



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH NOWRA

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SUNDAY
23RD
NOVEMBER
2025



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

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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Catechist Coordinator: Veronica Passoni (Mon & Wed, 09:30 am to 01:30 pm)

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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

Entrance Antiphon

Revelation 5

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and
ever.

First Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron.
‘Look’ they said ‘we are your own flesh and blood.
In days past when Saul was our king, it was you
who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord
said to you, “You are the man who shall be
shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the
leader of Israel.”’ So all the elders of Israel came
to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact
with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord,
and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121

R: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it
possible for you to join the saints and with them
to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken
us out of the power of darkness and created a
place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he
loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the
forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,

for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.
As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him and all things to be
reconciled through him and for him, everything
in heaven and everything on earth, when he
made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David
our Father; blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross
watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered
at him. ‘He saved others,’ they said, ‘let him
save himself if he is the Christ of God, the
Chosen One.’ The soldiers mocked him too, and
when they approached to offer him vinegar
they said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save
yourself.’ Above him there was an inscription:
‘This is the King of the Jews.’
One of the criminals hanging there abused him.
‘Are you not the Christ?’ he said. ‘Save yourself
and us as well.’ But the other spoke up and
rebuked him. ‘Have you no fear of God at all?’
he said. ‘You got the same sentence as he did,
but in our case we deserved it: we are paying
for what we did. But this man has done nothing
wrong. Jesus,’ he said, ‘remember me when you
come into your kingdom.’ ‘Indeed, I promise
you,’ he replied, ‘today you will be with me in
paradise.’

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Coming up this week

Sunday- 23/11/25

Monday

Tuesday

Adoration at 07:30 am, Vincentia

Rosary at 08:00 am, Vincentia

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 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: Max Bristow

Recently Deceased: Giuseppe Valente, Jane Montebello, Robert Ryan and Malu Schaefer

Global Church Notice

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



Parish Notices

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/shopvolunteersnsw **ASK** instore or **SCAN** the QR code



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.

Sing Gloria

The Shoalhaven Lydian Singers and guests presents Christmas Concert on **Saturday 6th December, 02:00pm** at **Berry School of Arts** and **Sunday 7th December, 02:00pm** at **Nowra School of Arts**.

Tickets at Trybooking.com, Eftpos and Cash at the door.
Adults- \$30, Students- \$15, Children under 12- Free

Community Group Meeting

Community Group Vincentia meeting **30th November** following 9.30 Mass in the Hall. All parishioners are encouraged to attend to keep up to date with various matters affecting the Holy Spirit community



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Nominations for the PPC this Weekend!

Before submitting your nomination this week, please consider these few simple points:

- Has the person been a member of the parish for at least two years and regularly participates in the life and worship of the community?
- Are they someone of faith, integrity, and good judgment?
- Do they have the time and willingness to attend meetings and engage in ongoing formation?
- Have you spoken with them? Are they open to serving?
- Have you prayed for guidance from the Holy Spirit?
- You may nominate yourself

Nominations close **Friday 28 November** via dow.sh/nom25 (limited paper forms available).

Thank you for helping to build a parish that reflects the vision of Bishop Brian—Come & See, Go & Make—a parish alive with encounter, discipleship, and mission.

Blessings,
Fr Damien
Pastor

Sacramental Program of First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the Holy Communion Candidates. We pray that your faith continues to grow and God blesses you and your family. We hope to see you next week at Mass.

Thank you to all the Sacramental Leaders whose tireless work is much appreciated, especially Cathie Hamilton, Angelina Cutroni, Adrienne Mason, Nigel Porter, Cathy McManus and Greg Troy.

Upcoming Events :

The registration dates for Reconciliation 2026 starts on 7th December 2025. Sacramental Leaders are at Culburra on Saturday at 5pm, Berry on Sunday at 8am, Nowra on Sunday at 9.30am and 5pm, Kangaroo Valley on Sunday at 11am, Vincentia on Sunday at 9.30am. Please come along to Mass on those days to register.

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

The St Michael's Nowra Conference of St Vincent de Paul will be conducting its Christmas Appeal on **29/30 November** at the **Sacred Heart Church, Bomaderry** and at **St Michael's Church, Nowra**. Please give what you can to enable us to continue to assist those in need in our community.

Christmas Raffle

CWL NOWRA

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.

CWL VINCENTIA

CWL will holding their Christmas raffle in **Holy Spirit, Vincentia** on Sunday - 30/11/25 and 7/12/25

Thanking you for your generosity and support

Healing Mass

There will be Healing Mass at Holy Spirit Church on **Wednesday 3rd December at 11am**, followed by a light luncheon in the hall.

There will be no 5.30pm Mass on that day.

Carol Practice

On November 27th, we will begin preparing Christmas Carols and Liturgical Songs for Christmas season. Organist Andrew invites everyone interested to join the Choir. The first meeting will take place on **Thursday, November 27th, at 6.15 PM** in the **Nowra Parish Centre**. For details, please call Andrew: 0412133761

Carols by the Convent

The Young Adults of St Michael's warmly invite you to Carols by the Convent, a family-friendly carols evening on the beautiful lawns and in the church of St Patrick's, Berry. In the midst of the festive season's busyness, may we take a moment to pause - to reflect, to listen, and to recognise the quiet presence of God among us.

When: **Sunday, 14th December at 7:30pm**

Where: **St Patricks Church, Berry**

BYO Dinner from 6pm, on the St Patrick's Church grounds