

St Michael's



Catholic Parish Nowra

Parish Directory

Abridged edition

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Information for New Parishioners

Parish Centre, (Office, Meeting Rooms & CCD)

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Welcome!

If you are new, the priests, religious and parishioners of St Michael's Parish extend to you a warm welcome. Please introduce yourself to the priests or staff at the parish office and let us know how we can meet your needs as a parishioner and how you would like to share your gifts for the life of our parish community.

This abridged edition of our parish directory aims to offer you basic information.

The complete Parish Directory can be accessed at the parish office.

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Sunday Eucharist - Mass Times

Nowra:	Vigil 6pm, 8am, 9.30am, 6pm
Berry:	8am
Bomaderry:	9.30am
Culburra Beach:	Vigil 6pm
Vincentia:	Vigil 6pm, 9.30am
Kangaroo Valley:	11am

(Christmas / New Year & Easter: *extra Masses as published in bulletin & webpage*)

Weekday Eucharist – as printed in the weekly parish bulletin

Times of Adoration, Reconciliation and other prayer services: see bulletin or go to www.nowraparish.org.au

Education

St Michael's Catholic Primary School

28 North Street, (PO Box 126) Nowra 2541

Tel: (02) 4421 3630 | Fax: (02) 4423 2861 | info@smndow.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mr Chris Paton

St John the Evangelist High School

John Purcell Way, (PO Box 1046) Nowra NSW 2541

Tel: (02) 4423 1666 | Fax: (02) 4423 1086 | info@sjedow.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mrs Sandra Hogan

Parish Staff

- **Fr Patrick Faherty** :: Parish Priest, Vicar General (Wollongong Diocese) Resident in Nowra :: (02) 4423 1712
- **Fr Leo Duck** :: Assistant Priest (Resident in Vincentia) (02) 4441 5571
- **Fr Ronan Kilgannon** :: Assistant Priest/ Hermit (Resident in Kangaroo Valley)
- **Fr Duane Fernandez** :: Assistant Priest (Resident in Nowra) (02) 4423 1712
- **Mrs Liz Nimmo** :: Part-time Parish Secretary (Nowra) (02) 4423 1712
- **Mrs Melissa Mazzo** :: Part-time Parish Secretary (Nowra) (02) 4423 1712
- **Sr Sue Barker** *Good Samaritan Sister*. Pastoral Associate (02) 4421 2260
- **Sr Beverley Caffery** *Good Samaritan Sister*. Pastoral Associate Nowra (02) 44212260
- **Mrs Frances Fairs** :: Catechist Coordinator (Nowra) (02) 4423 1712

Liturgy

Acolytes

Description: Adults who assist the priest during the Sacred Liturgy and take Communion to the sick.

For information about training or serving contact Parish priest: Ph 4423 1712.

Altar Servers

Description: Children in year 5 and above who assist the priest at Mass.

Enquiries- Parish Office (Nowra / Bomaderry), (Culburra),
Greg Troy (Berry).

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Description: Adults who assist with the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass and take Communion to the sick.

For information about training or serving contact Parish priest: Ph 4423 1712.

Music / Liturgy Groups

Description: To plan liturgy, music & singing for Masses and other liturgies at each of our churches. If you have gifts to share, please let us know!

Contact: Deidre Sedman :: Ph 4443 7825 (Vincentia); (Culburra), Noreen Doust :: Ph 4464 1965 (Berry), Cathy Cartledge (Bomaderry)

Readers at Sunday Mass

Details: Anyone wishing to be rostered as a Reader is invited to approach the Parish Priest or Parish office. Training days offered in parish & Diocese.

Greeting & Welcoming

Volunteers at each Mass Centre hand out bulletins and greet people as they arrive for Sunday Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

During 9.30 am Mass at St Michael's each Sunday during school term.

Description: Teams of two Adult Leaders take children from the Church to the Parish Centre for the Liturgy of the Word, they re-join the community for the Eucharistic Prayer. School-age children welcome; parents need to accompany pre-schoolers. New volunteers needed! Training provided. **Contact:** Fr Duane.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Description: A process through which adults are prepared for Baptism & reception into the Catholic Church. The RCIA team also provides a process for Inquirers already

Baptised in other Christian churches who wish to become Catholic. **Inquiries:** Parish Priests or Sr Sue Barker.

Ongoing Faith Formation

Catechist Group

Catechist volunteers teach a prescribed Religious Education programme provided by the Diocese in local Government Primary Schools.

Additional Catechists are always needed! Training courses and ongoing support offered.

Contact: Frances Fairs: Ph 4423 1712.

Programs for Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Meetings: Classes are held after school at Berry, Culburra, Nowra, and Vincentia: for children in public schools or children transferring to St Michael's school who have missed Sacramental preparation with their year group.

