

## Parish New Logo




### St Michael's CATHOLIC PARISH NOWRA

On 6 July 2022, Jeremy Yuen, Senior Communications Officer from the diocese of Wollongong, had sent a logo questionnaire for our parish. Accordingly taking into consideration of the uniqueness of our Nowra parish with its six satellite church communities, a logo was prepared by them. Later it was presented in the Parish General meeting on 15 November 2022 for discussion and after considering the valuable suggestions, the logo was again modified.

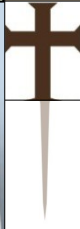
**Thanks and congrats to Mr Daniel Hopper and Jeremy Yuen,**

St Michael the Archangel is the guardian and protector of the Catholic Church and, in a way, also the guardian and protector of St Michael's Catholic Parish Nowra & the parish's six Mass centres. With this in mind, implementing the St Michael elements in the logo & having them overarch the other elements was crucial for the logo to represent not only the parish in Nowra, but also to represent a sense of support, strength and protection of St Michael over the six Mass centres in the Shoalhaven. Each element of the shield represents the remaining five churches in parish.



His name, Michael (which means "Who is like to God?"), was known especially for his strength and courage, and many applaud him for his chivalry and determination to boldly fight for justice. For this reason, the shield represents St Michael's Parish Church and then contains elements of the other five churches (Mass centres) in the parish. We saw this as a good way symbolically to show unity in the parish under the protection of St Michael's Shield of Truth, guarding them from evil. Further to this, the brown depicted in this Shield can be used to highlight strength and reliability. Brown is often seen as solid, much like the earth, and the soil of the traditional custodians, which the parish ministers on. It's also a colour that is often associated with resilience, dependability, security & safety. With these two images in mind, both the St Michael Shield and the colour represented in it formulate the main aspect of the logo.

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In addition to the Shield, the St Michael sword, which is being crowned with a cross, is a beautiful way to depict St Michael. He is often represented in art as wielding his sword, quite often behind his shield as depicted in the logo.

His heavenly sword is a representation of the power of God and the archangels against the fallen angels.

The importance of the wings is to represent St Michael as an archangel & to surround the shield providing this feeling of being embraced and feeling protected.



The placement of the wings behind and around the shield is an interpretation of the surrounding hills and landscape of the Shoalhaven, surrounding and embracing the life inside.

The wings stretched outward convey the boldness of grace and the outreach of mission for the parish. As well as this, they form an 'M' behind the Shield representing the M in Michael.

Finally, the wings illustrate how we are continuously being embraced by God in all that we do.

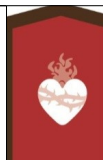


### St Patrick Catholic Church Berry

The shamrock is a symbol both for the Holy Trinity and St Patrick. It is said St Patrick used the three leaved Shamrock to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity, (the Father, Son & Holy Spirit), to the pagan Irish during the 5th Century. The three leaves of the shamrock also represent faith, hope & love.

### Sacred Heart Catholic Church Bomaderry


The Sacred Heart is a symbol of "God's boundless & passionate love for mankind". It is the image of God's love revealed in the pierced heart of his son. It is the symbol of a love that conquers sin and transcends death, the symbol of the one who loved us to the end. It is placed in between Mother Mary and St Joseph reminding of the Holy family.



Love has always been associated with the heart, so it was only natural that the love of God became represented by a heart, the heart of his Son Jesus. In him, God the Father revealed his infinite love for us. From the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our hearts learn meekness, humility, mercy, and love.


St Michael as a church now as well as the St Michael as a parish in the other overarching symbols of the shield, wings (and the wings forming the letter M) and the name in the logo "St Michael's". So sapphire blue is given for the background to the St Michael symbol in the shield as that is apparently the colour of St Michael. This symbol on its own down the bottom as it is the parish church so it has its own place of prominence in the structure so deserves to be on its own line, but down the bottom as an act of humility and service to the other Mass centres in the parish. Also, it looks better where the M in the shield is close to the M in the St Michael's text. Plus, there is separation between the two blues for Mary and Michael in the design so that they weren't near each other.

## Our Lady Of Help Of Christians Culburra



The section includes the 12 Marian stars that is a known symbol for Our Lady Help of Christians i.e. And a great portent appeared in heaven, a Woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; she was with child... (Rev. 12:1-2) as well as the Miraculous Cross which can be found on the Miraculous Medal. In addition the the symbolism of the blue (in reference to Our Lady), the blue is a symbolism of both the waters of the ocean (in reference to the waters in Culburra) and the waters of baptism in which we are unified.

## St Joseph's Catholic Church Kangaroo Valley



These lilies symbolise integrity and indicate that Saint Joseph was the earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose purity is represented by the chaste white lily. Three flowers are used to represent the Blessed Trinity. The carpenter's square symbolises Saint Joseph's occupation. Also a symbol of accuracy and truth.



## Holy Spirit Catholic Church Vincentia

The bible describes God as "a consuming fire" (Heb. 12:29) which is why scripture often uses it as a symbol of the presence of God. Fire provides a helpful picture of the work of the Holy Spirit as fire in three critical ways as he brings the presence of God, the passion of God, and the purity of God to Christians. In Acts, the tongues of fire represent the presence of God the Holy Spirit. This fulfills John the Baptist's prophecy that the Messiah would baptise "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Mt 3:11-12). This also means that the purifying work of the Holy Spirit carries on in our lives today. The Spirit comes into our lives to transform us, cleansing and purifying us to become more like Christ in our daily living. The outline of a dove (another common representation of the Holy Spirit) can also be seen in the negative space underneath the flame.

## St Michael's Catholic Church Nowra



It is presented at the basis of the shield. it is the basis and centre of parish activities. In a way it holds all the church communities and gives support and supply all kind of material, spiritual and pastoral activities.