

Shoalhaven catholic news

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Nowra Parish
Established 1863

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St Joseph's, Moss Vale Road, Kangaroo Valley
St Patrick's, Albert Street, Berry

Sacred Heart, Bunberra Street, Bomaderry
Mary Help of Christians, Silvermere Street, Culburra
Holy Spirit, St George Ave, Vincentia (02) 4441 5571

A New Lease of Life

In 1990 the Old School Hall which was built in 1918, and had been the Alma Mater to many of St Michael's senior parishioners, "was deemed unsuitable for classroom purposes" (a quote from the report) on the occasion of a Diocesan School inspection. For thirteen years the building stood there, used only as a dilapidated Catechists' Centre and for general storage.

Restoration costs were envisaged as too prohibitive. On the advice of Shoalhaven City Council, in January 2004 the parish undertook a "Site Analysis Plan" led by Charles Glanville, an Architectural Consultant with the Diocese.

Parish representatives met with Charles in March 2004, and he subsequently commissioned a number of reports and drew up an optimum and wide-ranging plan. Charles presented his first report to the Parish on 30 June 2004 which was very favourably received. Following the feedback from that meeting and taking into account a number of recommendations made, Charles fine-tuned and developed his plans for a Parish Centre and a School Library and Learning Space. At a Meeting on 15 September 2004, at which 70 parishioners attended, the recommendation was that restoration of the Old Hall proceed. At the October meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council it was decided that Charles Glanville be engaged as the Architect.

The Development Application with the necessary reports and estimated costs was prepared and presented to Council in August 2005. However the DA was not approved until December 2005. In early May this year six Tenders were received, and Project Coordination was chosen.

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A Christmas Message

Pope Benedict proclaimed his first Encyclical Letter – *God is Love* – on Christmas Day 2005, "the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord."

What an appropriate day to promulgate an Encyclical focused on the Love of God revealed in the "Word made Flesh". Having prayerfully reflected on the needs of the Church and the plight of our world over eighteen months as chief Pastor, Pope Benedict saw it as both timely and necessary to remind the world and Christians in particular that the heart of Christian faith is the truth that: "God is love". In his homily for midnight Mass last year as he was about to proclaim his Encyclical, Pope Benedict said:

"In the stable of Bethlehem there appeared the great light which the world awaits.

In that Child lying in the stable, God has shown his glory – the glory of love, which gives itself away, stripping itself of all grandeur in order to guide us along the way of love. The light of Bethlehem has never been extinguished. In every age it has touched men and women, "it has shone around them." Wherever people put their faith in that Child, charity also sprang up – charity towards others, loving concern for the weak and the suffering, the grace of forgiveness. From Bethlehem a stream of light, love and truth spreads through the centuries... In that Child, God countered the violence of this world with his own goodness.

He calls us to follow that Child."

Reflections on 40 years

This Christmas I will have celebrated my fortieth mid-night Mass, my first having been at the Holy Family Church, Windang in the Port Kembla Parish, in 1966.

On such an anniversary one tends to reminisce a little. I doubt if ever there has been 'a golden age' in the history of Church, for the Church itself is buffeted by the winds and the seas of every generation. However I am glad to have been ordained in the sixties. Those years following the Vatican Council, despite the tensions, debates and transition pains within the Church, were years of great hope and energy.

The Council brought forth some wonderful insights and statements, deliberations that ought to be constantly re-visited; e.g. 'the family being the domestic Church', (Liturgy) 'to accomplish the work of salvation Christ is always present in his Church, especially in her Liturgical celebrations.' "Sacred Scripture is the speech of God"; "the laity called by God, contribute to the sanctification of the world, as from within like leaven, by fulfilling their own particular duties..." Such eloquent and succinct statements!

As I said at the Festive Mass on 29 Sept over the past forty years a torrent of turbulent waters has passed under the bridge, metaphorically speaking. Social factors impacting on family, society and the Church have been of volcanic proportion. The advancements in science and technology in the past 40 years have transported the world of the sixties into an unimagined 'modus vivendi' (manner of living).