Parents should obtain from the Parish office details for dates of parent meetings and children's programs as soon as you arrive in the parish.

Contact: Frances Fairs: Ph 4423 1712.

Lenten Groups

Faith-sharing groups meet during Lent each year to share the Diocesan Lenten program.

Coordinators: Tina Elsenburg Ph 4422 9250 or Bernie Body Ph 4421 2968

Information about other adult faith programs, workshops, reflection days etc offered in Nowra by Diocesan or parish personnel are advertised regularly in the parish bulletin.

Programs in liturgy, scripture, theology and pastoral studies are offered in various locations across the Diocese each year and are advertised on the Diocesan website, and in the quarterly magazine JOURNEY.

Visit the Diocesan website at www.dow.org.au

Youth & Young Adults

There are a number of events through the year both in **Nowra** and **Wollongong** for youth (13 to 18) and young adults (approx 18-35). These include social events, youth groups, as well as ongoing faith formation. To find out some of the ways to connect with other young Catholics in the area, contact Fr Duane: duane@nowraparish.org.au OR 4423 1712

Prayer & Spirituality

Details of each of the following groups (and times and locations of meetings) is available in complete Directory at parish office or contact people provided below.

Christian Meditation Community

Each Monday at 7.30pm at St John's High School Chapel
South Coast Community Days are held at St John's Chapel

Contact Details: Les Ambrus, South Coast Coordinator :: Ph 4421 0988.

Compass

A community of adults (single/married from mid-twenties) meeting monthly in parishioner's homes, exploring and sharing their faith.

Contact: Jody Le :: Ph 4422 3318 or Shannon Chittick :: Ph 4447 0990.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Associates

World-wide movement founded by Fr Jules Chevalier: meets monthly at Callala.

Contact: Anne Collier Ph 4446 6364 (Callala)

First Saturday Marian Devotions

Meet after 0 a.m. Mass each First Saturday of month (except January). 'Tea and talk' follows the conclusion of devotions at 10.30am. **Inquiries:** Parish Centre

Lay Missionaries of Charity

Third Order branch of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity.

Meet monthly, Vincentia. Apostolic works & yearly retreat.

Contact: Shannon Chittick :: Ph 4447 0990 or Sue Hill :: Ph 4447 3197.

Bay & Basin Marian Movement Cenacle Prayer Group (Vincentia)

Contact: Ron D'Souza :: Ph 4441 5723.

Holy Spirit Cenacle Prayer Group (Sanctuary Point)

Contact: Molly Luck, Facilitator :: Ph 4443 8876 or Fay Peters :: 4443 2837

Mission & Outreach

St Vincent de Paul: St Michael's Conference

Description: Emergency assistance (material aid) to people and families in need.

Meetings: Tuesday 10.00am or 6.30pm (alternating), weekly. 5 Berry St, Nowra

Additional Details: Rosary, Tuesdays at 9.30am, St Michael's Church

Contact :: Ph 4421 0390 for aid, 4421 7395 for shop; Wendy Reid, President :: Ph. 4422 6002.

St Vincent de Paul: Sacred Heart Conference

Description: Support and social contact to people who are lonely or dealing with grief or depression. Visitation to homes, hospitals and some aged care facilities. **Contact:** Reg Thompson, President :: Ph 4421 8565

Meetings: Meetings held fortnightly, Tuesdays 10.00am.

St Vincent de Paul: Berry Conference

Description: Assistance to people and families in need. Visits to sick and elderly.

Meetings: First Monday of the month, 7.30pm, St Patrick's Hall, Berry.

Contact: For Aid :: Ph 4421 0390. Conference contact: Katherine Brandon 4464 1897.

St Vincent de Paul: Culburra Conference

Description: Emergency assistance to people and families in need. For example, food or electricity costs. **Contact:** Bill Allison, President :: Ph 4446 6516.

Meetings: First and Third Thursday of month, 7pm.

St Vincent de Paul: Holy Spirit, Vincentia Conference

Description: Assistance and family support to people in the local community (Ph 4443 9466). Opportunity shop (Ph 4443 9201).

Meetings: Every second Monday at 3pm at St Vincent de Paul, 199 Kerry St, Sanctuary Point. **Contact:** Brian Ritchie, President :: 4443 0848

John Purcell House

Description: Short-term accommodation for homeless men.

Additional Details: Located in Nowra. **Contact ::** Ph 4423 3558.

Jim Da Silva City Farm

Description: Provides secure long term accommodation for a limited number of homeless men. Located outside Nowra. **Contact ::** Ph 4423 0640.

