



# St Michael's Parish Nowra

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**20th January 2019**

## Sunday Masses:

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 7:00am, Tues / Wed / Thurs 8:15am  
Fri 7:00 & 11:30am – (Holy Hour – 10:30am)  
Sat: 9:00am Berry: Tues – 5:30pm  
Culburra: Thursday – 5:30pm.  
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8:00am, Tues/Wed: 5:30pm  
K. Valley: Tues/Wed/Thurs. 9:00am

## Confession / Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 9:30-10:30am & 5:00- 5:30pm  
Culburra: Sat 5:30pm Vincentia: Sat 5:00–5:30pm  
Berry: following Mass on Tuesday c 6:00pm

**Feastdays:** Mon Jan 21<sup>st</sup> St Agnes  
Thurs Jan 24<sup>th</sup> St Francis de Sales  
Fri Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Conversion of St Paul  
Sat Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Australia Day

We prayerfully remember **Geradus Van Diejen** who died this past week. Also **Mary Zammit, Tony Longhurst, Jeanette Parnell and her daughter Hallie** and **Anne Moses** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in peace



**Eric Genuis Concerts at St Michael's Parish Hall, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 7pm, and Holy Spirit Vincentia, 28th Feb 6:30pm.** The 'Opera House' is coming to our parish! Eric is a world class pianist, with world class accompaniment, who brings an immersive and interactive concert to our Parish, with an inspiring message of hope for all. Ticket costs will cover the expenses of the musicians, and any remaining revenue will go towards our Parish. Tickets: \$30 adult; \$25 pensioner /concession; \$70 family (parents with dependent children under 18). Online tickets sales at [www.ericgenuistour.com](http://www.ericgenuistour.com) or at the Parish Office.



**Pope Francis baptised 27 babies during Mass in the Sistine Chapel** on Sunday the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. He reminded the parents that the first space in which children learn and witness

the faith is at home. Pope Francis gave a brief, impromptu homily during Mass. The practice of baptising children on that Feastday was introduced by St John Paul II. In his homily, the Pope said that it is the parents' task to pass the faith along to their children, beginning at home, "because faith must always be transmitted 'in dialect': the dialect of the family, in the atmosphere of the home." He noted that it was perfectly normal for a husband and wife to quarrel but recommended trying to keep arguments out of the view and hearing of their children.



**ALPHA** is a chance to explore the deeper questions of life, faith, and meaning, in a friendly, inclusive setting over a meal. It's perfect for anyone who may be seeking a deeper meaning and direction in their lives. Who among your friends or family may benefit from this? It may change their lives – or yours. Why not "come and see" and invite someone to come with you, on **Friday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm St Michael's Hall.** For catering purposes please either write details of those coming on sign-up sheets in church foyers or contact the Parish Office. We hope to see you there!

**Alpha Catering:** A big thank you to the 10 people who have put their names down to help with catering. Just a few more helpers for catering would be most appreciated! If you can help, please contact Fr Duane, Parish Office

The next **Culburra Parish Family Group** function will be on **Sun 27th Jan.** at 2:30 at Marg & Paul Casey's home. Bring to share your favourite Australian biscuit/slice and joke for the yearly planning gathering and afternoon tea. All welcome.

**Sacramental Marriage:** Drawing from today's Gospel, which records Jesus' presence at the wedding in Cana, the Church traditionally draws our intention to the Sacramentality of Christian Marriage. Christian Marriage we are reminded mirrors God's love for His people, Christ's love for His Church. Conversely Christ's love for His Church –**is the ideal for Christian marriage.**



**The Preface for a Nuptial Mass has this sublime statement on Marriage:**

"Love is our origin, love is our constant calling, love is our fulfilment in Heaven.  
The love of man and woman is made holy in the Sacrament of Marriage, and becomes the mirror of your everlasting love."

**( Nuptial Preface)**

**Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Sandra and Gerald Groom who are celebrating their Golden Wedding (Berry).**

**World Youth Day (Week)** – January 2019 - More than 1000 young people from across Australia have flown off to Panama this week to attend World Youth Day, which begins on January 22. They included 22 from Wollongong Diocese; we are delighted that among them is Monique Hill (Callala), Nowra Parish. May it be a joyful safe and spiritually enriching experience for all.

The LMC Soup kitchen will reopen on 8th Feb and runs every Friday lunchtime throughout the year. If you are interested in being part of our team of volunteers please contact Shannon Chittick 0414521404. The roster is a once a month commitment for a 3hr shift. Call for more information. Thanks and God bless.

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church - call for choir members.** If you have an interest in singing and would like to assist at the 9.30am Mass on Sundays, please have a word after Mass or ring Deirdre on 44437825.



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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>

**Prayer Basket, Nowra Church:** The Alpha Team and Nowra Community Group have arranged a Prayer Basket in the side foyer. There are prayer cards where you can write a prayer intention and place it in the basket. An Alpha Team member will take the prayer intentions to the altar during the entrance procession

Looking ahead: Ash Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Easter Sunday 2019: April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Proposed date for Confirmation Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>



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.

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.

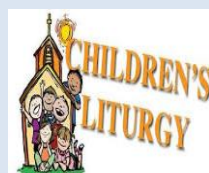
**Parish Staff – Parish Office: 4423 1712**  
**Fr Patrick Faherty: Parish Priest, Nowra**  
**Fr Duane Fernandez: Assistant Priest, Nowra**  
**Fr Leo Duck: Vincentia: 4441 5571**  
**Fr Ronan Kilgannon: Kangaroo Valley.**  
**Deacon Peter Presdee:** Chaplain to Corrective Services  
**Sisters Beverley Caffery 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



**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.



**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** 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.