

St Michael's Parish, Nowra

Incorporating the Catholic Communities of St Michael's, Nowra – St. Patrick's, Berry – Sacred Heart, Bomaderry - Help of Christians, Culburra – St Joseph's, Kangaroo Valley – Holy Spirit, Vincentia.



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Fifth Sunday in LENT Year B

21st March 2021

Preparing for Holy Week and Easter

This week

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday 24th March Nowra 7:00pm

Thursday 25th March Vincentia 6:00pm

The Second Rite of Reconciliation is a communal Rite.

We celebrate our Reconciliation as a Parish family

The 'confession' is one part of the celebration.

Through reflection on the Scriptures and a communal examination of conscience we acknowledge of our need to support and pray for each other.

March 28th

Palm Sunday - Normal weekend mass times.

Please bring your own greenery (limited number supplied)



April 1st

Holy Thursday

Nowra 7:00pm

Berry 7:00pm

Vincentia 7:00pm



April 2nd

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

Nowra 10:00am

Bomaderry 8:30am

Vincentia 9:00am & 10:30am

Kangaroo Valley 10:00am

Good Friday Lord's Passion

Nowra 3:00 pm

Berry 3:00pm

Culburra 3:00pm

Vincentia 3:00pm

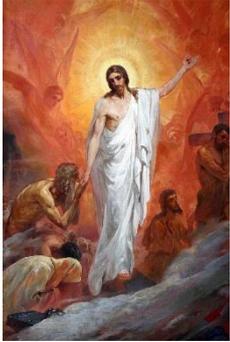


April 3rd *Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil*



Nowra	6:00pm
Berry	7:00pm
Culburra beach	6:00pm
Vincentia	7:00pm

April 4th *Easter Sunday*



Nowra	8:00 am 9:30am & 5:00pm
Berry	8:00am
Bomaderry	9:30am
Culburra	8:00am & 9:30am (communion service)
Vincentia	8:00am & 9:30am
Kangaroo Valley	11:00am

** Parishioners can pre-book for Easter Services after Masses from this weekend.

Helpers Needed for Easter Ceremonies

The Nowra Community Group are seeking names of people willing to fill any of the roles for Easter Liturgies at Nowra. Please see the Attendance Monitor to add your name to the sign-up sheet available this weekend at Mass.



“Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty.”

— Pope Francis



PROJECT COMPASSION – 5th Week of Lent

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home. You can donate through Parish boxes, envelopes, phoning 1800 024 413 or online <https://lent.caritas.org.au/donate>

Check in with the SERVICE NSW QR CODE

Nowra, Culburra, Berry and Bomaderry – **are now using the Service NSW QR check in (the Service NSW QR remembers your details) or signing in at the door.**

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

For Mass at Vincentia - call **0435 862 156** or email holyspiritvincentia@gmail.com



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ST JOHN'S YEAR 7 2022 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!

Year 7 2022 Enrolment Applications close on Monday 29 March 2021. Contact St John's on 4423 1666 or download an enrolment package www.sjedow.catholic.edu.au



Lenten Season – **Stations of the Cross** will be held on Fridays 10:00am, St Patrick's Berry. Weather permitting, outside in the church grounds. Stations of the Cross will be held Friday after Mass at Vincentia.

A memorial Mass for Deirdre Sedman will be held on **7 April** at 10.30am at Holy Spirit, Vincentia. Deirdre was the organist for 17 years at Holy Spirit Church. If you would like to attend the Memorial Mass, please email phone 0435 862 156 or email holyspiritvincentia@gmail.com



Monday mornings, during the school term from 9:00am – 11:00am in foyer of St Michael's School Hall. Parents, grandparents & carers come along with your babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers and join us. Please bring your child's snack, drink and a gold coin donation. Everyone is welcome!

Contact **Bernadette Pullen**
0402136691 or bpullen@outlook.com.au

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased **Robin Duffy** and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **James Fryer**. We also pray for all who have died from Covid-19 in Australia and worldwide.

Reconciliation/Confessions

Nowra	Saturday: 9:30 – 10:30		
Berry	Tuesday following 5:30 Mass	Culburra	Saturday before 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Bomaderry	Friday following 5:30 Mass	Vincentia	Saturday: 5:00pm

Weekend Masses

Nowra	Saturday	5:00pm	Culburra	Saturday	5:00pm	Vincentia	Saturday	6:00pm
	Sunday	8:00am	Bomaderry	Sunday	9:30am		Sunday	9:30am
		9:30am	K'Valley	Sunday	11:00am	Croatian Mass Saturday	7:00pm	
		5:00pm	Berry	Sunday	8:00am	1 st Saturday of the month		

Weekday Masses

Nowra	Monday to Friday	8:00am	Berry	Tuesday – 5:30pm	K'Valley	Tuesday to Thursday	9:00am
	Wednesday	5:30pm	Culburra	Thursday – 5:30pm	Vincentia	Mon, Thurs & Friday	8:00am
	Friday	11:30am	Bomaderry	Friday – 5:30pm		Tue & Wed	5:30pm

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jer 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4, 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. (R.)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Heb 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Jn 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.’

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 12: 24

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.