Priestly anniversaries are as much about people, 'the faithful', as they are about individual priests. When I try to recall and relive something of the voyage of forty years of priesthood, I become deeply conscious of the faith and fidelity, the compassion, the support, and goodness of so many people who have shared in that journey. We are indeed companions on this same journey.

On entering this new millennium of challenge and change, the late Pope John Paul wrote a most optimistic Apostolic Letter: *Duc in altum!* – Put out into the deep waters (Luke 5:4). "These words ring out for us today," the Pope went on to say, "and they invite us to remember the past with gratitude, to live the present with enthusiasm and to look forward to the future with confidence: 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever' (Heb 13:8)." And so it is we need to be at home in a Church that on one hand is changeless but on the other changing, disciples in other words "who bring from the storeroom things both new and old." (Mt 13:52)

I wish to conclude this brief reflection with the words of Fr Thomas Lane CM a much respected member of Staff from my seminary days, writing on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee in 2003. "The most important requirement for anybody in pastoral ministry and indeed in all priestly and prophetic ministry is the ability to express the tender mercy and fidelity of the God of the Covenant." I hope that in some measure I have done this, and pray that I will continue to do so.

Fr Pat J. Faherty, PP



Fr Pat holds the chalice that parishioners had presented to him to mark 40 years of priesthood.

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The Old School Hall was originally opened in 1918 by the then Archbishop of Sydney, Michael Kelly. Parishioners will be interested to learn that although the roof needed re-tiling the timber was in perfect condition, as were the original timber windows, the ceiling and much of the timber flooring.

The refurbished building now has three Offices (for the Parish priest, assistant priest and secretary), facilities room (for printing), Catechist Centre, committee room, a large meeting area for about 80 people, a well-equipped kitchen, and toilet facilities. In terms of St Michael's School, the new Learning Space accommodates the three kindergarten classes. The three existing classrooms closest to the new centre have been magnificently renovated for the new Library.

We look forward to the official dedication and blessing of the project by Bishop Peter Ingham on 18 Feb 2007.

(Left) The Parish Pastoral Council pictured on the steps of the new Parish Centre, December 2006. Counter-clockwise: Fr Pat Faherty, Jeannette Easton, Jodi Le, Maree McMillan, Cath Elton, Neil Wakefield, Patrick Kearney, Michael King, Mark Tweed. Absent: Fr Richard Healey, Grant Gleeson, Barry McAndrew, Harry Ray.



She gave all she had

Sister Jeanie Heininger sgs
Diocesan Office of Disability

The International Day of Disability is celebrated on 3 December – a day that acknowledges not only the talents and values that people with special needs bring to our community but also their parents, siblings and extended family. St Michael's Parish pre-empted this day by celebrating an Awareness Mass on 12 November. The parish hall shone with brightly coloured balloons and there were smiles all round as parishioners with special needs served the community in the roles of readers, musicians, welcomers and bearers of gifts.

The Gospel proclaimed by Fr Pat Faherty was that of the widow who gave her last two pennies into the temple treasury – giving all she had. During the homily Fr Pat's words touched the hearts of all the assembled community when he linked the parents, families and those with special needs to the values proclaimed in the Gospel – they give all they have on a daily basis as well, and have for years – for the well-being of a loved one with a disability.

The reflection after communion took the form of a PowerPoint presentation depicting photos and quotations of

people with special needs from many parishes throughout Australia. Their constant message was a cry for friendship, understanding and unconditional acceptance of who they are and what they bring to the church community.

The families and volunteers in the Parish Disability Connections Group all hope for the day when an Awareness Mass once a year will be replaced by invitations extended to them to participate and serve the community with their gifts as an everyday occurrence.

What can YOU do to make this happen?

The Baptismal Font – Berry

It is always interesting to have an artist or a craftsman explain what motivates them to design a particular creation as they have done. I recently asked Warwick Robinson who made both the Altar and Baptismal Font for the Berry Church to explain his designing of the Baptismal Font.

