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THE HOLY
FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY
AND JOSEPH
YEAR A

SUNDAY
28TH
DECEMBER
2025



MASS TIMES

Saturday

4PM Bomaderry
5.30PM Culburra
6PM Vincentia

****First Saturday of the Month****

10AM Nowra

Sunday

7.30AM Berry
9.30AM Culburra
9.30AM Nowra
10AM Vincentia
11.30AM Kangaroo Valley
6PM Nowra

Monday

9.30AM 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

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday

Berry- after 5.30PM Mass

Wednesday

Vincentia- before 5.30PM
Mass

Thursday

Culburra- before 5.30PM
Mass

Friday

Nowra- 9AM to 10AM

First Saturday

Nowra- 9AM to 10AM

Parish staff

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

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Parish Secretary/ Sacramental Coordinator: Asha Joy

Catechist Coordinator: Veronica Passoni

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:30 am to 1:30 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

Luke 2:16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading

Sirach 3

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 127

R: Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life!

Second Reading

Colossians 3: 12-21

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a

home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

Communion Antiphon

Baruch 3: 38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Coming up this week

Sunday- 28/12/25

Monday- 29/12/25

Mass at 09:30 am, Nowra

Tuesday- 30/12/25

Rosary at 8:00 am, Vincentia

Wednesday- 31/12/25

New Year's Eve

Choir Practice at 03:30 pm, Vincentia

Rosary at 05:00 pm, Vincentia

Thursday- 01/01/26

New Year

Adoration & Rosary at 05:00 pm,
Culburra

St Joseph's Mens Adoration Group
8pm-6am, Nowra

Friday- 02/01/26

Rosary 5pm, Bomaderry

Saturday- 03/01/26

The Man Walk at 7:30 am @Providence
Blue Cafe, Sanctuary Point

If you would more information, please
contact the parish office.

PRAY FOR:

Sick: *Jessica Arnold and
Kyri Pavlis*

Death Anniversaries: *Jill Thomson & family,
Ann Bennett and Samantha Thompson*

Recently Deceased: *Charles Cassar*



Diocesan Notices

CatechistNET

Annual CatechistNET magazine is available this weekend at no cost.

Please note that active Catechists and Life Members will receive their own copy by post. Please grab one and get a sense of the great work done by catechists.

Close of the Jubilee Year

You are invited to commemorate the official close of the Jubilee Year of Hope in our diocese. A special Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord: **10.30am Sunday 28 December, St Francis Xavier Cathedral.**

"May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever." (Pope Francis, Spes Non Confundit)

Stouthearted men's program

Stouthearted is a new Jesus centred men's program designed to meet a desperate need in men. It's an 8-week program that draws from well-known experts, shares powerful teachings and models real world conversations.

Stouthearted fosters learning, discussion, prayer, reflection, healing and builds essential practical strategies. In addition to the main sessions, there are short daily reflections that include video input, bible study, and self-reflection.

The Stouthearted program will be running at the Xavier Centre in Wollongong in 2026, starting on **Monday 2 February at 6.30pm** and finishing on the last Monday of March.

Cost: \$50 for whole course or \$15 per night (1st night is free)

Register now: dow.sh/stouthearted

Outdoor Created-Centred Masses - Mollymook Beach Reserve

Fr Michael and the Milton Parish Liturgy Team will again lead an outdoor creation centred Mass at **5 pm on all Sundays in January 2026.**

Location: Mollymook Beach Reserve 200 metres north of Mollymook Beach Surf Club.

For years these Masses have attracted locals and visitors and proven popular especially in view of the urgent need as *Laudato Si* and *Laudato Deum* declare to care for our common home when it is in peril. Please come along and stay afterwards if possible for a BYO picnic



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Diocesan Notices (Continued)

Looking for Quality Vacation Care This School Holidays?

CatholicCare offers safe, fun, and engaging Vacation Care programs at 11 schools across our Diocese. Children enjoy exciting activities, make new friends, and are cared for by experienced staff—giving parents peace of mind and kids a holiday to remember.

Secure your child's spot today:

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<https://shalomworld.org/>

World Youth Day Seoul 2027: Expression of Interest

World Youth Day is an unforgettable celebration of faith with millions of young Catholics from around the world, and we're excited to begin preparing a diocesan pilgrimage. If you will be 18–35 years old in August 2027 and would love to experience the vibrancy of the universal Church, we'd love to hear from you.

Register your expression of interest: dow.sh/wyd27

Parish Events

Special Mass in Culburra

From the **28th December 2025** to the **11th January 2026**, there will be a **Sunday** Morning mass at **09:30 am** in **Our Lady Help of Christians, Culburra**.

Exposition of Blessed Eucharist- Vincentia

In **Vincentia**, the last day for the exposition of the blessed Eucharist will be next Monday 22nd December and will resume Monday 5th January.

Parish Notices

Change of Venue for Weekend Masses

Please note that from **24 December onwards, for a period of two weeks**, all **weekend Masses at St Michael's** will be celebrated in the **Parish Hall**. This includes the weekend of **4 January**. We appreciate your understanding.

Sacramental Program

The Sacramental Leaders are on a break. But still if you want your child to be registered, please send an email to nowrasacraments@dow.org.au

If your child is in Year 3 or above and has been Baptised, then they may register in the Reconciliation & First Holy Program for this year after Mass.

If your child is in Year 6 or above who have been Baptised, received their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, may register for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Parish Pastoral Council Update

The voting period for the Parish Pastoral Council has now concluded. We are currently in the process of reaching out to the elected candidates and nominees to confirm their acceptance of the positions. Once all acceptances have been received, the final list of council members will be announced to the parish community. Thank you for your participation and continued support

Volunteers needed- Can You Help?

Across our Parish we have a real need for volunteers. We need Collection Counters, Readers, Greeters, Sacristans, Acolytes, Catechists, and Parish Office support.

Whether you've volunteered before or not, if you have a little time available to be an active part of your Parish, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact the Parish Office for more information about how you can help at: nowra@dow.org.au

Adoration Chapel- More Adorers Needed

If you have a spare hour each week, please consider spending it with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel.

There is at least one available hour each day that needs to be filled on the roster. If you would like to become a regular, contact Patrick Van Der Moezel on 0430837427