Tom McGee Holiday units

Description: Three holiday units provided at Gerroa for short-term use by people experiencing difficult circumstances. Occupants informally assessed for eligibility.

The units provided & maintained, by Berry, Shoalhaven Heads and Gerringong Conferences. **Contact:** Nowra Conference :: Ph 4421 0390 for bookings.

Soup Kitchen:

Co-ordinated by the Lay Missionaries of Charity, with a support group of parish volunteers, the Soup Kitchen offers a 3-course meal at Nowra Showground each Friday. Contacts: Shannon Chittick 4447 0990, Sue Hill 4447 3197

Mater Dei: Prayer and financial support and counselling referral for problem pregnancies and post abortion grief.

Volunteers invited to assist with prayer and practical support. Ph: 4447 3197.

Parish Disability Connections

Sr Jeanie Heininger sgs visits each term to connect with families who have a member with a disability. With the help of volunteers, she organises an annual Mass to enhance parishioner's awareness of the gifts and needs of these families. For information, **contact** Sr Jeanie 0405 158 763

Shoalhaven Crossroads

Description: An interdenominational Christian fellowship for people with a disability. Meetings are hosted by a different Church each month.

Meetings: Events planned each year include, Craft night, Disco, BBQ's, Sing a-longs and community events.: All are welcome. **Contact:** Margaret Perkins :: Ph 4423 5795 / M 0402 092 415 Beth Dodd: Ph 4421 8137 / M 0411 508 646

Shoalhaven Nursing Home Mass Transport Assistance

Volunteers assist walking or wheelchair-bound residents to the adjacent Sacred Heart Church Bomaderry for Sunday 9.30 a.m. Mass

Volunteers are invited. **Contact:** Pixie Bagnall :: Ph 4421 6523.

Rosary Bead Makers

Members of the group string rosary beads which are distributed throughout the world, to missions, hospitals, aged care homes, and schools.

Contact: Ann Barron :: Ph 4234 2704.

Pastoral Care Team

Pastoral Care Ministers are trained to compassionately attend to the emotional and spiritual needs of people who are socially isolated, sick, grieving, in nursing homes or housebound. For information about training to be a Pastoral Care Minister. Phone

CatholicCare :: 4254 9331

If you know a parishioner who would like a visit from a Pastoral Care Minister Phone the Parish Centre: 4423 1712; or Ron D'Souza 4441 5723 (Bay & Basin)

CatholicCare www.catholiccare.dow.org.au

CatholicCare Nowra provides family and relationship counselling, grief counselling; and family and relationship education programs to assist adults, children, young people. Check website for details **Location:** 55 Worrigeer St, Nowra. **Contact:** Ph 4421 8248 or 4227 1122 (Wollongong) for bookings or adminsh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

Interested in volunteering to visit elderly people weekly or fortnightly in residential care, who are at risk of social isolation?

Contact: Co-ordinator of Community Visitor Scheme: Ph 4227 1122.

Catholic Women's League www.cwla.org.au

The Catholic Women's League fosters the spiritual, cultural, intellectual and social development of women & promotes the role of lay women in the Church's mission. Concerned with social justice & ethical issues, ecumenism & inter-faith. For Catholic women of all ages.

Bay and Basin: Meetings: First Thursday of month at 12 noon.

Lunch follows meeting. **Contact:** Eileen Oliver, President: Ph 4443 8008.

Nowra Region: Meetings: Second Tuesday of month. Morning tea 9.30am Meeting 10.00am. Parish Centre, Nowra.

Enquiries: Judy Thompson, secretary. Ph: 4421 8565

Belonging & Community

Hospitality after Masses

Nowra: Volunteer teams are rostered to serve morning tea after 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass at St Michael's. New volunteers needed! **Enquiries:** Parish office Ph 4423 1712

Tuesday morning Mass: Tea & coffee are served by a group of volunteers after Mass for community social time in parish foyer.

Berry: Morning tea after 8.00 a.m. Mass on the Sunday after the second Monday of the month.

Bomaderry: Morning tea after Mass 2nd Sunday of the month.

Vincentia: as advised at Mass

Culburra: as advised at Mass.

Family Groups

Monthly social gatherings of families, singles, any parishioners seeking social outings or friendship are welcome.

Family Group, Berry. Contact: David & Maureen Collins :: Ph 4464 2445

Family group No 8 Contact: Margaret & Ron Sharpe :: Ph 4421 0557.

Family Group, Nowra / Bomaderry & Surrounds

Contact: Trish Puckeridge: Ph 4422 0006; or Cathy Rodden: Ph 4421 0585.

Family Group, Culburra Contact: Marg & Paul Casey :: Ph 4446 4117.