"The timber used is Queensland maple, the reason for choosing this, is that it closely matched the grain in the existing timbers used in the Church.

The design of the font started with the pottery bowl that was to be used. Not wishing to lose the shape of the bowl within a round boarder, I felt that by using an octagon shape would make both items (bowl and font) have their own identity, within the one structure.

Having been to many churches, both in Australia and during a pilgrimage in Spain, I saw many and varied types of arches used in entrances, over altars, grottoes, etc. I like the shape of them, so on seeing them used in the Altar I wanted to incorporate them into the Font.

The base followed the design of the upper section (octagon) but incorporates features of the base of the new Altar.

The legs that separate the two sections, on close examination, resemble water urns used in ancient times (Greek/Roman). I felt that this symbolism

was an important element for the Font. Several of my wood working friends thought they should have been turned up the other way, being a more traditional look, but I feel I made the right decision.

The lid was Father Pat's choice from a photo on a Missal. I joined blocks of wood together and turned it on a lathe, the lid was completed by adding the crucifix to the top.

By bring all these design features together, the Font, has its own sense of belonging, maintaining a real connection within the Church, but still having its own importance.



A thankyou prayer

Dear God, thankyou for all the things you have given me. Thankyou for my life and for my loving family and thankyou for all the beautiful flowers and trees.

God everyone appreciates what you have done, so start relaxing because you have done too much.

It's time we do something for you.

Love Bianca-Lee

(Year 3, St Michael's)



A Catechetical report for this year

In 2006 twelve Nowra catechists received certificates for completing the Catechist Training Courses. Eleven catechists will soon receive awards for long service to the ministry. This year the Nowra parish supplied over 10% of catechists for the Diocese. Many thanks to Lyn West, the tireless parish co-ordinator of CCD who gives so much to the people of the parish. Our thanks to those catechists who are school co-ordinators and of course we thank all our hardworking catechists.

Congratulations to Deidre Sedman who this year received two special awards for long service to the ministry: a Papal Blessing for twenty years of service and also a Mary MacKillop medal for twenty-five years of service.

This year's Annual Catechists' Mass was celebrated on 11 November at St John Vianney's Church at Fairy Meadow. Bishop Peter Ingham presided at the Mass which was concelebrated with eight priests from across the diocese. Congratulations to Sister Val who was delighted that four of her pupils from Bay and Basin schools were altar-servers at the Diocesan Mass.

A large congregation filled the Church to pray for our catechists and to help celebrate the good work being done in the ministry. After the Mass 87 catechists were given awards or certificates.

Our greatest challenge in the ministry today is to recruit new volunteers. If you know someone who would make a good

catechist (or even a catechist helper) encourage them to come forward. What a wonderful Christmas gift to the parish this would be.

List of those who received certificates or awards this year:

Level 1

Audrey Rodrigues, Irene Simic, Marie Adam, Susan O'Brien, Maryann Tweed, Michelle Sims, Dell Reynolds, Judy Rusgnach, Anacoreta Fryer

Diploma

Sr Val Green, Julie Ritchie, Margaret Sharpe

Papal Blessing and Mary MacKillop Medal

Deirdre Sedman

10 Year Service Award

Carmen Kane, Frank Walsh, Colleen Hopewell, Ruth Collins, William Maloney, Deirdre Sedman, Edna Shute

15 Year Service Award

Beryl Lloyd, Keith Green, Edna Shute

CCD Leadership Team

- Leonie Green
Regional Co-ordinator CCD
- Paul Brady
Diocesan Director CCD



World Youth Day

The Church throughout Australia is gearing up in varying degrees for World Youth Day being hosted in Sydney in 2008. Much of the faith enrichment associated with WYD08 which promises to be a magnificent Gathering of Youth and Young Adults will be the quality of prayerful and spiritual preparation.

