



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH SHOALHAVEN

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**THIRD
SUNDAY
OF
EASTER**

**SUNDAY
19TH
APRIL
2026**



MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil
4PM Bomaderry
5.30PM Culburra
6PM Vincentia

Sunday
7.30AM Berry
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

Saturday
8AM Nowra

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 10:30 am to 2:30 pm

Parish Schools: St Michael's Catholic Primary School, Nowra (Ph: 02 4421 3630)
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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

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday
Berry- before 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

Psalm 65: 1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2: 14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15

R: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.'

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1: 3-9

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 24: 32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia !

Gospel

Luke 24: 13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but

pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Communion Antiphon

Luke 24: 35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Coming up this week

Sunday- 19/04/26

Morning Tea after mass, Berry

Tuesday- 21/04/26

Adoration at 7:30 am, Vincentia

Rosary at 8:00 am, Vincentia

Wednesday- 22/04/26

Choir Practice at 03:30 pm, Vincentia

Adoration & Rosary at 05:00 pm, Vincentia

Thursday- 23/04/26

Adoration at 7:30 am, Vincentia

Rosary at 8:00 am, Vincentia

Adoration & Rosary at 05:00 pm, Culburra

Choir Practice at 6:15 pm, Nowra

St Joseph's Mens Adoration Group

8pm-6am, Nowra

Saturday- 25/04/26

The Man Walk at 7:15 am for coffee before walk @Providence Blue Cafe, Sanctuary Point

ANZAC Day Mass at 8:00 am, Nowra

PRAY FOR:

Sick: **Kyri Pavlis, Margaret Broomhead, John Owen** and **Ian Cartledge**

Recently Deceased: **Andrea Mullins** and **Robert Luxford**

Death Anniversary: **Theresa McKinnon** and **Stella Calleja**



Diocesan Events

Mary Help of Christians Walk for Life

Friday 22 & Saturday 23 May

Join walkers raising praying for Australia for all life issues - the elimination of abortion, euthanasia, suicide, family breakdown, and to pray for Australia's Government. We unite our prayer with sacrifice and entrust everything to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Day 1: Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km)

Day 2: Gerringong to Shoalhaven Heads (16km)

For more information contact

- Sue Hill - 0435336195
Email:sueandpeterhill@gmail.com
- Gabriella De Battista - 0414 205 404

Compass Catholic Family Camping Weekends

Registrations are now open for our next CCFC Weekend planned for **Friday 15 - Sunday 17 May**.

Join with families from across the Diocese for a relaxed weekend of family fun, faith and food!

For more information and to register go to: dow.sh/familycamping26

Formation Pathway | Leading People Well

Our next Formation Pathway evening will focus on the practical side of leading people well. The session will explore several areas that often determine whether teams thrive or struggle.

If you are involved in any form of leadership or ministry, this evening will offer practical help for one of the most important parts of leadership: caring for and guiding people well.

All are welcome.

- **CAMPBELLTOWN Tuesday 21 April 7-9pm**
- **WOLLONGONG & ZOOM Wednesday 22 April 7-9pm**

To register: Dow.sh/fpaprill2026

Parish Events

Anzac Day Ceremony

St John's High School warmly invites parishioners to attend the **ANZAC Day Ceremony** on **Thursday, 30 April 2026**. Guests are asked to be seated by **9.30am** for a **9.45am** commencement.

Please RSVP by **28 April** to

info@sjedow.catholic.edu.au. Defence personnel are requested to attend in **ceremonial uniform**.

Mary Help of Christians Feast Day Luncheon

Celebrate the Feast Day of Mary Help of Christians with a luncheon at **Culburra Bowling Club** on **Sunday, 31 May 2026** at **12 midday**.

Cost: \$30 per person.

For bookings or enquiries, please contact **Kerrie** on **0411 787 449** or **Daphne** on **0448 963 573**.



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Parish Notices

Pastor's Update



Dear Parishioners,

Over the past weeks I have tried to keep you informed about the serious condition of the presbytery at St Michael's and the steps already being taken to address it. This has included inspections, professional advice, consultation with architects, and ongoing consideration by the Finance Council. As a result of this work, we now have a clearer picture of both the need before us and the scale of the commitment that will be required.

The parish is not ignoring these issues, nor are we approaching them hastily. We have been actively working through them in a careful and responsible way. At the same time, it is becoming clear that the eventual restoration of the presbytery will require not only planning and professional guidance, but also the support of the wider parish community. In the weeks ahead, I will share more about the options available to us and the financial considerations involved. As we move toward those discussions, I ask you even now to keep this matter in your prayers and to begin thinking about how each of us may contribute to the future life of the parish according to our means.

May the Lord continue to guide us with wisdom, unity, and generosity.

Fr Damien Ellis

Anzac Day Mass

ANZAC Day is about commemoration and tradition. **St Michael's Parish** will once again commemorate the day with the traditional ANZAC Day Mass at **8.00am** followed by a morning tea.

This year is special for the Parish as it is the 70th anniversary of the first ANZAC Day Mass celebrated in the Parish. Whether you are going to the Dawn Service or planning to attend the March, the Mass fits in well to that timetable.

Information for the Parish Bulletin

If you wish to have relevant information published in this Parish Bulletin please submit your notice to the Parish Office, nowra@dow.org.au no later than 2:30pm, WEDNESDAY for the upcoming weekend bulletin.

Join Our Parish Counting Team

Are you available on Mondays between 10:30am and approximately 12:30pm to assist at the Nowra Parish Office?

Do you feel called by the Holy Spirit to serve our community?

Are you comfortable handling and counting money? If you answered "yes" to these questions, we warmly invite you to join our parish team in counting the weekly collections. No prior experience is required—full training will be provided.

If there is strong interest, we can organise a fortnightly or monthly roster—what a blessing that would be!

To express your interest and register your availability, please contact Veronica Passoni, Finance Secretary on nowrafinance@dow.org.au or call on 02 44231712

Would you like to Become Catholic?

Have you been inspired by our celebration of Easter and would like to begin a journey into becoming Catholic. Our RCIA process begins again on the 4th May at 5:30pm here at St Michael's parish centre. We would love to hear from anyone who is interested in enquiring about becoming Catholic.

Please contact Fr Darren

(darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au) or call the Parish Office on 4423 1712, for an initial discussion and confirm that you can come along on the 4th May. We look forward to supporting you on this exciting journey of faith and life.

Paschal Candle Contributions

With grateful hearts, we invite parishioners to contribute towards the purchase of Paschal candles for our church. The Paschal candle is a beautiful symbol of the risen Christ, the Light of the World, and holds a central place in our liturgical celebrations, especially during the Easter season.

Contributions may be made according to the size of the candle selected. Previous Paschal candles will be given to those who contribute. We thank you for helping us continue to mark our worship with dignity, beauty, and reverence.