



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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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th August 2020

Now you can Register for a Mass a Week in Advance

For Masses in Nowra, Berry, Bomaderry & Culburra

How? When you attend a Mass this weekend, record your contact details with the Attendance Monitor 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 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.

August 15th Sat. - The Assumption of Our Lady.

Among the many ways of describing Mary in the story of salvation history is that which speaks of her as: the first & most faithful disciple. (from the Preface of the Mass for the Feast): "Today the Virgin Mother of God was taken up into heaven to be the beginning and the pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way. You would not allow decay to touch her body, for she had given birth to your son, the Lord of all life, in the glory of the Incarnation"



We prayerfully remember the recently deceased **Merlene (Merle) O'Callaghan** (Frances Fairs mother, from Shepparton VIC). Also, **Conrad Joachim, Colleen, Brett and Damien Baker, Lilian Maguire, Ignatius Paiva** and **Toni Knight** whose anniversaries occur. We pray for all who have died from Covid-19 in Australia and worldwide. May they rest in peace.



Covid 19; "God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives. "(Extract- Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles)

Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online

For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website <https://dow.sh/dailymass>

Masses for the Feast of the Assumption

Friday 14th Aug - Bomaderry: 5:30pm

Saturday 15th Aug - Nowra & Vincentia 9.00am



It's time to register for the National Men's Gathering - 15th Aug. It is a free online event - and the thing you need to do - right now - is to register at www.catholicmengathering.com.au

This half day gathering will look to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, Diocese, and the world. St Michael's Parish host Nigel Porter 0430 365 383.

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

Feast Days

- Monday 10th Aug St Lawrence
- Tuesday 11th Aug St Clare
- Friday 14th Aug St Maximilian Mary Kolbe
- Sat 15th Aug The Assumption of Our Lady

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	8:00 am	8:00 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 first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans; 9. 1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood.

They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew: 14: 22f.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he



was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said, 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man, of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God..'

The Gospel of the Lord.

The **Gospel**, Matthew 14:22-33,. In biblical thought wind and water out of control are stock images of chaos and destruction. The scene of the disciples battling a head-wind and heavy seas while Jesus remains apart on the mountain evokes a sense of the Church struggling against forces that threaten to engulf it, keenly sensing all the while the physical absence of its Lord.

Eventually, of course, Jesus joins the disciples, walking on the sea. –The presence of Jesus ('Emmanuel' [Matt 1:23 and 28:20]) is at one and the same time the saving presence of God.

Jesus' gentle word of remonstrance, after he has rescued Peter, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?', addresses all members of the Church. Peter 'models' the mixture of boldness and fear, strength and weakness, characteristic of us all. We can make our own his cry for rescue ('Lord, save me') and feel as he felt the Lord's strong hand of rescue reaching out to raise us from the deep.



Members of the Church, especially perhaps at the present time, can take great comfort from this scene. The Gospel recognises that there will be times of stress and danger when faith will be sorely tested and sometimes fail. But this does not mean that 'Emmanuel' is not with us, swift and sure to rescue, when, like Peter, we cry 'Lord, save us'.

As Jesus and Peter get into the boat, the wind subsides and the disciples 'worship' him saying, 'Truly, you are the Son of God'. The Gospel suggests that such new awareness can be the outcome of crises in which the Church experiences weakness, failure, and faltering of faith. (Fr Brendan Byrne SJ)