In August Bishop Peter appointed **Daniel Hopper** as Diocesan Coordinator for the Wollongong Diocese. Daniel is a very enthusiastic and competent young man. By profession he is a lawyer and will be very much involved in the organisational and logistic aspects of the event. Daniel is supported in his work by a taskforce which includes representatives from across the Diocese, including Fr Richard Healey.

In mid November the Bishop appointed **Christy Honeysett** of the Dapto Parish as Coordinator of Youth and Young Adults within the Diocese. This is a three year appointment.

Sarah Ison, who just completed her HSC at St John's, was one of the youth from the Diocese to attend WYD in Cologne, Germany in 2005. Sarah with other young parishioners is happy to be the liaison person for the Nowra Parish in terms of Diocesan preparation and planning. She will keep us posted.

A New Director of Schools for the Diocese



Towards the end of October Bishop Peter Ingham announced the appointment

of **Mr Peter Turner** as the Director of Schools to take effect from 1 January 2007. The process of consultation and discernment had gone on for approximately six months.

Peter was until his new appointment the Regional Director of the Southern Region of the Archdiocese of Sydney. The region encompassed 50 Schools and a student population of 26,000 students. Peter is married to Yvonne and they have four sons. Peter was in fact the founding Principal of both Freeman

Catholic College Bonnyrigg (1985-91) and Aquinas College Menai (193-98)

The Wollongong Diocese has 27 primary Schools, and seven Regional Secondary School, with a total population of 15,900 students.

Over the past six months Mr John Tubridy, formerly the Principal of St Michael's Nowra, has been the Acting Director of Schools. John will be retiring at the end of January 2007. We wish John and his wife Annette a very happy and fulfilling retirement.

Shoalhaven Nursing Home, Bomaderry

Dot Gallagher

For anyone who has worked in either Nursing Homes or Hospitals or indeed cares for the infirm, they will appreciate the challenge in trying to get residents or patients dressed and ready for morning appointments. This is a marathon effort for the nursing staff at the Shoalhaven Nursing Home as they prepare on average ten residents for 9.30am Mass at the Sacred Heart Church each Sunday. Especially when you consider that the remaining residents have also their claim to care on staff during this time. But the residents then have to get to the Church!

The originators of this well-established routine which began almost 10 years ago are Miriam, a staff-member, and Reg Thompson; they are assisted by a small group of dedicated parishioners: Ben and Fran Denton who arrive at 9am and Colleen Baker and her sister Pixie Bagnell (who joined this apostolate

when their late mother was a resident). It is a most edifying sight to see the little procession of wheelchairs being escorted to the Church. Their access to the Church has been facilitated by a path and special ramp constructed some years ago at Miriam's suggestion which links the Nursing Home to the Church. The large foyer at the entrance to the Church allows the placement of all the wheelchairs. After Mass, the same crew assisted regularly by Peter and Joanne Collins and others do the return journey to the Nursing Home.

It is wonderful for the congregation at Bomaderry to have the Nursing Home residents participate in the Sunday Mass – an excellent reminder to parishioners who are (*to use a modern phrase*) – 'physically challenged'. Even

more wonderful is it for the Nursing home residents to be able to attend their Parish Mass and maintain this precious contact with the wider parish.

Those parishioners/ residents unable to attend are not forgotten: Reg Thompson (often referred to as Fr Reg) routinely takes Holy Communion to the Home each Sunday, a practice he has carried out faithfully for many years.



Welcome the Stranger

Duane A Vachon

Luke was a young man who had just arrived in town to attend university. He had long, wild hair. He generally wore a torn T-shirt, torn jeans and no shoes. Across the street from the university was an impressive church. One Sunday morning Luke decided to look inside.

He went in, without shoes, wearing his usual get up, complete with wild hair. The church was well attended and all the seats were taken. Luke walked down the aisle and sat on the carpet in front of the pulpit – something you just didn't do in this church!

The preacher was in the middle of his sermon, but when he saw the young man come right up to the front and sit on the carpet, he seemed stunned. He stopped preaching, and, like everyone else, just looked at the young man.

