



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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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th June 2020

Under the NSW Public Health Act 2020 - the number of worshippers attending Mass is limited to 50, using the one person per square metre rule. The maximum worshippers our churches will vary for each Church.



Each Sunday at 9am, the Diocese currently broadcasts Sunday Mass with Bishop Brian. You can view it on the Diocesan webpage www.dow.org.au, [YouTube Channel](#) or [Facebook page](#).



Monday 29th June - Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.

In accordance with a very ancient tradition the Church links the apostles Peter and Paul in a common feast - reaching back to the 4th century.

Christian people with a reasonable knowledge of the Christian story, will have an appreciation of the unique, indeed the enormous but also the complementary contribution made by Peter and Paul to the life, the mission, and the history of the Church. From a human perspective they were as chalk and cheese.

Simon Peter knew Jesus in the flesh.

Saul who became Paul came to know Jesus of Nazareth through a most miraculous experience on the Road to Damascus. Simon Peter was a fisherman; that impetuous and impulsive one.

Saul the great Hebrew and Scripture scholar, fanatically zealous for the Law, who persecuted the followers of The Way.

Although their stories are so different and present a remarkable contrast in personality and temperament, yet they are as one regarding what ultimately mattered. The celebration of a common Feast is entirely appropriate because together they witness to the unity exemplified in their passionate and unconditional commitment to Jesus Christ, in whose name they were both martyred within years of each other in the city of Rome.

Feast days: Mon 29th - Saints Peter and Paul Fri. 3rd St Thomas-Apostle

"We are never alone if we bring our lives to God in prayer." Pope Francis

How to register for Mass

- For Vigil and Sunday Mass at Berry, Bomaderry, Culburra, and Nowra please call 0477 427 396.
- The phone is answered between 10am & 3pm Monday to Friday.
- Registration is NOT required for weekday Mass. However, your contact details will be recorded on the day.
- In compliance with the **1.5m social distancing rule** each of the churches in the parish has a **limited number** of seats available.
- Persons with coughs and / or flu like symptoms, are *urged not to attend*.
- To register for Mass at Kangaroo Valley, please email ronankangaroo1@gmail.com
- For Mass at Vincentia, please call 4441 5723.

The Church is yet to open for private prayer.

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased; **Judy Morris** (formerly of Nowra). Also, **Monsignor John Purcell, and Ann Ebsworth** whose anniversaries occur. We pray for all who have died from Covid-19 in Australia and worldwide. May they rest in peace.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES – the oncoming envelopes for the 2020/2021 financial year are ready for collection from each Church. Thank you for your ongoing financial support of our parish during the COVID-19 restrictions.



1st Friday Rosary – Fri 3rd July at Sacred Heart Bomaderry at 3pm. Please come and join with fellow parishioners in prayer. All welcome.

Social Bowls – Tues 7th July, from 4:00pm at Bomaderry Bowling Club. Everyone welcome.

We are pleased to announce that the LMC Soup Kitchen has reopened for lunch on a Friday. Unfortunately, we are short on fresh produce. If you or someone you know can donate fresh produce to the kitchen we'd love to hear from you! Call Herbert 4423 0751. Thankyou!!

Mass Times

Saturday Vigils

Nowra	5:00pm	
Culburra	5:00pm	
Vincentia	5:00pm	6:15pm

Sunday Mass Times

Nowra	8:00 am	9:30am	5:00 pm
Berry	8:00 am		
Bomaderry	9:30 am		
Vincentia	9:00 am	10:15	
Kangaroo Valley	11:00 am		

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Nowra	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am 5:30 pm	8:00 am	8:00 am 11:30 am
Berry		5:30 pm			
Culburra				5:30 pm	
Bomaderry					5:30 pm
Vincentia	8:00 am	5:30 pm	5:30 pm	8:00am	8:00 am
Kangaroo Valley		9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am	



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A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us, he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her, and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said, 'you will hold a son in your arms.' **The Word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) **Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord. through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength. it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord. our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

"Reflection in part by Brendan Byrne SJ.

A glance at our newspapers or television screens makes clear that this was not simply a challenge for the first generations. Many Christians in countries where they are a minority or where inter-community divisions with a religious basis are intense, will hear this part of today's Gospel with a sense of far deeper relevance.

We, who live in societies that are either majority Christian or tolerantly post-Christian, do not face the challenge of the Gospel so starkly. The problem for us is to hear the challenge at all – or at least to hear it and not simply dismiss it as extremist and impossible of application in the world in which we live. The words of Christ, however, do apply to all believers. If we are simply comfortable in our world, largely sharing its values and aspirations, then there is probably something that we are failing to notice, some aspect of Christ's message that is not getting through.

This theme of welcome and hospitality in the second part of the Gospel As scarcely ever before in human history, save perhaps in the immediate aftermath of World War II, have so many of our fellow human beings been displaced and on the move. Strangers in their millions line up at frontiers or make risky, desperate voyages in an attempt to escape for themselves and their children from war, tyranny or economic misery. In contemplation of this mass movement the words of Christ may not seem so far away and inapplicable as at first sight....."