



**St Michael's Parish** NOWRA – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: [office@nowraparish.org.au](mailto:office@nowraparish.org.au)

Website: [nowraparish.org.au](http://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

**Christmas 2017**  
**24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Christmas Eve - Vigil Masses: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Nowra:** 7:00pm and 10:00pm  
**Culburra:** 6:00pm **Berry:** 9:00pm  
**Kangaroo Valley:** 9:00pm  
**Vincentia:** 6:00pm and 8:00pm  
**S'haven Heads (Community Centre):** 6:00pm

**Christmas Day: Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Nowra:** 8:00am and 9:30am  
**Berry:** 8:00am **Bomaderry:** 9:30am  
**Culburra:** 8:00am  
**Vincentia:** 8:00am and 9:30am

**Please note: There is no Mid-Night Mass and no evening Mass on Christmas Day – 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**Summer Mass Timetable - early New Year Vigil Masses Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Dec (Holy Family) 2017**

**Nowra: Culburra and Vincentia all at 6:00pm**  
**Shoalhaven Heads: 6:00pm also 6<sup>th</sup> January**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December (Holy Family) 2017**

**Nowra:** 8:00am, 9:30am & 6:00pm  
**Berry:.....** 8:00am **Bomaderry:** 9:30am  
**Culburra:** 8:00am **also 7<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Kangaroo Valley:** 11:00am  
**Vincentia:** 8:00am & 9:30am **also 7<sup>th</sup> January**

(Resumption of regular Mass timetable hereafter.)

**Feastdays:** **Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Dec - Stephen, First Martyr**  
**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Dec St John the Evangelist**  
**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Dec Holy Innocents**  
**1st Jan 2018 Mary Mother of God.**



We prayerfully remember the recently deceased, and deceased family members. Those whose anniversaries occur **Tony Aulsebrook, Michael & Mary Clarke, Patricia Conroy, Muller and Walsh families** may they rest in eternal peace.



*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, Leo, Deacon Peter, Sisters Beverley and Sue)*

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 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00am at St Michael's, will be offered for all parishioners and relatives who died during 2017.**

**Christmas 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:** Each Christmas a significant portion of the Christmas Day 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 especially in Bangladesh.

**Weekday Masses**

**Nowra:** Tues/Wed/Thurs 8:15am  
Fri 7:00am & 11:30am Sat: 9:00am  
**Berry:** Tues: 5:30pm  
**Culburra:** Thurs: 5:30pm  
**Vincentia:** Tues/Wed 5:30pm/Thurs/Fri 8:00am  
**Kangaroo Valley:** Tues/Wed/Thurs: 9:00am  
**Confession -- Reconciliation**  
**Nowra:** Sat 9:30am- 10:30am & 5:00-5:30pm  
**Culburra:** Sat 5:30pm  
**Vincentia:** Sat 5:00pm-5:30pm



**SVDP Christmas Appeal** - many, many thanks to our generous parish communities who supported our Christmas Appeal again this year. At this stage the amount has exceeded \$5,000, there is still more counting to be done. Envelopes are still available in the church foyers if you need them; these can be placed in the second collection at Mass next time you come. May the God of all wisdom bless you richly.

**SVDP Culburra and Callala** will hold their Annual Appeal on the weekend of 30/31 December. Please give what you can; every \$1 counts towards making someone's burden a little lighter. Thank you for your anticipated support and generosity.



**CatholicCare** - Strengthening your Relationships Nowra Courses - Term 1, 2018. Please see flyer on our website for dates and times.

**Craft-Tea Characters** - We will resume next year on **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan**. Christmas blessings to all.



**Catholic Women's League Nowra Branch** members would like to thank all those who have supported us throughout the year, especially with our Christmas Raffle. Congratulations to our winners: E.

Pratt and L. Hutchinson. The members wish all parishioners a Happy and safe Christmas Season.

James Arblaster -our Diocesan Seminarian who has been on pastoral placement in our Parish for the past few weeks, wishes to sincerely thank parishioners, and the School communities for your hospitality, encouragement and prayers. We wish James every blessing as he commences his fourth Year in 2018.

Vatican City, Dec 17, - Pope Francis celebrated his 81st birthday with a pizza party for sick children. He reflected on the joy of children and the importance that they are raised with the faith. "The joy of children is a treasure, and we ought to do everything so that they continue to be joyous."