



St Michael's Parish Nowra

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Mary Help of Christians - Culburra, Holy Spirit - Vincentia & St Joseph's - Kangaroo Valley
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4th Sunday of Advent (Year C) and Christmas --- 2018

Christmas Eve - Vigil Masses *Monday 24th*

Shoalhaven Heads	6:00pm
Nowra	7:00pm – Children's Mass
Nowra	10:00pm
Vincentia	6:00pm and 8:00pm
Kangaroo Valley	8:00pm
Berry	9:00pm
Culburra	6:00pm

Syro-Malabar (Indian) Mass at St Michael's 2:00pm

Christmas Day - *Tuesday 25th*

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 Midnight Mass and
No Evening Mass on Christmas Day.**

Christmas 2nd 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 war victims in Syria and Yemen.

Feast of the Holy Family: 29th/30th

Vigil Masses December Sat 29th

Nowra, Culburra and Vincentia all at 6:00pm

Shoalhaven Heads: 6:00pm also 5th January

Sunday 31st Nowra: 8:00am, 9:30am & 6:00pm

Berry: 8:00am **Bomaderry:** 9:30am

Culburra: 8:00am also Sun 6th January

Kangaroo Valley: 11:00am

Vincentia: 8:00am also on Jan 6th & 9:30am

(Resumption of regular Mass timetable hereafter)

The Diocesan Magazine **JOURNEY** is available at all Churches. Copies are available in plentiful supply.



Peace and God Bless

We wish all parishioners and visitors, a very blessed, 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.

Masses during the Week

Nowra: Mon 7.00am, Wed / Thurs 8:15am

Fri 7:00 & 11:30am – Sat: 9:00a.m,

Culburra: Thursday – 5:30pm

Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8:00am, Wed: 5:30pm

Kangaroo Valley: Wed/Thurs. 9:00am

Confession / Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 9:30am – 10:30am & 5:00- 5:30pm

Culburra : Sat 5:30pm

Vincentia: Sat 5:00 – 5:30pm

Feastdays: Wed 26th Dec - Stephen, First Martyr

Thurs 27th Dec - St John the Evangelist

Fri 28th Dec - Holy Innocents

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased:

Patricia Myers and Brian Blinkhorn,
Also, **Rea Gregory, Tony Aulsebrook, John Ellson, Brian Watts, and Remedios Paliza**
whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in peace.



We rejoice with Dulcie Kiley (Bomaderry) and her family, and we congratulate her on her 100th birthday. May the Lord continue to bless her with good health and contentment.

Eric Genuis Concerts at St Michael's Parish Hall, **21st Feb - 7pm** & Holy Spirit Vincentia, **28th Feb 6:30pm.**

Looking for a Christmas gift for the person who has everything? Why not buy them tickets to an experience you can share as well as help your Parish community?

The 'Opera House' is coming to our parish! All original compositions together with powerful testimonies outlining the inspiration behind each piece with true stories of life transformations destined to make a deep impression upon all who hear them. A message of hope for all. Tickets: \$30 adult; \$25 pensioner/concession; \$70 family (parents with dependent children under 18). Online tickets sales at www.ericgenuistour.com or at the parish office.



A very big 'thank you' to St. John's & St. Michael's Schools for their amazing Christmas Hampers, which have been delivered to 77 smiling households. The SVdP Christmas appeal raised an incredible total of \$7,376! Thank you everyone for your wonderful generosity. A very happy Christmas to you.

SVdP Holy Spirit Vincentia will be holding their **Annual Christmas Appeal** after Mass on Sat 29th Dec & Sun 30th Dec.

SVdP Culburra & Callala will also hold their annual appeal on the weekend of 29th/30th December. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

The Bomaderry 2019 roster, for Flowers and Cleaning is available for collection by the generous team volunteers at the church.

Thankyou from the LMC Soup Kitchen for all the gifts we have received for our Christmas party. Thankyou! God bless and wishing you a blessed Christmas season.



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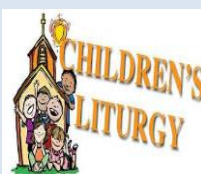
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Prayer Basket, Nowra Church: The Alpha Team and Nowra Community Group have arranged a Prayer Basket in the side foyer. There are prayer cards where you can write a prayer intention and place it in the basket. An Alpha Team member will take the prayer intentions to the altar during the entrance procession

Our first Alpha was a great success in 2018 – with many stories of changed lives and renewed faith for people of all ages and backgrounds. Our next Alpha begins on **Fri Feb 1st, 2019**. The key to its success is **personal invitations** to people in our families/social circles. Pope Francis writes that “in all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers”. There are sheets available in the foyers of the Churches to guide you in **“Ways to invite Guests to Alpha”**, as well as invitation cards you can give. Please prayerfully consider who you may invite. *Another important means of support is help with catering – thank you to those who have already volunteered; if anyone else can help please contact Fr Duane.*



Craft-Tea Characters – St Michael's The Parish Centre Wednesdays 9:30am to 12:00pm. There's more to it than craft you'll see. Like coffee, laughs, community, conversation and there's more. If you'll just walk in through the door. Give it a go and then you'll know, all you need to do is show. All Welcome. Contact Louise 0438 218 728.



Children's Liturgy Sunday 9:30am
St Michaels - children aged 4 and up gather together with our volunteer teachers to receive God's Word on their own level, in a fun and interactive way.



CAtHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes for free from their website www.cathfamily.org. Families in the are encouraged to utilise these resources at home to share faith with their kids.



Plenary Council 2020 - Remember that there are three ways to give feedback:
1. Attend a small group discussion, 2. Complete a feedback form, 3. Make a submission on-line.

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say>

The Plenary website has resources in 10 languages.

The Journey Catholic Radio Program – Airs weekly. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can subscribe to weekly shows.



St Michael's Playgroup – St Michael's School Hall Mondays 9:00am to 10:30am. Playgroup is held each Monday, *during the school term*. Parents, grandparents, carers, all welcome! Please bring your child's snack and drink. Gold coin.

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Fr Patrick Faherty: Parish Priest, Nowra
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