



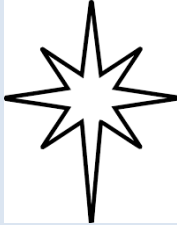
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# The Feast of the Epiphany

7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## The Feast Of The Epiphany:



“Western tradition has chosen three as the number of the Wise Men and even found exotic names for them, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. We may imagine that they travelled from Persia or South Arabia, though

Matthew simply indicates that they came from the East. The Gospel leaves no doubt that they were men of conviction, with enquiring minds and adventuresome spirit; in a word, intellectuals...The searching of the Wise Men is a fine illustration of the Latin adage for theology, *fides quaerens intellectum* (*faith seeking understanding*).

In celebrating Epiphany, we are celebrating the greatest proof of goodness there has ever been, of God's deeply personal love for us. For it was out of love, that the Father gave us the Son, and gave him to be our Light, our Saviour, our King and our Joy. His present to us is nothing less than the divine presence in our lives.” (ACP)

### SUNDAY MASSES:

**Nowra:** Vigil 6:00pm,

8:00am, 9:30am & 6:00pm

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

**Culburra:** Vigil 6:00pm

**Vincentia:** Vigil 6:00pm & 9:30am

**Kangaroo Valley:** 11:00am

### Weekday Masses

**Nowra:** Monday 7.00.a.m. Tues/Wed/Thurs 8:15am;

Fri 7:00am & 11:30am Sat: 9:00am

**Berry:** Tues: 5:30pm

**Culburra:** Thurs: 5:30pm

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

**Kangaroo Valley:** Mon.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

## The Feast of Santo Nino



The Feast of Santo Nino- Saturday next January 13<sup>th</sup> is the Filipino Annual Festival Mass –9.00.a.m. at St. Michael's. Parishioners are encouraged to support this festive celebration. Filipino people have a strong family focus, are a hardworking and resilient people with a staunch commitment to their Catholic faith. The estimated population of the Philippines is over 100 million, with an estimated 10 million Filipino people living and working overseas. More than 80% of the population are Catholic; the 3rd most Catholic country after Brazil and Mexico – The country has 16 Archdioceses and 56 Dioceses. The Feast of Santo Nino is associated with the Christmas Season. (The 3rd Sunday of January). The Feast goes back in origin to 1565.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:** Bishop Peter Ingham is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land which left on Thursday. The pilgrims are mainly teachers from Catholic Schools within the Diocese, and they include Toni Hodges and Meghann Davis (Reminis) from St Michael's. We wish them a joyful, safe and enriching pilgrimage.

- **A Regional Farewell Mass for Bishop Peter at All Saints Church, Shellharbour on Thursday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.00p.m.**
- **The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Brian Mascord - Date: Thurs 22nd Feb 2018 at 7:00pm -Venue: WIN Entertainment Centre Wollongong**



We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: Also those whose anniversaries occur: Victor Sutherland,

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

**Our Shared Pastoral Responsibility:**

From time to time we find that parishioners who have been regular Church- goers, but due to age, illness or having moved into residential care, can be pastorally neglected unintentionally for some time. We urge families, and, or fellow parishioners if you are aware of such circumstances to get in touch with the Parish Office or one of the priests to ensure that such parishioners are pastorally visited. This can occur especially in remote areas of the parish.

### **Urbi et Orbi (The Papal Blessing to the City and the World –**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Christmas!*

*“.....The birth of Jesus is renewed today in the Church, a pilgrim in time. For the faith of the Christian people relives in the Christmas Liturgy the mystery of the God who comes, who assumes our mortal human flesh, and who becomes lowly and poor to save us. And this moves us deeply, for great is the tenderness of our Father.....*

*We see Jesus in the many children forced to leave their countries to travel alone in inhuman conditions and who become an easy target for human traffickers. ... I see Jesus again in the children I met during my recent visit to Myanmar and Bangladesh, and it is my hope that the international community will not cease to work to ensure that the dignity of the minority groups present in the region is adequately protected. Jesus knows well the pain of not being welcomed and how hard it is not to have a place to lay one's head. May our hearts not be closed as they were in the homes of Bethlehem.*



### **Dates to note:**

**Friday Masses at Shoalhaven Heads will resume on Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Schools reopen on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**Easter: 1<sup>st</sup> April**

(Our Parish History: A Faithful People' @ \$10.00. Copies available at the Churches)



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Venue: WIN Entertainment Centre Wollongong  
Principal Consecrator: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP  
Co-Consecrators: Bishop Peter Ingham and Bishop William Wright  
Further details will follow when they are confirmed.



**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 17th 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.



**Craft-Tea Characters** - Wednesdays  
9:30am-12:00pm, in the Parish Centre.  
There's more to it than craft you'll see; like coffee, laughs, community, conversation & more, if you'll just walk in the door. Give it a go & then you'll know all you need to do is show.

**Enquiries: Louise 0438 218 728**



**CAtHFAMILY** brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts & recipes for free from their website [www.cathfamily.org](http://www.cathfamily.org).

Don't miss Catkins, weekly interactive experience with a two-minute animated reflection on the Sunday reading. Families in the Diocese of Wollongong are encouraged to utilise these resources at home to share faith with kids

**The Journey Catholic Radio Program – Airls weekly.**

Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can subscribe to weekly shows.

**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 Preside** - Chaplain to Corrective Services

**Sisters Beverley Caffrey and Sue Barker SGS.**

**Mrs Frances Fairs:** Catechist Coordinator, 4423 1712

**Mrs Liz Nimmo:** PT Parish Secretary 4423 1712

**Mrs Melissa Mazzo:** PT Parish Secretary 4423 17

**St Michael's Playgroup** – Mondays during the school term from 9:00am–10:30am in foyer of St Michael's School Hall. Parents, grandparents, carers, all welcome! Please bring your child's snacks & gold coin donation

**The date for the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Brian Mascord is now confirmed.**

Date: **Thurs 22nd Feb 2018** at 7:00pm