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**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.

**Easter Sunday (Year A)**

**24 April 2011**

**Sunday Masses:**

**NOWRA** ..... 6pm Vigil; 8am, 9.30am & 6pm  
**BERRY** ..... 8.00am  
**BOMADERRY** ..... 9.30am  
**CULBURRA** ..... 6pm Vigil  
**VINCENTIA** ..... 6pm Vigil, & 9.30am  
**KANGAROO VALLEY** ..... 11.00am

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

**Nowra:** Mon 8.00am; Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am  
 Friday 7.00am and 11.30am; Sat 9.00am  
**Morning Prayer:** Wed 7.50am **Holy Hour:** Fri 10.30am  
**Berry:** Tues 5.30pm ..... **Culburra:** Thurs 5.30pm  
**Vincentia:** Mon, Thur, Fri 8.00am – Tues/Wed 5.30pm  
**Shoalhaven Heads:** Friday 3.30pm Mass will resume  
 on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Community Centre  
**Kangaroo Valley:** ..... Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 8.00am;  
 Wed 6.15am. Divine Office is prayed 15 mins prior to Mass.  
 No Mass on Fridays.

**Confession ~ Reconciliation**

**Nowra:** ..... Sat 9.30-10.30am & 5.00- 5.30pm  
**Culburra:** Sat 5.30pm. .... **Berry:** Tues 6.00pm  
**Kangaroo Valley:** Sat 4.30 – 5pm  
**Vincentia:** Sat 5 – 5.30pm.

*The priests of the Parish wish all parishioners and visitors, a very blessed, joyful and peaceful Easter! Thank you to all those who have assisted in any way in making our Parish celebrations of Holy Week and Easter so prayerful and reflective.*

**ANZAC DAY – Monday 25 April 2011 (Easter Monday). 8<sup>am</sup> Mass at St Michael's.**

It is fitting to reflect on the connection between the suffering and death of our service men and women in war, and the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES:** Dear friends, through the Paschal Mystery, we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that we have completed our Lenten observance, let us renew the promises we made in Baptism when we rejected Satan and his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in His holy Catholic church.



**Priest:** Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of God's children? **All: I do.**

**Priest:** Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin? **All: I do**

**Priest:** Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness? **All: I do.**

**Priest:** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? **All: I do.**

**Priest:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the

Father? : **I do.**

**Priest:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? : **I do**

**Priest:** God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May He also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ forever and ever. **All: Amen.**

We prayerfully remember **Jean Turner** who died this week; **Alan McNeil and Bob King**. whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in eternal peace.*



**Divine Mercy Devotions:** will be held in Holy Spirit Church, Vincentia, Sunday May 1st, at 2.30pm; Devotions with Benediction followed by afternoon tea. (Mass is not included)

**Please let us know if any sick of elderly parishioners,** unable to attend Mass, haven't had the opportunity to receive the Sacraments leading up to Easter. Although we do have extensive lists, inevitably there will be omissions unless we are advised.



**Paschal Liturgy: Making Memory Matters**

'All liturgy is paschal'. It is always the commemoration – making memory together – of the past yet ever present and effective Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus.

The Church's teaching about the Eucharist is very clear that what we do at Eucharist is not re-enacting or repeating the once-for-all paschal event. Rather, through the Mass the Paschal Mystery is *perpetuated*: it is made effective, it is actualised for our incorporation and participation.

Liturgy is not thinking about the past deeds of Christ. Liturgy is the *present experience* of those self same deeds for our sakes and for salvation.

We are renewed by them and experience them in their fullness – Death, Resurrection, Ascension. Liturgy does not call us back to Calvary so much as it summons Calvary and the Resurrection and the Ascension to the here and now.. In the famous words of St. Leo the Great: 'what Christ has accomplished has passed over into the Sacraments'. And what is the Eucharist but 'the Sacrament of Sacraments' in which we take part in the entire sweep of saving history – and in particular the dying, rising and ascending of Christ to the Father.

Every act of liturgy is the unique means for us to experience this Paschal Mystery here and now. **(Theological Reflections on the Mass from Rev. Monsignor Kevin W. Irwin)**



**Nowra CWL** invites all Mothers & Grandmothers to a **Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea** on Sat **30 April**, 2<sup>pm</sup> in St Michael's Hall.

Entertainment by "Trilogy". All very welcome.

**Little White books** – reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Easter are available at St Michael's Church. Cost \$3.50, to St Vincent de Paul