



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: (Please note Christmas Day)

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 Masses will resume on Friday
Feb 3rd.2017

Confession / Reconciliation

Nowra: Christmas Eve: 9.30- 10.30.am & 12.00 – 1. pm

Culburra: Christmas Eve : 5.00.- 5.45.p.m.

Vincentia: Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

We prayerfully remember; **Carmen Kane, Maureen Deland, Robert Rusgnach, Samuel Elia, and Alan Spottiswood**, who died this week. Also, those whose anniversaries occur; **Allan Mason, John Ellson, Austin Pavlich, Karlo Malina, and Louise Moore**. May they rest in eternal peace.

CHOIR REHEARSAL for Nowra and Bomaderry Christmas liturgies, Sunday 18 Dec following 9.30 Mass at Sacred Heart Church Bomaderry and Thursday 22 Dec, 5pm at St. Michael's Parish Hall.

SVdP Culburra-Callala Conference will hold their Annual Appeal on the weekend of 31/12 and 1/1/17. All donations will be greatly appreciated to assist in the work of the Conference in helping the poor and needy.

Nowra Community Social Group Reminder after today's 9.30am Mass we are going to have a small Christmas Celebration - all invited.

Christmas Vigil Masses Sat. Dec. 24

Shoalhaven Heads 6.00pm

Nowra: (re-enactment of the Nativity) 7.00pm

Nowra 10.00pm – (Choir)

Vincentia: 6.00pm and 8.00pm

Kangaroo Valley: 9.00pm

Berry: 9.00pm

Culburra: 6.00pm

(Indian Syro-Malabar Mass at St Michael's -4.00.p.m.)

Christmas Day: Sunday 25 December 2016

Nowra: 8.00am and 9.30am

Berry: 8.00am

Bomaderry: 9.30am

Culburra: 8.00am

Vincentia: 8.00am and 9.30am

K Valley: 11.00am

Please note: There is no Midnight Mass and no evening Mass on Christmas Day - 25 December

Angels & Shepherds wanted! All primary school aged children interested in participating in the Christmas Eve 7pm Vigil Mass Nativity scene, please attend practice at **5pm Friday 23rd Dec**, in the school hall. If you cannot make practice you are still welcome to participate. Enquiries: Sophie Pavlis 0439018374

St Vincent de Paul Nowra needs YOU!

A local bakery very generously provides free bread to SVdeP in Nowra 3 nights/week, however the bread needs to be collected. Can you help us? Many helpers make light work. **Please** call Phil Reid 4422 6002 ASAP.

This weekend we joyfully welcome Diana Emery who is being received into full communion with the Catholic Church, and congratulate John Gwillian who receives the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Both John and Diana have been part of our RCIA weekly gatherings for the past five months. Let us support them hospitably and prayerfully.

**Fourth Sunday in Advent (Yr A)
18th December 2016**

Reconciliation/Confession Dec 21 Wednesday; 2nd



Rite of Reconciliation at St Michael's – 7.00 pm with four priests available for the Sacrament. A most appropriate sacramental and communal preparation for Christmas

St Michael's Christmas Day Lunch: At the Annex (usual soup kitchen location) on Christmas Day, for anyone experiencing hardship or who would like some company on Christmas Day. Volunteers welcome to start helping from 10:30am, lunch served from 12pm. For more information, contact Kevin on 0412664213

Congratulations & thank you to the thoughtful & generous ladies of the Craft group. Their focus over the past 9 mths has been Vinnies, St Michael's Fair and recently, gifts for the guests at the St Michael's Christmas Day Luncheon. Approx 60 Christmas bags have been prepared. What a wonderful effort! This has been my very great privilege to be a part of this group. It is with great sadness that I am leaving Nowra and moving to Hervey Bay, to improve my husband, Ron's health. I know their wonderful work will continue next year. May God bless you & keep you, I will not forget you. Happy Christmas *Cecily Trevillion*

Craft Tea Gatherings will resume on Wednesday 18 January 2017. Christmas Blessings to all

Dear Parishioners - In the next two months, a new aluminum security fence will be erected at the front of the school to ensure the safety during the school day of all students, staff & parents. The fence will be supporting our new autism classroom for 2017. The fence will not impede access to the Parish Centre or Church. However, access to the school will be via a series of single and double opening gates. I thank you for your patience and understanding. *Christopher Paton, Principal St Michael's Nowra*

Soup Kitchen ~ 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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the majority (well over 90%) of our graduates to find well-paid and enjoyable roles.

Contact our Director of Education, Anne Fairhall, to arrange an interview to discuss your study options 0407 278 164.

2017 Daily Mass Books (\$25) and Prayer Books (\$30) are now in stock at Sacred Heart Church, Bomaderry or call Suzie Alamango, 4448 6219 / 0419 249 008. Sacramental, Advent and Christmas items also available at the stall and by special order from the catalogue, (copies available at each Church).

From 2017 our school canteen will be outsourced to a company called "Made Fresh." The canteen will still be available for use by the Parish for major functions. It will not be available during school hours. If you wish to use the school canteen for any event, please contact & book through the School and they will let "Made Fresh" know a week ahead. *Christopher Paton, Principal St Michael's Nowra*

Give The Gift Of Faith ~ Did you know that in our Parish there is a faithful team of volunteers that make an enormous difference to the young people in our community? In our State schools our Catechists teach a basic message about Jesus and our faith. Each week of the school year Catechists lead a short lesson where they use a step-by-step lesson plan that helps Catholic children understand their faith, grow in love and virtue and learn what it means to be Catholic. We were all given this gift of faith by someone – it is now your turn to be that someone! We invite you to give the gift of faith by becoming a Catechist in 2017, as a teacher or classroom helper. Further info, please call Frances 44231712

St. Patrick's Business Courses Ltd

Enrolments are now open for our 2017 Diplomas in Business and Business Admin. These 40-week courses are ideal for Yr 10, 11 or 12 school leavers and provide a viable alternative pathway to career or university. We also assist

Anderledy Lodge Weekend Summer Special Rate

~ Visiting Sydney this Summer? Stay with us at Mary MacKillop Place, 7 - 11 Mount Street, North Sydney.

20% off room rates on Friday, Saturday & Sunday nights, including breakfast and Wifi.

**Promotion ends April 2017.*

***Unavailable over New Year.*

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