



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH NOWRA

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**33RD
SUNDAY IN
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**SUNDAY
16TH
NOVEMBER
2025**



Parish staff

Pastor: Fr Damien Ellis (damien.ellis@dow.org.au)

Emeritus Pastor: Mgr Patrick Faherty (pat.faherty@dow.org.au)

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Fr Ronan Kilgannon

Parish Secretary/ Sacramental Coordinator: Asha Joy

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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



Sacred Heart
Bomaderry



St Joseph's
Kangaroo Valley



Our Lady Help of
Christians, Culburra
Beach

St Patrick's
Berry

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

Nowra- 9AM to 10AM

Entrance Antiphon

Jeremiah 29

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place

First Reading

Malachi 3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 97:5-9

R: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord.

For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this

kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalms 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

Coming up this week

Sunday- 16/11/25

Monday

Tuesday

Adoration at 07:30 am, Vincentia

Rosary at 08:00 am, Vincentia

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 at 07:30 am, Vincentia

Rosary at 08:00 am, Vincentia

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, Nowra School of Arts Annex, contact Shannon Chittick & Sue Hill

Saturday

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

Choir Practice at 04:00 pm, Bomaderry

PRAY FOR:



*Sick: **Jessica Arnold** and **Kyri Pavlis***

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

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

Diocesan Notices

Job Opportunity

The Office of Professional Standards and Safeguarding are currently advertising an exciting new job opportunity. We are looking for a detail-oriented and hard working person, who cares about the safety of others, to join the team as a Safeguarding (Records and Case Management) Officer.

For more information, please visit the Diocesan Safeguarding website www.dow.org.au/safeguarding Applications are due by **5pm** on **Friday 21 November 2025**.

Diocese of Wollongong Men's Prayer Breakfast Launch

Friday, 28 November 6:30am-8am

Guest Speaker: Peter Abela

Xavier Conference Room, 38 Harbour St Wollongong

Enjoy a breakfast buffet, prayer and inspiring guest speaker input.

Be supported and inspired by other men, seeking to be authentic disciples on mission.

RSVP: Monday, 17 November dow.sh/mpb25

Cost: \$20

The Men's Prayer Breakfast Series is organised by the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation and menALIVE in the Diocese of Wollongong

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.

Jamberoo Abbey Crafts & Gifts this Advent

Prepare your hearts and homes for the coming of the Lord with beautiful Advent candles and wreaths handmade by the Benedictine Nuns of Jamberoo Abbey.

Their Abbey Candles Online Shop offers a range of Advent wreaths, carved candles, as well as a variety of spiritual and liturgical resources — perfect for personal devotion or parish use. By purchasing from Jamberoo Abbey, you support the prayerful life and work of the Sisters.

Shop online: jamberooabbey.org.au/shop

Enquiries: 02 4236 0011 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri)

Abbey Shop open: Mon-Sat, 9.30am-3.30pm.



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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

Nominations for PPC Next Week

Next weekend we open nominations for the Parish Pastoral Council. Before you nominate, take time to pray and discern. This is not a popularity contest or political campaign; it is a spiritual process. You might pray like this:

"Lord Jesus, send your Spirit upon our parish. Give us eyes to see who among us has the heart of a servant leader, ears to listen, and faith to serve your mission."

As you discern, ask:

- Who is pastoral and wise?
- Who has a heart for helping our parish flourish?
- Who is a faithful disciple and person of prayer?

May this week of discernment be filled with hope and unity.

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.

Taize Prayer

The South Coast Taize Community invites you to a time of Reflection and meditation in the style of Taize at **Berry Uniting Church**, 77 Albert Street on **Friday 21st November at 07:30 pm**.

Sacramental Program of First Holy Communion

This week Nowra Community will be having the rehearsals on Thursday 20th November 2025 at 06:30 pm. First Holy Communion Masses will be as follows
Saturday, 22/11/2025 at 5:00pm – Sacred Heart Church, Bomaderry
Sunday, 23/11/2025 at 09:30am – St Michaels Church, Nowra

Volunteers Needed

CALLALA BAY & NOWRA

Vinnies is looking for enthusiastic retail volunteers to help spread Christmas cheer in our shops over the holiday season! Join our friendly team, gain valuable experience, and make a real difference for people in need. Even a few hours of your time can help bring hope and joy to your community this Christmas.

EMAIL retailvolunteering@vinnies.org.au

VISIT vinnies.org.au/shopvolunteersnw

ASK instore or **SCAN** the QR code



Christmas Raffle

CWL will be holding their annual Christmas raffle in the parish over the following weekends.

St Patrick's Berry - Sunday - **30/11/25** and **7/12/25**

Sacred Heart Bomaderry - Saturday **22/11/25** and **29/11/25**

St Michaels Nowra - Sunday **23/11/25** and **30/11/25**

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5

1st and 2nd prize - Christmas hamper with fresh hams

Thanking you for your generosity and support

Global Church Notices

Red November: Pray for persecuted Christians

Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians throughout Red November. Please pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, Sudan and the Middle East, where Christians are facing grave danger right now. Watch the official video and download your Red Rosary prayer card by scanning the QR code or visiting www.rednovember.org

