



# ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH NOWRA

Your Shoalhaven Catholic Community serving  
Berry, Bomaderry, Culburra Beach, Kangaroo Valley, Nowra & Vincentia

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 August 2025

## Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 73

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

## First Reading: Wisdom 18

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32

**Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

- 1) Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.
- 2) The Lord looks on those who reverence him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.
- 3) Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

## Second Reading: Hebrews 11

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be

counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

## Gospel Acclamation: Matthew

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

## Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: **'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'** Peter said, **'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?'** The Lord replied, **'What**

**sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'**

## Prayers of the Faithful

**Celebrant:** As we mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War this week, we pray for peace in every land and for every person.

- 1) May the appeals for peace by Pope Leo be heard by the leaders of our world so that dialogue will replace weapons, and our shared humanity will overcome divided politics. **Lord, Hear us.**  
**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**
- 2) May the end of the Second World War urge us to pray for world peace with sincerity and hope, and show that those who were enemies can become neighbours and friends in a new time.  
**Lord, Hear us.**  
**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**
- 3) May the blessings for which we hope in this Holy Year, be granted to all who seek faith, courage, healing and forgiveness. **Lord, Hear us.**  
**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**
- 4) May young married couples who long for a child be granted that gift, as were Abraham and Sarah, who living by faith, were given the gift of Isaac.  
**Lord, hear us.**  
**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**
- 5) May the millions who died in World War II be released from sin and fear and find eternal peace in God. We also remember in particular the death anniversaries of **Margaret Casey, Ambrogio De Bellis, Patricia and Jack Bourke.** **Lord, hear us.**  
**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

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**Celebrant: Almighty God, in all the circumstances of our lives may we hope in your love, be rescued from sin, receive our daily bread, and be shielded from all harm. Through Christ our Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon: Psalm 147**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

## JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 25 September - 4 October

Cross the Holy Door in Rome.  
Celebrate the Jubilee Year 25  
September - 4 October 2025 visiting  
holy places in Rome, Lanciano  
(Eucharistic Miracle), Assisi, Pompei,  
Montecassino and the Amalfi Coast.  
Open to all, it will be extra special for  
those involved in teaching the faith as  
it coincides with the Jubilee of  
Catechists. Enquiries:  
[pp@mibp.org.au](mailto:pp@mibp.org.au) or text 0417 259 617.

## FREE Technology Training for Seniors

CatholicCare Wollongong and Catholic Education DoW will host their popular Cross+Generation Technology program at St John the Evangelist Catholic High School. This program pairs students with seniors to help the latter with technology challenges. Seniors can bring their phones, laptops, or tablets, and students will assist with tasks such as downloading apps, sending messages, using Google Maps, and more.

The sessions will be held over five weeks at St John the Evangelist Catholic High School:

Monday 11th August 9:30am - 11am  
Monday 18th August 9:30am - 11am  
Monday 25th August 9:30am - 11am  
Monday 1st September 9:30am - 11am  
Monday 15th September 9:30am - 11am

Refreshments will be provided at each session. Join us for this unique opportunity to connect and share knowledge in a relaxed, fun setting at the high school. Spaces are limited, so please contact Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Officer at CatholicCare, at 0417018152 or [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au) to secure your spot.

## Holy Hour + Fellowship on 19/08/25

Sanctus Summit is a new monthly Adoration night for youth and others at Nowra. Every fortnight on **Tuesday from 6:30-7:30pm at St Michael's** for Adoration & Benediction in the church, followed by dinner and fellowship in the parish centre afterwards (optional). Enquiries please contact Arnie 0431 611 128

## Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League will be meeting on Tuesday 12th August in the St. Michael's Parish Centre at 9:30 am for a cuppa and a 10:00 am start. All are welcome.

## Death Anniversaries

Margaret Casey  
Ambrogio De Bellis  
Patricia Bourke and Jack Bourke

## Mass Times

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday

05:00 pm Culburra & Bomaderry

#### Sunday

08:00 am Berry

09:30 am Nowra & Vincentia

11:00 am Kangaroo Valley

05:00 pm Nowra

#### Marian Devotion at Nowra

Every First Saturday  
9 - 10am Confessions  
10am - Holy Mass

### Weekday Masses

#### Tuesday

08:00 am Vincentia

05:30 pm Berry \*

#### Wednesday

08:00 am Nowra

05:30 pm Vincentia

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

+ Before Mass

After Mass \*

#### Thursday

08:00 am Vincentia

05:30 pm + Culburra

#### Friday

08:00 am Vincentia \*

09:00 am - Confessions at Nowra

10:00 am

10:00 am Nowra

## CCD Level 1 Catechist Course (Term 3)

Dates: Mondays, 4, 11, 18, 25 August (via Zoom) Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm.  
Beginning and experienced SRE Catechists are invited to register by following this link: [CCD Level 1 Course August 2025](https://ccd.wollongong.com)  
or contact Sue Clark at [support@ccd.wollongong.com](mailto:support@ccd.wollongong.com).  
Please note that the first day of the Level 1 course includes the Child Protection and Classroom Management training update that must be revisited by SRE Catechists every three years.

## 2025 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on **Sunday 24 August 2025 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong**. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room. Please register online at <https://dow.sh/MA2025> by no later than **Monday, 11 August 2025**. Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)

## Sacramental Program of First Holy Communion

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** begins with registration on 6/7 September. If your child is in Year 3 or above and has been Baptised and completed their First Reconciliation Sacrament, then they may register in the First Holy Program for this year after Mass. Come to one of the following churches - St Michael's, Nowra; St Patrick's, Berry or Holy Spirit, Vincentia; where you will find a Sacramental Leader waiting to help you

## THANK YOU

The St Michael's Nowra Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank everyone who donated to our Winter Appeal. To date we have raised over \$7,000. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.

## Mass Changes

Kangaroo Valley will not be having any weekday masses. There will be Mass only on Sundays.

## Farewell

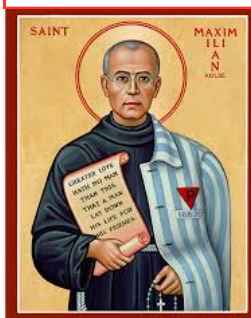
You are invited to the farewell of Fr Joseph on 16th August from 11am to 1pm at the Parish Hall.

This is a gathering not a meal, so please bring a plate of finger food to share. There will be no heating up of food available. We will provide tea, coffee and juice.



**Aug 15th**

## Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**Aug 14**  
**St Maximilian Kolbe**



**Aug 11**  
**St Clare of Assisi**

## Announcement | Darren McDowell

The Diaconate Ordination of Mr Darren McDowell will take place at 10.00am on Saturday 23 August 2025 at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. Thank you Darren for your faithfulness to vocation and wish you well for your continued growth as you prepare for this next stage in your faith journey towards priesthood.