



St Michael's Parish Nowra

Incorporates the Church communities of St Michael's - Nowra, St Patrick's - Berry, Sacred Heart - Bomaderry
Mary Help of Christians - Culburra, Holy Spirit - Vincentia & St Joseph's - Kangaroo Valley

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
19th January 2020

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 and 9:30am

Kangaroo Valley: 11:00am

Masses during the Week

Nowra: Mon 7.00am, Tues/Wed/Thurs 8:15am

Fri 7:00 & 11:30am, Sat 9:00am

Berry: Tues - 5:30pm

Culburra: Thurs - 5:30pm

Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8:00am, Tues/Wed: 5:30pm

Kangaroo Valley: Tues/Wed/Thurs. 9:00am

Confession / Reconciliation Nowra:

Sat 9:30am - 10:30am & 5:00 - 5:30pm

Berry, following the 5.30pm. Mass on Tuesday

Culburra : Sat 5:30pm Vincentia: Sat 5:00 - 5:30pm



We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Roland Tudor** (formerly of Berry) and **Patricia Evans**; also those whose anniversaries occur; **Lachlan Thoroughgood, Rosily James, & Phillip Chan**. May they rest in peace.

The need for Catechists: As we move rapidly towards the commencement of another School year, we become very much aware of our on-going need for Catechists. Throughout the Diocese Catechists visit more than 140 State schools each week and are in contact with over 8,000 students. This is a precious ministry in the Church of our time.

Catechists make a lasting difference in the lives of the young people that they teach. Sharing the message of God's love for them brings great hope and joy. We invite parishioners to give this ministry your prayerful consideration. Frances Fairs our parish co-ordinator will share more specific information with us during the weeks ahead.



On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Pope Francis celebrated Mass in the Sistine Chapel, and baptised 32 children.

In his homily, immediately before the Baptism ceremony, Pope Francis said: "Baptizing a child is an act of justice because in Baptism we give him or her a treasure, we give them a pledge: the Holy Spirit". He said it is important to baptize children, "so that they grow up with the power of the Holy Spirit".

Bushfire and the Aftermath:

CatholicCare Wollongong is working in collaboration with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's nationwide response and strategy to the bushfire crisis. We are also part of the DOW interagency alliance with Bishop Brian's office and CEO of W'Gong to assist bushfire-affected communities in our diocese through our parishes and schools."

To talk to a CatholicCare trauma counsellor over the phone or book a face-to-face meeting, phone 4254 9395 (lines are open Mon - Fri ; 9am - 5pm) or intakeservices@catholiccare.dow.org.au

Some extracts from the Letter by the Australian Bishops: Catholic Church plans national response to bushfire crisis.

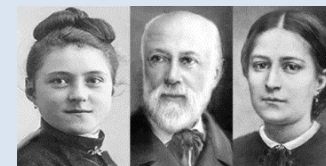
While the bishops typically respond to challenges at a parish or diocesan level, the scale of this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally.....

Our experts on the ground - from agencies like St Vincent De Paul, and CatholicCare, in parishes and other Catholic communities, including Catholic hospitals and aged care providers - know this will be a long-term process to help people and whole towns rebuild. With broad and deep roots across the nation, the Church stands ready to walk alongside people throughout their journey of recovery.

Parishes across the country will take up a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend, (next weekend Jan 25th-26th) with all funds to be donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal.

You can access the Bishops' Statement and resources on: <https://catholic.org.au/bushfires>.

Culburra Family Group - will gather for their plenary briefing on **Sun 26th Jan, 2:00pm** at the house of Marg & Paul Casey. Please bring a small plate for afternoon tea, which represents some part of your ancestry. Contact Marg 4446 4117.



A pilgrimage of prayer supported by Catholic Missions. The relics of the Carmelite saint Therese of Lisieux and those of her parents Ss

Louis and Zelig Martin, canonised in 2009, are coming to Australia from January - April this year. The pilgrimage has been organised by Catholic Missions in partnership with funeral provider, InvoCare. The Relics are expected to visit St Michael's Nowra on the evening of Monday 23rd March.

The LMC Soup Kitchen will start again on **Friday 7th Feb** for lunch. We have a few spots available for anyone who would like to join our team. Once a month for about 2-3hrs. For more information please call Shannon Chittick on 0414521404. Thankyou!

Feastdays: Tues 21st St Agnes
Fri 24th St Francis de Sales
Sat 25th Conversion of St Paul

Catholic Weekly - if you wish to purchase a Catholic Weekly and do not have the \$2, you can pay when you have the money available.



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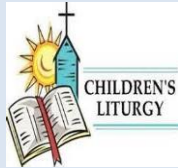
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Parish Playgroup - Monday

mornings (during school term) 9:00am – 10:30am in foyer of St Michael's School Hall. Parents, grandparents and carers all welcome!

Please bring your child's snacks and drinks and a gold coin donation. **Contact Bernadette Pullen 0402136691** or bpullen@outlook.com.au



Children's Liturgy Sundays -

9:30am (during the school term) St Michael's Church - children aged 4 and up gather with our volunteer teachers to receive God's Word in a fun and interactive way.

Parish Staff

Fr Patrick Faherty: Parish Priest – 4423 1712

Fr Leo Mifsud: Assistant Priest Nowra – 4423 1712

Fr Tiziano Torresan: Vincentia: 4441 5571

Fr Ronan Kilgannon: Kangaroo Valley

Deacon Peter Presdee: Chaplain to Corrective Services

Sisters Beverley Caffery and Sue Barker SGS

Mrs Frances Fairs: Catechist Coordinator 44231712

Mrs Michelle Marshall: Parish Secretary (Fri)

Mrs Melissa Mazzo: Parish Secretary (Mon-Thurs)

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