



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

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Liturgy (Holy Masses) of the Week
26 Sept—2 Oct

Parish Prayer

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.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Last weekend the churches that didn't have a special collection, will have one this weekend soon after Mass at the entrances/exit of the Church.
To Support the Dignified Retirement and Health of Clergy, and the Sound and Holistic Formation of our young Seminarians

New Principal at St John the Evangelist High School
Mr Wayne Marshall

(current Principal of John Therry Catholic High School, Rosemeadow) has been appointed the new principal at St John's High School.
He will start his appointment from the beginning of 2023
Congrats to Mr Wayne, Staff and Students of St John's High school
Special thanks to Sandra Hogan, our current principal for her wonderful leadership and dedicated service over the years. We'll miss you

Special Commemorations 2022

25 Sept. **World Refugees & Migration Day**
25 - 30 Sep Clergy retreat @ Douglas Park
21 – 23 October menALIVE Father and Son Weekend – Growing Good Men
4 – 6 November DoW Catholic Family Camping Weekend

Sacristy in a Church

Sacristy at Nowra:

The mouldy and decaying cupboards which were spoiling the sacred altar linen and priests' vestments have been replaced, thanks to the generosity of a benevolent parishioner.

The sacristy is the room where the priest prepares for the celebration of Mass.

This room is called a **sacristy**, which comes from the medieval Latin word **sacristia**, from the same root as "sacred."

The Catholic Encyclopedia summarizes what is contained in this room. "A room in the church or attached thereto, **where the vestments, church furnishings and the like, sacred vessels, and other treasures like relics, celebrant notices, Mass intentions are kept, and where the clergy meet and vest for various ecclesiastical functions**

It allows the priest to have quiet time for his personal preparation and reflection before and after Mass.

Therefore, we request everyone to respect the sacristy as a silent place mainly for the priests and sacristans who organize for the Mass.

Please do not use the sacristy for storing books, electronics etc., for confessions or meetings with a priest or sacristan. Please wait till they have finished in the sacristy and come to you.



MONDAY 26/9	
8am	No Mass at Vincentia
9am	Nowra
TUESDAY 27/9—St Vincent De Paul	
9am	No Mass at Nowra
11am	Requiem Mass at Nowra for late Margaret Bellert
5.30pm	No Mass at Berry
5.30pm	Vincentia
WEDNESDAY 28/9-St Lawrence Ruiz & Co	
9am	No Mass at Nowra
9am	Kangaroo Valley
10.30am	Requiem Mass at Nowra for late Joan Watts
5.30pm	Vincentia
THURSDAY 29/9 - Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels	
8am	Communion Service at Vincentia
8.30am	Nowra - Adoration & Meditation
9am	Nowra & Kangaroo Valley
5.30pm	No Mass at Culburra
FRIDAY 30/9	
8am	Communion Service at Vincentia
10.30am	Nowra— Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions
11.30am	Nowra Mass
5.30pm	No Mass at Bomaderry
SATURDAY 1/10 St Therese of Child Jesus	
9-10am	Nowra— Marian Devotion Adoration, Rosary & Confession
10am	Mass at Nowra
5pm	Culburra & Vincentia
6.30pm	Nowra
SUNDAY 2/10	
7am	Nowra
8.15am	Berry
9am	Vincentia
9.30am	Bomaderry
10.45am	Nowra
11am	Kangaroo Valley
5pm	Nowra

Funerals this week in our Parish

Requiem Mass & Catholic Funeral Rite for late **Margaret Rose Bellert** at St Michael's Church Nowra **Tue (27/9) 11am** by Fr Joseph & Fr Pat

Requiem Mass & Catholic Funeral Rite for late **Joan Watts** at St Michael's Church Nowra **Wed (28/9) 10.30am** by Fr Joseph & Fr Pat

R. I. P.

Anniversaries of the Dead
Carole Davies.