



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH NOWRA

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR A

**SUNDAY
4TH JANUARY
2026**



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Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10:30 am to 2:30 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

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

Entrance Antiphon

Malachi 3:1

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:

all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters

being tenderly carried. At this sight you will

grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full;

since the riches of the sea will flow to you;

the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,

and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;

everyone in Sheba will come,

bringing gold and incense

and singing the praise of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 71

R: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish

and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea,

from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba

shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,

all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak

and save the lives of the poor.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you,

and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2: 2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;

and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.'

When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way

Communion Antiphon

Baruch 3: 38

We have seen his star in the East,

and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Coming up this week

Sunday- 04/01/26

Tuesday- 06/01/26

Adoration at 7:30 am, Vincentia

Rosary at 8:00 am, Vincentia

Wednesday- 07/01/26

Choir Practice at 03:30 pm, Vincentia

Adoration & Rosary at 05:00 pm,
Vincentia

Thursday- 08/01/26

Adoration at 7:30 am, Vincentia

Rosary at 8:00 am, Vincentia

Adoration & Rosary at 05:00 pm,
Culburra

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

Friday- 09/01/26

Rosary 5pm, Bomaderry

Saturday- 10/01/26

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: **Angeles Androcki** and
Sally O'Reilly*

*Recently Deceased: **Richard Sedman** and
Patrick Buckley*



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.

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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:
Call (02) 4227 1122 or
visit <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au>
for locations and enrolment details.

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

Finance Council Update

As the Parish Finance Council progresses toward presenting its financial statement in February 2026, we would like to provide an update. The Business Activity Statement (BAS) and Bank Reconciliation for 31 December 2025 will be completed in January 2026. An audit has been booked for February 2026. Once the audit has been completed the Finance Council will present its financial statement.

Questions? Email the Finance Council at
nowwrafinance@dow.org.au

Exposition of Blessed Eucharist- Vincentia

In **Vincentia**, the exposition of the blessed Eucharist will resume on **Tuesday 6th January**.

Special Mass in Culburra

On **4th January 2026** and **11th January 2026**, there will be a **Sunday** Morning mass at **09:30 am** in **Our Lady Help of Christians, Culburra**.

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.

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