

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH NOWRA

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Comprising the communities of Nowra, Berry, Bomaderry, Culburra Beach, Kangaroo Valley & Vincentia

We respect and honour Traditional Owners of the land, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past, present and future.. We acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on this land and commit to building a brighter future together.

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Entrance Antiphon

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: *'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'* And Abram gave him a tithe of everything.

Responsorial Psalm:

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord's revelation to my Master:

'Sit on my right: your foes I will put beneath your feet.' (R)

The Lord will wield from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes. (R)

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the dawn I begot you (R)

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.

'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.' (R)

Second Reading:

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

Sequence *Lauda, Sion*

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children
meant,

That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd,
bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;

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O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.
Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation *Revelation 1:8* Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful

Gospel:

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, with love for the celebration of the Eucharist, and drawing nourishment from the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus, we pray for the unity of the Church.

Reader: That Pope Francis will lead all Catholics to a deeper love of the Eucharist, and a greater devotion to Jesus, present in this sacrament.
Lord hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader: That the Eucharist will be celebrated with devotion and reverence as we, walking in the Spirit, prepare for the second Assembly of the Plenary Council of Australia for the renewal of the Church in our land.
Lord hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: That the Church will prepare for the World Meeting of Families in Rome, beginning on Wednesday, by today's celebration of this Sacred Meal, which unites us as the family of the Church. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Reader: That today's conclusion of Men's Health Week and Infant Mental Health Awareness Week, will ensure that we are alert to the wellbeing of men and infants for their good and that of their families and society.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: That today's start of World Refugee Week, with its theme, *Healing*, will be marked by sensitivity, care and respect for all who have been traumatised by war and violence, and be welcomed into our midst as sisters and brothers in the Lord. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Reader: That this International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict will contribute to safeguarding the integrity of women, men and children in places of war and violence, especially in Ukraine, in Myanmar and Nigeria.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: That those who have shared the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, may receive its promised reward of eternal life. We also remember **Jennifer Carrddus (18/6)**,

Rose Barker (22/6) and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Let us all pray

God our Father, as we thank you for all your blessings, we ask you to bless this Parish of Yours, so that we may love you more. Encircle our families with your loving care. Help parents to be good examples to their children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow, joy. May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living. We make this prayer through the intercession of our Mother Mary. Amen.

Communion Antiphon *Gal 4:6*

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Highlights of the PPC & PFC Council Meeting– 14-06-2022

1) Children's Liturgy:

It is very encouraging to see the initiatives from our church communities to restart our Children's Liturgy. The following team will explore the resources and practical things suited to each community in the light of Child Safety and other requirements.

Sr Sue Barker – Convener

Judy R. Vincentia

Katherine B.- Berry

Colin I – Bomaderry

Bridget F. & Karen S. – Nowra

2) Music Ministry: Each community will continue to arrange its own liturgy music for each Sunday."

3) Liturgy Brisbane-Online Courses

Highly recommended & encouraged for all to do even at home and suitable for all parishioners for our general formation

4) Catechists' Mass:

At 9.30am Mass on Sunday 24 July, all the catechists serving the parish will be honored with certificates and awards for the great service.

5) Community Meetings:

Community -based meetings will be organised for Fr Joseph to report back on feedback forms received from that community.

6) Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council:

The best time for such meetings is Preferably on Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6.30pm

Regarding the agenda, schedule and modality of such meetings will be regularized based on the feedback from each community and looking at the numbers of the present members of Pastoral and Finance Councils, inviting more parishioners of various age groups and talents with fixed term of suggested two years.

First Reconciliation

We have 32 children from St Michael's School and 26 children from other schools in our parish church communities who will be making their First Reconciliation. **Please pray for these children and their families.**

The schedule is as follows:

9 June - MHOC, Culburra - 2 Children made their reconciliation.

20 June Holy Spirit Vincentia - 5 children

21, 22 & 23 June - St Michael's, Nowra

1 July - St Patrick's, Berry - 5 children

Catholic Mission Appeal-19th June

Resource persons from the diocese will be coming to our churches to speak about the Catholic Mission Appeal

For more information go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/>

Envelopes will be made available at all churches on the weekend of the appeal.