After a few, uneasy moments, an elderly man with silver-grey hair – one of the ushers – stood up. He walked with

the help of a cane. He made his way slowly down the side aisle towards the newcomer.

Most of the congregation were sure they knew what he was going to do when he got there, and they wouldn't blame him. But what actually happened surprised them all.

When the old man reached Luke, he dropped his cane to the floor and with great difficulty lowered himself and sat down beside him – so that Luke wouldn't be alone!

There was a murmur of comment around the church. Then the preacher spoke. "We might not remember much about the sermon I have been preaching this morning, but we will never forget what we have just seen. Jesus did say, 'I was a stranger and you made me welcome.' This morning we have seen what it means to welcome the stranger."

Taken from July-September 2006 "The Majellan"

60 wonderful years



Congratulations to Alex and Meryl McCoy who are celebrating their 60th Wedding anniversary on 28 December. They married in the Church of St Pius on 28 December 1946. They first came to live in Nowra in 1951-69; then they went to live at Tumburumba, Shellharbour and subsequently to Gwynneville. Alex and Merle are blessed with three children Carol, Tony and Michael; also seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They moved back to Shoalhaven St, Nowra in 1994. Their proximity to the Church is indicative of their life-long involvement with the life and work of the Church.

St John the Evangelist High School

Helen Crocco

Staff Spirituality Day

A Combined Staff Spirituality Day was held on 16 October 2006. It included St Michael's, Nowra; St Mary's Star of the Sea, Milton and St John the Evangelist, Nowra.

The Southern Section of our Diocese has much in common and a great deal to celebrate as a community. Focusing on the theme of "One in the Spirit," the Staff gathered to experience an enriching array of workshops conducted by a number of specialists who dealt with a specific topic connected with the Day.

The Mass celebrated by Fr Pat Faherty was truly a high point to the day. Our thanks go to Fr Pat, and to the other presenters on the day.

Year 12 Retreat – 23-25 October 2007 @ Waterslea

The retreat offered a unique opportunity for students commencing their HSC Year to withdraw from the hum-drum of life in order to focus on their life's direction.

Our Year 12 Retreat entitled "Called to New Life: Meeting the Challenge," was conducted by a team of dedicated teachers from our school over a period of 3 days. The Retreat Team provided input, ran discussion sessions, and enabled the one hundred students to embark on their last year in secondary schooling with a chance to examine various aspects of their life. The Retreat experience was composed of a large group input sessions and small group

discussions and activities – with some free time and an entertainment session on Tuesday evening. We were very fortunate to have Fr Ron Peters to celebrate our concluding liturgy. This Mass was the appropriate conclusion to our three days' experience.

Student Leadership Induction Ceremony

Jesus, Model of Leadership

This was a memorable ceremony that allowed us to witness the ritual of the Induction of our Students Leaders, the School Captains, Vice Captains and the House Captains who will lead us into the new academic year 2006-2007.

Two poignant passages were used: the first reading reminded us of the meaning of community (1 Cor 12: 13-27) and the Gospel demonstrated Jesus' Model of leadership (John 13: 1- 17) where we are told : "...no servant is greater than his master, no messenger is greater than the man who sent him. Now that you know this, happiness will be yours if you behave accordingly."

The blessing and presentation of the badges to the leaders for 2007 then took place. The pledges were made by the members of the Leadership Team who also spoke of commitment to the school community and of the Core Values and Principles of our School and of the Catholic Faith.

The school community congratulates the students who form the Year 12 Leadership Team.



(Pictured Right to Left) **Captains:** Martine Rizzuto and Pat Simon;
Vice-Captains: Corrine Wilson and Mark Barry

Holy Spirit Auxiliary Vincentia

Over the past 12 months the Holy Spirit Catholic Church parishioners have been busy fund-raising for a proposed church hall. As there is a need for a larger venue to hold parish functions the Auxiliary has been encouraging parishioners to come forward with fund raising ideas.

