



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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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd August 2020

Now you can Register for a Mass a Week in Advance

For Masses in Nowra, Berry, Bomaderry and Culburra

How? When you attend a mass this w/end, ask the Attendance Monitor to tick your name for the following weekend Mass.

** It is important that if you register and are unable to attend Mass, that you call **0477 427 396** and let us know.

Registering for Mass remains essential for ALL WEEKEND MASSES ONLY.

To Register for Weekend Masses ring; **0477 427 396**

Monday to Friday between 10am & 3:00pm

Mass at **Kangaroo Valley**, please email ronankangaroo1@gmail.com

Mass at **Vincentia**, please call 4441 5723.

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.



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](#).

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased **Daphne O'Donnell**, (S'heads) **Patricia Hartley**, **Joan Clarke**, (B'derry) **Patricia Johnston**, (Berry), **Giuseppina Turcarelli**, **Eric Baxter** (Bowral, formerly B'derry and K. Valley) **Also, Peter Morrissey** and **Jeffrey Falzon** whose anniversaries occur. We pray for all who have died from Covid-19 in Australia and worldwide. May they rest in peace.



Bomaderry Grounds Maintenance - a team member on our roster has moved. We need another volunteer please. Rostered twice a year only. Anyone willing to assist, please ring Ivor on 4421 0929 or Wendy on 4422 6002.

- **Feast Days**
- Monday 3rd Aug St Dominic
- Tuesday 4th Aug St John Vianney
- Thursday 6th Aug The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Saturday 8th Aug St Mary of the Cross

Confessions/ Reconciliation
Nowra: Saturday: 9.30 – 10.30am
Berry: Tuesday following 5.30pm Mass
Culburra: Saturday prior to Vigil Mass at 5.00pm
Bomaderry: following Friday Mass at 5.30pm
Vincentia: Saturday 4pm



St Mary MacKillop writing in 1867, at the age of 25, just one year after she had established the nucleus of the Josephite Order, wrote that she was now deeply conscious that she was called on to share the Cross of Christ. (The Cross came in a very pronounced way from within her family)

When she was five, her grandfather Donald MacDonald, whom she dearly loved was tragically drowned. Five months later that same year 1847 her infant brother Alick died. John her oldest brother died as a result of an accident in NZ. in 1867 aged 22.

Her father died suddenly from what now seems to have been leukaemia in 1868 at the age of 59. Her sister Margaret died in 1872 (probably from rheumatic fever) age 29. Peter her youngest brother died aged 21 in 1878. Her sister Lexie- a Good Shepherd nun died in Melbourne (1882) age 32.

A Ship en'route to Sydney was wrecked off Green Cape near Eden with the loss of sixty lives on May 30th, 1886. Among the dead was her mother Flora MacKillop.

Mary had frequent spells of illness on her many journeys. When in Rome in April 1874, she wrote in her diary: "Bodily health bad, but mental distress worse than all".

In this time of Pandemic, let us intercede with St Mary MacKillop for a world and our Nation severely burdened by Covid-19, for she personally experienced the scourge of suffering throughout her life .

Mass for the Feast on Sat 8th at 9.00am at St Michael's – please register on 0477 427 396

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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First Reading - The prophet Isaiah. Ch 55

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good
things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. (R.)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked.

These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew: 14

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So, as he stepped ashore, he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.



When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

Gospel Reflection: Greg Sunter; "The response of today's psalm is an excellent summary of the theme that runs throughout today's readings: *The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.* The compassion of God is foremost in these readings – recognising need within the people and responding with an overflowing abundance. In the gospel, the abundant response of God is the miraculous feeding of more than five thousand people with twelve baskets full of leftovers.

So it is compassionate care that moves Jesus to act. Remember, he had tried to get away from the crowds to spend some private time mourning the death of John the Baptist. He was entitled to be frustrated and angry with them for intruding on his grief. Instead, when they tracked him down, he went ashore and healed them and taught them. When it came to the evening, he went one step further in his compassion and made sure that all were fed.

At the time of writing, the gospel writer knew that his audience would be familiar with the Eucharistic meal. The words and actions of Jesus in this miraculous feeding event foreshadow the events of the Last Supper: he *took* the bread and fish, *gave thanks*, *broke* the bread, and *gave* it to the disciples to distribute." This event is deeply Eucharistic.

Fr Brendan Byrne—"The miraculous feeding and the Eucharist which it foreshadows make clear that what God wants to do for humanity is simply be a most generous Host at the banquet of eternal life. At the same time, since it depicts people being fed with real food, it is also 'sacramental' in the sense of bearing directly upon the problem of hunger still affecting so large a proportion of our world. The Lord who looked upon the large crowd and took pity on them, looks with similar eyes upon our world and instructs us, as he instructed his disciples, 'Give them something to eat yourselves'. In the words of Pedro Arrupe, 'The Eucharist will never be complete so long as people still go hungry in our world.'"