



# ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH NOWRA

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**FIRST  
SUNDAY OF  
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YEAR A**

**SUNDAY**

**30TH  
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)

**Priests:** Fr Victor Vincent (victor.vincent@dow.org.au)  
Fr Ronan Kilgannon

**Parish Secretary/ Sacramental Coordinator:** Asha Joy

**Finance Secretary:** Anne Gonzaga (nowrafinance@dow.org.au)

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

**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

*Psalms 24:1-3*

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

## First Reading

*Isaiah 2: 1-5*

In the days to come  
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord  
shall tower above the mountains  
and be lifted higher than the hills.  
All the nations will stream to it,  
peoples without number will come to it; and  
they will say:  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'  
He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;  
these will hammer their swords into  
ploughshares, their spears into sickles.  
Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.  
O House of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalms 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.  
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.  
For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
'Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!'

For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: 'Peace upon you!'  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good

## Second Reading

*Romans 13: 11-14*

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Psalms 84:8*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

*Matthew 24:37-44*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

## Communion Antiphon

*Psalms 84: 13*

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

## Coming up this week

Sunday- 30/11/25

**Community Group Meeting** after 09:30 am Mass, Vincentia

Tuesday

**Adoration** at 07:30 am, Vincentia

**Rosary** at 08:00 am, Vincentia

Wednesday

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

**Healing Mass** 11am, Vincentia

**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

**Men's Night Out** 06:30pm, Bomaderry Bowling Club

Saturday

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

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

### PRAY FOR:

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

*Death Anniversaries: **Margaret Pryde***

*Recently Deceased: **Pat Liddiard***



## Parish Notices

### Farewell and Gratitude – Anne Gonzaga

We wish to inform our parish community that Anne Gonzaga has submitted her resignation from her role as Financial Secretary, with her final day being Friday, 12 December 2025.

Anne has faithfully assisted the parish over the past three years, first as Parish Secretary and more recently stepping into the Financial Secretary role when the parish office was in particular need of support. We are sincerely grateful for her willingness to serve during that time, and for the steady dedication, warmth, and generosity she brought to her work.

As Anne now steps away from parish employment to focus more fully on her family life with her husband, Ed, and their children, we hold her in our prayers. I have deeply appreciated the spirit of service with which she carried out her responsibilities and the care she showed to our parish community. Though we will miss Anne's friendly presence in the office, we are grateful that she remains a valued member of our parish family. We ask God's blessings upon Anne, Ed, and their family as they enter this next chapter.

**Thank you, Anne, for your service, your generosity, and your kindness.**

### 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.

### Adoration Chapel

On Thursday some weeks ago, the Blessed Sacrament was adored for 24 hours straight due to rostered adorers and people popping in. SO GOOD! Please sign in when you visit the chapel, even if it's just for 2 minutes.

If Mass is being held in the church, please vacate the chapel.

### St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

The St Michael's Nowra Conference of St Vincent de Paul is conducting its Christmas Appeal this weekend at the Sacred Heart Church, Bomaderry and at St Michael's Church, Nowra. Our members will be at the doors of the church to collect donations. Thank you for your on-going support.

### Healing Mass

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

**There will be no 5.30pm Mass on that day.**





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## Election weekend for the PPC Next Week

Next weekend (6–7 December) our parish will vote for new Parish Pastoral Council members. Each church community will elect one representative, and I will appoint one additional member from each. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will raise up men and women of wisdom and courage to serve our parish in this important ministry of co-responsibility.

The election will take place online at [dow.sh/vote25](http://dow.sh/vote25), with limited paper ballots available after Mass.

May this process be a moment of grace—drawing us together as one parish family, united in our shared mission to come and see Jesus and to go and make disciples.

Blessings,  
Fr Damien  
Pastor

## Parish Events

### 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

### 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 06/12/25

**St Michaels Nowra** - Sunday 5:00 pm 23/11/25 & Sunday 9:30 am and 5:00 pm on 7/12/25

We are mindful of the Celebration of the SVDP Christmas appeal on 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

## Sacramental Program of Reconciliation

The registration dates for Reconciliation 2026 starts on 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Friday Mass – 05 December 2025

Please note that this Friday's Mass (05/12/2025) will be held in the **Big Parish Hall** instead of the church. This special celebration will be a **Farewell Mass for Mr. Christopher Paton**, Principal of St Michael's School.

We warmly invite all **parishioners** to join us as we gather in gratitude and prayer for Mr. Paton's dedicated service to our school and community.

## Important Parish Notice: Upcoming Changes to Weekend Mass Schedules

(Will begin from the Weekend of 13–14 December 2025)

### Saturday Vigils

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bomaderry** – 4:00 pm

**Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Culburra** – 5:30 pm

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Vincentia** – 6:00 pm

### Sunday Masses

**St Patrick's Catholic Church, Berry** – 7:30 am

**St Michael's Catholic Church, Nowra** – 9:30 am

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Vincentia** – 10:00 am

**St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kangaroo Valley** – 11:30 am

**St Michael's Catholic Church, Nowra** – 6:00 pm

## 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**

## Carol Practice

There will be practice for Christmas Carols on **Thursdays, at 6.15 PM** in the **Nowra Parish Hall**. For details, please call Andrew: 0412133761