



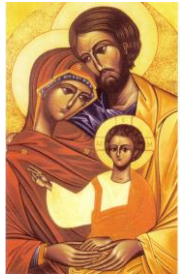
St Michael's Parish, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: office@nowraparish.org.au

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Christmas [Year A]

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

25 December 2016



“How beautiful on the mountains”, the prophet Isaiah says, “are the feet of the messenger” who brings glad tidings of peace and salvation, proclaiming: “Your God reigns” (Is 52:7).

This great prophecy was fulfilled in the kingdom brought by Jesus, that kingdom whose dawning we celebrate at Christmas.

Strengthened by this promise, we can face difficulties in the confident knowledge that God's reign has begun, and that we ourselves are called to be its joyful heralds in a world that yearns for justice, truth and peace. This Christmas, may we open our hearts to the message of salvation brought by the Christ Child, the Son of God who shows his great power by embracing smallness, weakness and poverty, in order to draw near to each of us. (Pope Francis)

We wish all parishioners and visitors, a very holy, joyful and peaceful Christmas! Welcome home to all who are visiting their families for Christmas. (Fathers Pat, Duane, Ronan and Leo).



As an expression of appreciation and gratitude for the support and generosity of so many parishioners throughout the year, and especially at Christmas time, a **Triduum of Masses** will be offered for your intentions and needs over the Christmas season.

Mass on Sat 31st at St Michael's, the last day of the year, will be offered for all parishioners and relatives who died during 2016.

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2016

Christmas Eve - Vigil Masses:

Saturday 24 December

Nowra: 7.00pm & 10.00pm
Culburra: 6.00pm
Vincentia: 6.00pm and 8.00pm
Kangaroo Valley: 9.00pm
Berry: 9.00pm
Shoalhaven Heads (Community Centre): 6.00pm



Christmas Day: Sunday

Nowra: 8.00am and 9.30am
Berry: 8.00am
Bomaderry: 9.30am
Culburra: 8.00am
Vincentia: 8.00am and 9.30am
K. Valley 11.00 a.m.

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

MASS TIMETABLE for New Year

Vigil Masses - Saturday 31st

Nowra: 6.00pm
Culburra: 6.00pm
Vincentia: 6.00pm
Shoalhaven Heads: *6.00pm
Shoalhaven Heads Community Centre Mass on Saturday Dec 31st and Jan 7th 2017 only.

Sunday Mass

Nowra: 8.00am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
Berry: 8.00am Bomaderry: .9.30am
Culburra: .8.00am **(on Sundays Jan 1st & Jan 8th only)**
Vincentia: 8.00am - Jan 1st only) & 9.30am
Kangaroo Valley: 11.00am

Feastdays:

Mon 26 Dec - Stephen, first martyr;
Tues. 27th. St John the Evangelist
Wed. 28th. Holy Innocents
Fri 30th . The Holy Family
Sun January 1st Mary Mother of God.

Masses during the Week

Nowra: Monday: 8.00 am. Tue/Wed/ Thurs. 8.15 am
Fri. 7.00am & 11.30am 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

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased; **Carmen Kane, Maureen Deland, and Robert Rusgnach.** Also, those whose anniversaries occur; **The Dempsey and Hockey families, Brian Watts, John Ryan Dallas Carberry.** *May they rest in eternal peace.*



Christmas Collections: Each Christmas a significant portion of the Christmas Day 2nd Collection is distributed to Church run Nursing Homes within the Parish, in appreciation of the care they give to

residents, many of whom are parishioners. We also contribute to Caritas, keeping in mind especially the plight of the many refugees and displaced people from Syria.

Culburra – Callala Conference of St Vincent de Paul will hold their Annual Appeal on the weekend of 31st Dec./1st Jan. Donations will be genuinely appreciated to assist the work of the Conference

Reg Thompson has been a dedicated member of the St Vincent de Paul Society for over 50 years and will be presented with a Papal Blessing on **Sunday 1 January at the 6pm Mass**, St Michael's in Nowra. Please join us to celebrate this wonderful milestone with Reg.

St Vincent de Paul Nowra needs YOU! A local bakery very generously provides free bread to SVdP 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.

Fr Greg Homeming – Carmelite Friar, known to many as Retreat director at Varroville, NSW over the years, has been appointed the next bishop of the Diocese of Lismore.



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The next **Rosary at Sacred Heart Church, Bomaderry** will be held on **Friday 6 January at 3pm** followed by afternoon tea. *All welcome!*

Parish Staff – Parish Office: 4423 1712

Fr Patrick Faherty: Parish Priest, Nowra

Fr Duane Fernandez: Assistant Priest, Nowra:

Fr Leo Duck: Vincentia; 4441 5571

Fr Ronan Kilgannon: Kangaroo Valley.

Deacon Peter Presdee - Chaplain to Corrective Services

Sister Beverley Caffery and Sue Barker SGS.

Mrs Frances Fairs: Catechist Coordinator, 4423 1009

Mrs Liz Nimmo: Part-time Parish Secretary 4423 1712

Mrs Kerri-Anne Shingleton: Part-time Parish Secretary 4423 1712