Family Group No. 3, Vincentia Contact: Ron D'Souza :: Ph 4441 5723.

Parish Administration

St Michael's Parish Finance Committee

Description: Advisory body for the Parish Priest regarding financial and property matters. Weekly money counting.

Member Details: Members are appointed at the discretion of the Parish Priest. Volunteers undertake money counting. **Contact:** Parish Office :: Ph 4423 1712

Parish Facilitation Group

A small group of parishioners from *across the parish* who volunteered to attend a 2015 Diocesan Pastoral Planning Meeting has begun to facilitate some initiatives to build community and engage more of the gifts and skills of parishioners for our shared parish life. **Inquiries:** Parish office

Local Church Community Groups

These exist to facilitate parishioners' shared involvement in the life of each local church community.

Holy Spirit Auxiliary, Vincentia

Meetings open to all: Saturdays, quarterly at 1pm as advertised in Sunday Bulletin.
Contact: Brian McCarron :: Ph 4443 7401

St Patrick's Community Group, Berry

Meetings: Second Monday of month, St Patrick's Community Centre/Hall.
Mail Address: PO Box 304, Berry 2535.
Contact: Noreen Doust :: Ph 4464 1965.

Mary Help of Christians' Community Group, Culburra

Meetings: To be confirmed in consultation with the group.

Interim contact: Fr Duane 4423 1712

Facilities and Grounds

Church Cleaning

Volunteers are rostered to clean and tidy the local church. Help needed!

Contact: Parish Office; or Berry, Sue McAndrew Ph 4464 1541

Church Maintenance

Volunteers welcome for roster for upkeep of each of the Church lawns and gardens.

Ride on mower available in some areas.

Contact: Barry McAndrew (Berry):: Ph 4464 1541; Joe Marquette (Vincentia) :: Ph 4443 7629; or the Parish Office (Nowra)

Flower Arranging

Flowers are arranged weekly for Mass. Monthly roster.

Contact: Karen Sweeny (Nowra) Ph 0408 214 031; Mary Marquette (Vincentia) :: Ph 4443 7629; Sue McAndrew (Berry) :: Ph 4464 1541; or the Parish Office.

St Patrick's Community Centre / Hall, Berry

The Hall is available for church related activities. It will accommodate a maximum of one hundred people. Kitchen facilities, tables and chairs are available on site. Bookings are invited. **Location:** Albert St, Berry.

Contact: Bookings through Sue and Barry McAndrew: Ph 4464 1541.

Berry Convent: conference and retreat centre

An old convent in landscaped grounds, renovated by Nowra Parish, and made available for church-related groups for retreats etc. Four bedrooms, 10 beds. Church hall is attached. Suggested donation \$35 per night per person.

Bookings : Sue & Barry McAndrew : Ph 4464 1541 (ah) or via the Parish Office.

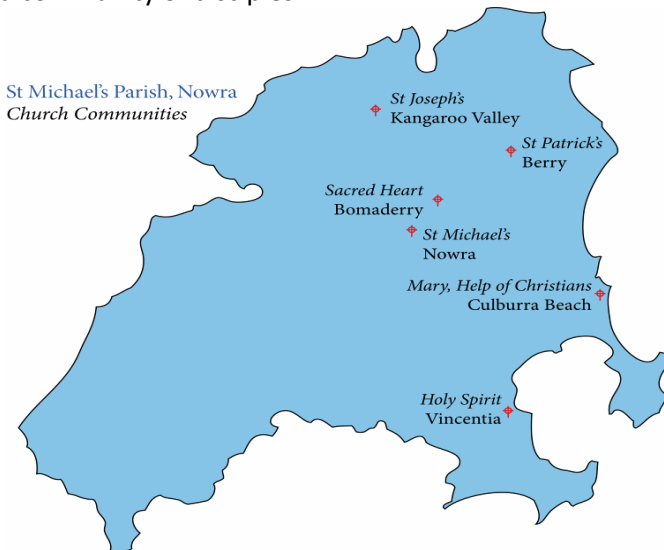
Our Vision

The parish of St Michael's, strive to create a faith community that is centred on the person of Jesus Christ, and to give living expression to the mandate of the Gospel.

Our Mission

In seeking to achieve this vision we endeavour to be:

- a community of hospitality
- a community of faith and prayer
- a community characterised by compassion and forgiveness
- a community of disciples



Incorporates the Church Communities of

- St Michael, North Street, Nowra
- St Joseph, Moss Vale Road, Kangaroo Valley
- St Patrick, Albert Street, Berry
- Sacred Heart, Bunberra Street, Bomaderry
- Mary Help of Christians, Silvermere Street, Culburra Beach
- Holy Spirit, St George Ave, Vincentia (Bay & Basin)