



# St Michael's Parish Nowra

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**First Sunday of Advent (Year C).  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**



## Sunday.

Nowra: Vigil 6:00pm, 8:00am,  
9:30am & 6:00pm  
Berry: 8:00am  
Bomaderry: 9:30am  
Culburra: Vigil 6:00pm

Vincentia: Vigil 6:00pm & 9:30am  
Kangaroo Valley: 11:00am

## Weekday Masses

**Nowra: Mon 9.30am**, Tues / Wed / Thurs 8:15am  
Fri 7:00 & 11:30am – (Holy Hour – 10:30am)  
Sat. : 9.00.a.m.  
Berry: Tuesday – 5:30pm  
Culburra: Thursday – 5:30pm  
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8:00am, Tues/Wed: 5:30pm  
Kangaroo Valley: Tues/Wed/Thurs. 9:00am  
Shoalhaven Heads: Fridays 3:30pm

## Confession / Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 9.30a.m.- 10.30.a.m., & 5:00- 5:30pm  
Culburra : Sat 5:30pm  
Vincentia: Sat 5:00 – 5:30pm  
Berry: following Mass on Tuesday c 6:00pm

We prayerfully remember **Donna Schlick**,  
**Rolando Balanag (WA), James O'Donnell**  
(brother of Nora Cunningham who died in London).

**Also Maurice Hanley, Julie Seyffer, Jane and Jack Fleming, Kathleen Lynskey and Margaret Pryde**  
whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in peace.



**Choir for Nowra Masses** – a new choir group will commence for Nowra Masses and is inviting fellow Parishioners to join them. You don't need to be a

professional singer! just need to love God and music. If you are interested in joining, please contact Andrew on 0412133761.

**Feastdays: Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** - St Francis Xavier  
**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** - St Ambrose.  
**Sat Dec 8<sup>th</sup>** - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Mass with a Difference - Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** at 6pm. Volunteers are needed to set up and pack away equipment, assist people to seats, distribute booklets/bulletins, help with BBQ and serving food / drinks after Mass. Contact Bernadette 0402136691.



**Craft-Tea Characters Celebrate – Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Morning Tea followed by lunch from 9:30am-3:00pm

in the Parish Centre. Kindly bring something sweet or savoury to share. Contact Louise 0438218728 / Karen 0408214031



**SVDP Christmas Appeal** will be held on the weekend of 8th/9th Dec at Nowra and Bomaderry Churches.

**Catechist End of Year Celebration** - annual Catechist Mass will be held at St Michael's tomorrow **Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec**, 9:30am (Please note no 7am Mass this Monday). After Mass, our end of year celebration will continue in the Parish Centre with a festive morning tea. This wonderful end of year celebration is for all Catechists (retired & current), Classroom Helpers and those who support our precious ministry. Please RSVP for catering purposes to Frances: 44231712.

**Our first Alpha was a great success in 2018** – with many stories of changed lives and renewed faith for people of all ages and backgrounds. Our next Alpha begins on **Friday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**. The key to its success is **personal invitations** to people in our families/social circles. Pope Francis writes that “in all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers”. There are sheets available in the foyers of the Churches to guide you in **“Ways to invite Guests to Alpha”**, as well as invitation cards you can give. Please prayerfully consider who you may invite. *Another important means of support is help with catering – thank you to those who have already volunteered; if anyone else can help please contact Fr Duane.*

**Advent: Waiting prayerfully and in joyful hope**  
Advent reminds us of the three comings of the Lord — His coming in history over 2000 years ago; His coming in glory at the end of time when God's dream for human kind will be realised; His transforming presence, and comings amid the happenings of our daily life

**Year 6 St Michael's Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

**The Shoalhaven Lydian Singers** present 'The Morning Star' concert featuring 'The Sunrise Mass' by Ola Gjeilo and traditional carols on **Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** 2:30 pm at St. Patrick's Church Berry & **Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** 2:30 at Nowra School of Arts. Adults \$30, Conc \$25, Students \$10 & children under 15 free. Tickets available ONLINE at TryBooking.com using promo code SUNRISE or purchase at the door. [www.lydiansingers.org.au](http://www.lydiansingers.org.au) ph. 0412 219895.

**Young Adults Group - Board games and pizza night** - 6:30pm Wednesday 12 December in the Parish Centre. Newcomers always welcome! Bring \$5 for dinner. Contact Molly for more info – 0457906967.

The Culburra Family Group's next function will be a Christmas breakfast at the Casey's home (Callala Bay, 4446 4117) on **Saturday 8 December at 9.00 am**. All welcome.'

**The LMC Soup Kitchen** would like to sincerely thank all our most generous benefactors and volunteers who have once again supported us in so many ways over the past year. Mass will be offered for your intentions on Tuesday 11th December at 8.15am. We encourage you to come along and share in our thanks to God for His providence. Morning tea will be served directly after. We hope to see you there. Thankyou Sue Hill and Shannon Chittick

**Social bowls has been cancelled for next Tuesday.**



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**Plenary Council 2020** - Remember that there are three ways to give feedback: 1. Attend a small group discussion, 2. Complete a feedback form, 3. Make a submission on-line.

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say>

The Plenary website has resources in 10 languages.

The Journey Catholic Radio Program – Airs weekly. Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can subscribe to weekly shows.

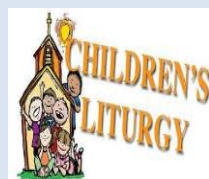


**St Michael's Playgroup – St Michael's School Hall Mondays 9:00am to 10:30am.** Playgroup is held each Monday, *during the school term*. Parents, grandparents, carers, all welcome! Please bring your child's snack and drink. Gold coin.

**Parish Staff – Parish Office: 4423 1712**  
**Fr Patrick Faherty: Parish Priest, Nowra**  
**Fr Duane Fernandez: Assistant Priest, Nowra**  
**Fr Leo Duck: Vincentia: 4441 5571**  
**Fr Ronan Kilgannon: Kangaroo Valley.**  
**Deacon Peter Presdee: Chaplain to Corrective Services**  
**Sisters Beverley Caffrey and Sue Barker SG**  
**Mrs Frances Fairs: Catechist Coordinator 4423 1712**  
**Mrs Liz Nimmo: PT Parish Secretary 4423 1712**  
**Mrs Melissa Mazzo: PT Parish Secretary 4423 1712**



**Craft-Tea Characters – St Michael's The Parish Centre Wednesdays 9:30am to 12:00pm.** There's more to it than craft you'll see. Like coffee, laughs, community, conversation and there's more. If you'll just walk in through the door. Give it a go and then you'll know, all you need to do is show. All Welcome. Contact Louise 0438 218 728.



**Children's Liturgy** starts again for the term this Sunday 9:30am St Michaels - children aged 4 and up gather together with our volunteer teachers to receive God's Word on their own level, in a fun and

interactive way.



CAtHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes for free from their website [www.cathfamily.org](http://www.cathfamily.org). Families in the are encouraged to utilise these resources at home to share faith with their kids.