We were very successful with our first major fundraiser for the proposed hall held over the Christmas holidays last year. With over \$4,500 donated in prizes we were able to raise over \$11,000.

This year we will have over \$8,000 in prizes with the tickets being professionally printed. There is a \$2,700 holiday at Jervis Bay, \$2,700 bush bike, \$1,500 dual processor notebook plus others. We are hoping to raise close to \$20,000 in the Bay and Basin area. Tickets are on sale from Christmas to the end of February. If you would like a book of 6 tickets for five dollars contact Michael on 4443 7732.

We are offering other groups in the parish the chance to share in this raffle. This involves the group paying for the cost of printing the tickets, then sell them and keep the rest for your own fundraising. If you would like to participate contact Michael.

We also had another successful fundraiser held at the Husky Pictures. 68 people were treated to wine, fruit, sandwiches and a movie. We made over \$600 from this event with a chance for the parishioners to socialise with each other before the movie.

In September we held our *Spring Fun and Food Fair*. Around 100 parishioners were involved in the organisation and running of the event. The parishioners' dedication and enthusiasm ensure that this event is successful year after year.

On Behalf of all the Parishioners at the Bay and Basin I wish everybody a happy and holy Christmas and look forward to sharing a cuppa with you after the 9.30 Sunday mass at Vincentia.

Michael King
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Auxiliary Coordinator

Another Ordination

Ivor Davies

Another ordination, but with a difference. Former parishioner, Michael Davies, son of Carole and Ivor Davies of Bomaderry was ordained to the priesthood on 7 October 2006, in the USA. Michael, or as he is now known, Fr Maximos, became a monk in the Catholic Byzantine tradition some 12 years ago after deciding that law (as a solicitor) was not really his thing! He and two other Australians were interested in eastern monasticism and had to travel to the USA to find an english-speaking community. His home is Holy Resurrection Monastery, which is set in the Mohave desert, approximately halfway between Los Angeles and Las Vegas and is under the jurisdiction of the Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church. Some parishioners may remember Michael visiting the parish a few years ago when he spoke at Masses in Nowra, Bomaderry and Kangaroo Valley.

The ordination ceremony was held on the American Columbas weekend. For the past 10 years the Monastery has held a pilgrimage on this particular weekend, in honour of the Mother of God, "Searcher for the Lost". It attracts several hundred pilgrims from all over the USA – not only Eastern Catholics from various jurisdictions, but also Latin Rite Catholics and a number from within the Orthodox churches. It is their biggest fundraising event of the year.

On the Saturday, the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (High Mass) commenced at 10am - the eastern churches, both Catholic and Orthodox, use the liturgy written by St John Chrysostom in the 4th century, with their own individual variations. All of their liturgies are sung – the only spoken part is the homily. The normal worshipping stance is standing.

Michael's actual ordination took place soon after the Prayer of the Faithful. He was presented by two deacons to the Bishop, which was followed by a complex ritual, at the end of which he was robed. At each point in the robing process, the Bishop exclaimed "He is worthy!", which was repeated by the congregation several times. At the end,



(Above) Fr Maximos blesses his father, Ivor.

he was presented to the people and the liturgy continued.

For communion, consecrated bread is broken up and placed in chalices. The Bishop and Fr Maximos gave communion to the congregation. Communicants receive it by means of a spoon, with a Deacon holding a cloth under the mouth to ensure nothing falls to the floor. After the Thanksgiving, the priest says "Let us depart in peace". That is a clue that there is probably still another half hour to go! Around about this time, the families of the newly ordained priest and deacon were asked to join the Bishop and celebrants, to receive thanks from the Bishop for 'giving' the church their sons. Finally, the Bishop invited all to come forward to venerate his holy cross, receive the antidoron (a mark on the forehead with holy oils) and to welcome the new priest and deacon – big bear hugs all round. At midday, it was time for lunch. Byzantine Catholics certainly have great stamina!

