



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH NOWRA

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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA YEAR C SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2025



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Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 09:30 am to 01:30 pm

Parish Schools: St Michael's Catholic Primary School, Nowra
St John the Evangelist Catholic High School, Nowra

Churches

St Michael's
Nowra



Our Lady Help of
Christians, Culburra
Beach

Sacred Heart
Bomaderry



St Patrick's
Berry

St Joseph's
Kangaroo Valley



Holy Spirit
Vincentia

MASS TIMES

Saturday

5PM Culburra & Bomaderry

Every first Saturday

10AM Nowra

Sunday

8AM Berry

9.30AM Nowra & Vincentia

11AM Kangaroo Valley

5PM Nowra

Tuesday

9.30AM Nowra

5.30PM Berry

Wednesday

7.30AM Nowra

5.30PM Vincentia

Thursday

7.30AM Nowra

5.30PM Culburra

Friday

10AM Nowra

5.30PM Kangaroo Valley

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday

Berry- after 5.30PM Mass

Wednesday

Vincentia- before 5.30PM
Mass

Thursday

Culburra- before 5.30PM
Mass

Friday

Kangaroo Valley- before
5.30PM Mass

Nowra- 9AM to 10AM

First Saturday

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Entrance Antiphon

Revelation 21:2

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

First Reading

Ezekiel 47

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 45

R: The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress: so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day.

The Lord of hosts is with us:

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come, consider the works of the Lord, the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Chronicles 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 2:13-22

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

Communion Antiphon

1 Peter 2: 5

Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

Coming up this week

Sunday- 09/11/25

Pastoral Committee Meeting after 09:30 am Mass, Vincentia

Monday

Tuesday

CWL Monthly Meeting 09:30 am, Parish Centre, Nowra

Sanctus Summit 06:30-9pm, Nowra

Wednesday

Craft group 09:30-12pm, Parish centre, Nowra

Choir Practice at 03:30 pm, Vincentia

Adoration & Rosary at 05:00 pm, Vincentia

Thursday

Adoration & Rosary at 05:00 pm, Culburra

Stella Maris study and prayer group

starting with 5.30 mass, Culburra

Choir Practice at 06:15 pm, Nowra

St Joseph's Mens Adoration Group

8pm-6am, Nowra

Friday

Craft group 10am - 12pm, Vincentia

Rosary 5pm, Bomaderry

Soup kitchen fortnightly, contact Shannon Chittick

Saturday

The Man Walk at 07:30 am @Providence Blue Cafe, Sanctuary Point

Marian Devotion, Nowra: Confessions, 9am-10am, 10am- Holy Mass

Choir Practice at 04:00 pm, Bomaderry

PRAY FOR:



*Sick: **Jessica Arnold***

*Death Anniversaries: **Jim Colnan, Michael Ison, Terry and Peter Loadsman***

*Recently Deceased: **Robert Ryan, Malu Schaefer and Beverley Steinhour***

Diocesan Events

Charis Mass

Guest Celebrant Fr Brian Steele (MGL)

Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St Wollongong Fri 14 Nov 2025

Join us for our last Charismatic Mass for the year, as we pray and give thanks to God for all He is doing in the renewal of our Parishes in the Wollongong Diocese. There will also be an opportunity for individual healing prayer after mass and cuppa. Everyone welcome.

7:00pm Praise and Worship.

7:30pm Holy Mass.

Info: Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404

Milton Overnight Young Adult and Families Pilgrimage

You are invited to join a special overnight pilgrimage at St Mary Star of the Sea, Milton as we conclude this Year of Jubilee. Experience festival vibes: camping on the hill behind the church, live music, food truck, late night adoration, talks, a pilgrimage walk up to the Church, and Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord.

When: Saturday 15 November, 1pm arrival to Sunday

16 Nov 12pm

Where: St Mary Star of the Sea, Corks Lane Milton

For more details, visit dow.sh/miltonp.