Parish / Local / Diocesan News

Welcome

We are inviting suggestions and ideas for revamping of our parish **Logo, Bulletin and Website.** Please contact parish office **secretary@nowraparish.org.au**

Community Meetings

Looking at the feedback forms and current scenario of each church community, all the members of the respective church communities are invited to give your valuable suggestions and inputs to revamp the current available resources and structures, more relevant and meaningful to the needs of time especially in the context of Professional Standards and Safeguarding .

Accordingly following is the schedule of the community (Functional Assessment) meetings

Berry - Tuesday 5 July 6.30pm
Culburra - Thursday 7 July 6.30pm
Bomaderry - Sunday 10 July 10.30am
Nowra - Tuesday 12 July 6.30pm
Vincentia - Wednesday 13 July 4pm

Catholic Women's League Council Meeting - Wollongong Diocese

Tues. 28th June Xavier Centre Wollongong at 10am

The W'Gong Diocese CWL members invite ladies in *all our parishes* to attend the upcoming Council Meeting. This is an opportunity to experience and learn what Catholic Women's League is about. Contact Diocesan President Jo Clark - 0400 041 190 / jo.clark@y7mail.com

Course for Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist

A number of parishioners have already completed these courses and affirm they are very formative and user friendly. Do at home at your own pace, All readers and special ministers of Eucharist are strongly encouraged to complete as soon as possible. Please email the parish office for details.

Forward your certificate of completion to secretary@nowraparish.org.au for a partial refund of your costs. <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/online-courses>

Vincentia Vinnies Winter Appeal: Congrats .. Holy Spirit Vincentia has donated \$ 2.225.000 for the Vinnies Winter Appeal, along with many good blankets for people in need during these colder months. May God bless your generosity.

Diocesan Upcoming Events (Date Claimer)

19 June Vocations Event: Discovering God's Plan for Our Lives

26 June Celebration of the Year of the Family at the Cathedral (10:30am)

26 June Patronal Feast Day – Immaculate Heart of Mary

3rd July - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

7 August (2pm) Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass

8 August (12:05pm) Solemnity of Mary MacKillop

2 September LIVE Festival

21 – 23 October men ALIVE Father and Son Weekend – Growing Good Men

4 – 6 November DoW Catholic Family Camping Weekend

Our Churches and Schools are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults!

Liturgy (Holy Masses) of the Week

20 – 26 June

MONDAY 20/6

8am Nowra and Vincentia

TUESDAY 21/6

9am Nowra—Class Mass 5B

9am Kangaroo Valley

5.30pm Berry and Vincentia

WEDNESDAY 22/6

9am Nowra -Class Mass 5R

9am Kangaroo Valley

5.30pm Vincentia

THURSDAY 23/6

8am Vincentia

9am Nowra- Class Mass 5W & K. Valley

5.30pm Culburra

FRIDAY 24/6

8am Vincentia

11.30am Nowra

5.30pm Bomaderry

SATURDAY 25/6

9am Nowra – Mass, followed by Rosary and confessions

5pm Nowra, Culburra & Vincentia

SUNDAY 26/6

8am Nowra, Berry,

9.30am Nowra, Bomaderry, Vincentia

11am Kangaroo Valley

5pm Nowra

RECONCILIATION

Berry : Tue - After 5.30pm Mass

Bomaderry : Fri - After 5.30pm Mass

Culburra : Sat - Before 5.00pm Mass

Vincentia : Sat - from 4 - 5pm

Nowra : Sat - from 9.30 - 10.30am

School Masses

Tuesday 21st June 5B at 9am

Wednesday 22nd June 5R 9am

Thursday 23rd June 5W 9am

Parents are invited to attend the class Mass to support your children with your presence as the children do the readings, prayers and offertory.

So there will be NO 8am Mass on the above days

Vinnies Winter Appeal

Vinnies are asking for volunteers to assist with collections on **Sat 2nd July**. Conference members will be collecting at Masses on Sun 3rd July. If you can spare a few hours or all day, contact Mary Dunn 0421 834 846 or Anne Doxford - 0419 419 982.