bring a picnic rug or seat (seats provided too). Sausage sizzle after Mass. If transport needed contact: Bernadette 0402136691. *All Welcome.*

Dec 13 Tuesday; St Michael's School Year 6 Graduation Mass 6.30 pm.

Dec 21 Wednesday; 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at St Michael's – 7.00 pm.

The Great Advent Feast: The Immaculate Conception of Mary – December 8th



“The Feast of the Immaculate Conception centres on God's loving power to make us holy. Our Blessed Lady's integrity or holiness right from the moment of her conception is not something she achieved by her own power. It is a pure gift of God, given to her for a saving purpose. For it was supremely fitting that the woman who brought our Saviour into the world should be herself totally free from sin and available to do God's work.

Belief in the Immaculate Conception of Mary is belief in a provident God, who provides for the future, who prepares His children for their assigned task in life even before they are born,...”(ACP)

Welcome to our Catechumens! This Saturday evening at the 6.00pm Mass we will have a simple *Ritual of Acceptance into the Catechumenate* for three people who have been attending our weekly R.C.I.A. gatherings since July as Inquirers. Let us welcome **Jaye McDonald, Val Lewis and Scott Berger**, and support them on their journey towards Easter Baptism.

SVdP Christmas Appeal ~ On the weekend of 10/11th



December, the St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding its annual Christmas Appeal in Nowra and Bomaderry Churches. *Thank you in advance for your generous and continued support.*

KID'S KRAFT at Bomaderry this week.....

Sacred Heart Community Group invites our children and young people interested in helping to make Christmas decorations for our tree, and a few Christmas cards, to come along to Sacred Heart Church on **Tuesday 6th Dec, at 5pm.** Bring along scissors, pencils and your ideas! *You will be most welcome.*

NEW Roster (St. Michael's Church) ~ December 2016 & January 2017, now available in Church foyer. **Also Christmas Timetables for all regions of the Parish.**

Second Sunday in Advent (Yr A)

4th December 2016

The Advent Liturgy includes three very significant biblical personalities. **Isaiah** who sets before us God's vision for our world; a world at peace, living in harmony. **John the Baptist**, the great prophet who bridges the Old and New Testament, who calls for repentance.. “Prepare the Way of the Lord.”



Mary: the first and most faithful disciple ‘who pondered the word of God in her heart.’

A Thought for Advent: Advent is a reflective Liturgical Season and an appropriate time to revisit the significance of times of **Silence** within the Liturgy, which are very evident in Papal Masses. In this regard I might add whilst appreciating the hospitality and good will in conversation before and after Mass (in the Church), we do need to be mindful that people also value a quiet reverential atmosphere before and after Mass for personal prayer.

Holy Spirit Vincentia Christmas Morning Tea on **Sunday 11 Dec** after the morning Mass. Please come along and bring a plate to share. Enquiries: Judy Lenehan 4441 7456

The Bay & Basin CWL would like to thank all who so generously supported our Christmas raffle.

St Michael's Christmas Day Lunch for those in need: The Soup Kitchen in conjunction with the Social Group and other generous parishioners are hosting a special lunch at the Annex (usual soup kitchen location) on Christmas Day, for all those in need of food or company. All welcome! For more information, contact Kevin on 0412664213

Soup Kitchen ~ End of Year Mass & Morning Tea. We invite all patrons, volunteers, casual helpers & supporters of the Lay Missionaries of Charity *Soup Kitchen* in Nowra, to an end of year Mass followed by morning tea. Mass at St Michael's will be offered at 8.15am on Wednesday 7 Dec for your intentions and in thanksgiving for the wonderful work and support you have given over the past 12 months. We hope you are able to make it.

~ A reminder to everyone; our end of year Christmas break up lunch will be held Friday 23 Dec. *All most welcome.* Enquiries: Sue 0435336195 or Shannon 44470990.



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by special order from the catalogue, (copies available at
each Church).

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