Most of the pilgrims left at the end of the day on Saturday. However, there were still quite a number who stayed over for Sunday Divine Liturgy (Mass). Fr Maximos was principal celebrant - so lots of video footage had to be taken.

It was a great weekend for the family. Apart from parents, Michael's two sisters Catherine and Sarah made the trip, which made it particularly special. Sarah came from Indonesia where she is working for the Red Cross. We all

agree what a great blessing it is, to have a priest in the family (always guaranteed a job!), even though he lives so far away. Michael hopes to visit the parish again soon – if not next year, the year after, which the family is very much looking forward to.

Congratulations

Congratulations are certainly in order for two former pupils of St Michael's who have fared exceptionally well in their chosen careers.

- Paul Ruhl, eldest son of Peter and Rosemary Ruhl (Nowra), joined the RAN in 1990, serving as sub-Lieutenant in HMAS Kanimbla, Tobruk and Westralia. Paul also graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Politics). In November 2006, Paul was commissioned Commanding Officer of the new HMAS Ararat.

- Anna Davis, daughter of Bruce and Pat, is a Science teacher at St Casimir College, Marrickville. Casimir is very multicultural, and Anna has taught there for many years. In October she won the very prestigious award of the Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in High Schools. The presentation took place in the Great Hall of Parliament House, and Anna received her award from the Prime Minister, and was one of only five Australians to receive awards on the night for different fields of Science.

Congratulations indeed to both Paul and Anna.

Christmas holidays timetable - Nowra Parish

Mass times for the Christmas Season 2006

CHRISTMAS EVE - VIGIL MASSES

Sunday 24 December

NOWRA	7.00 pm
CULBURRA	6.00 pm
VINCENTIA	6.00 pm & 10.00 pm
KANGAROO VALLEY	9.00 pm
BERRY	9.00 pm
SHOALHAVEN HEADS	6.00 pm

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

NOWRA	12.00 midnight
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CHRISTMAS DAY - MONDAY 25 DECEMBER

NOWRA	8.00 am & 9.30 am
BERRY	8.00 am
BOMADERRY	9.30 am
CULBURRA	8.00 am
VINCENTIA.....	8.00 am & 9.30 am

Please note: No Evening Mass in the Parish on Christmas Day - Monday 25 December

Mass Timetable during January 2007

(Saturday Vigil 6 January - Sunday 28 January)

Vigil Masses (Saturday)

NOWRA	6.00 pm
CULBURRA	6.00 pm
VINCENTIA	6.00 pm
SHOALHAVEN HEADS.....	6.00 pm

Sunday Masses

NOWRA	8.00 am, 9.30 am & 6.00 pm
BERRY	8.00 am
BOMADERRY	9.30 am
CULBURRA.....	8.00 am
VINCENTIA	8.00 am & 9.30 am
KANGAROO VALLEY	11.00 am

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

St Michael's, Nowra
Wednesday 13 December – 7.30 pm

LYDIAN SINGERS – ST PATRICK'S BERRY
Saturday 9 December – 7.00 pm

SATURDAY 30 DECEMBER

NOWRA	6.00 pm
CULBURRA	6.00 pm
VINCENTIA	6.00 pm
SHOALHAVEN HEADS	6.00 pm

SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER

NOWRA	8.00 am, 9.30 am & 6.00 pm
BERRY	8.00 am
BOMADERRY	9.30 am
CULBURRA	8.00 am
VINCENTIA	8.00 am & 9.30 am
KANGAROO VALLEY	11.00 am

NEW YEAR'S DAY, MONDAY 1 JANUARY 2007

NOWRA	8.00 am
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*May
Christmas
blessings
shine on you
and may the
special love
of Christ be
with you all
year through...*

Parish Clergy:

Fr Pat J Faherty (Parish Priest, Nowra)
Fr Richard Healey (Assistant Priest, Nowra)
Fr Ronan Kilgannon (Kangaroo Valley)
Fr Leo Duck (Assistant Priest, Vincentia)

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