Diocesan Annual Catechist Mass

All active and retired SRE Catechists and those involved in the Sacramental preparation of children are warmly invited to the Annual Catechist Mass and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, 22 November at 9:30am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Join Bishop Brian Mascord, for this celebration, followed by a light refreshment.

RSVP dow.sh/cm25 or contact Helen Bennett at helen.bennett@dow.org.au for more information.

Parish notices

Parish Finance Council

The Nowra Parish Finance Council has now been convened. The Council, chaired by Michael Brady, will initially focus on integrating into a new Diocesan accounting system. However, an important, early priority for the Council is presenting the Parish with a financial statement, scheduled to be finalised in February 2026.

The Finance Council can be contacted at: nowrafinance@dow.org.au



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Who Would Make a Good Council Member?

A good parish pastoral council member is, first and foremost, a disciple of Jesus—someone prayerful, faithful to the Church, and willing to listen deeply to the Holy Spirit and to others. We seek women and men who are pastoral rather than political, hopeful rather than cynical, and who see the whole parish—not just their group or local church community.

Members should be people of integrity who love the Church, desire renewal, and want our parish to flourish in unity and mission. We are not looking for “representatives”, but for disciples — people who bring wisdom, gentleness, and faith. In Bishop Brian's vision for our diocese, we are invited to be “bearers of Christ's love” and missionary disciples who lead others to encounter Jesus.

So, who do you see living that call among us? Who reflects the joy of the Gospel and the heart of a servant? Perhaps it's someone you know well — or perhaps it's you.

Blessings,
Fr Damien
Pastor

New Tap Devices

As many people no longer carry cash, we have introduced tap payment devices for both the first and second collections.

In addition to the usual collectors, there will now be another person following them with a tap device.

If you would like to make your offering using tap payment, simply raise your hand, and the person with the device will come to you so you can tap your card. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Significant Marriage Anniversaries

CWL wish to congratulate our parishioners who celebrated significant anniversaries this year with a beautiful Mass and luncheon on Saturday 25th October. A great occasion indeed for the parish.

Ron and Margaret Sharp (65yrs)
David and Susan Chan (61yrs)
Brian and Caroline Costello (60 yrs)
Maree and Garry Brown (50 yrs)
Stewart and Katherine Brandon (50yrs)
Andrew and Barbara Komorowski (50 yrs)
Ron and Rennie D'Souza (40 yrs)



Sacramental Program of First Holy Communion

This weekend we start with Workshop 4. Rehearsal and Reconciliation Note will continue to be distributed to those who haven't received the same. Parents and children will be verbally invited to take on special jobs at the ceremony as well. The Activity books will be collected after this lesson.

Feast Day Feature

Why do we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica?



This Basilica was originally named the Church of the Saviour. At the beginning of the 10th century, it was dedicated to St John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and thereafter known as the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

The land on which it stands originally belonged to the Laterani family. It is the Cathedral Church of the Archdiocese of Rome, the Pope's own Cathedral, and is regarded as the mother Church of Christendom. It is sixteen centuries old. Four general Councils of the Church have taken place within its walls, (Lateran Councils I, II, III, IV.) Twenty-eight Popes are buried there.

For over a thousand years it was the seat of the Church's government until the Pope moved to the Vatican in the 13th century. It was destroyed by fire in the 14th century, and remained in a state of disrepair until the late 15th century. The history of the building is described as a parable on the Church itself. It has been attacked, invaded, built up, vandalized and rebuild. It is a combination of different architectural styles.

Church buildings are symbols of something greater than themselves. The inscription at the entrance of the Basilica reads: “Most Holy Lateran Church, of all the churches in the city and the world, the mother and head.” This Feast reminds us that the Pope with his Cathedral Church is in fact the focus of our unity and communion with the Body of Christ all over the world and throughout time. Today's feast also offers us an image of the church in constant need of reform and restoration.