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Prayer to St Michael

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

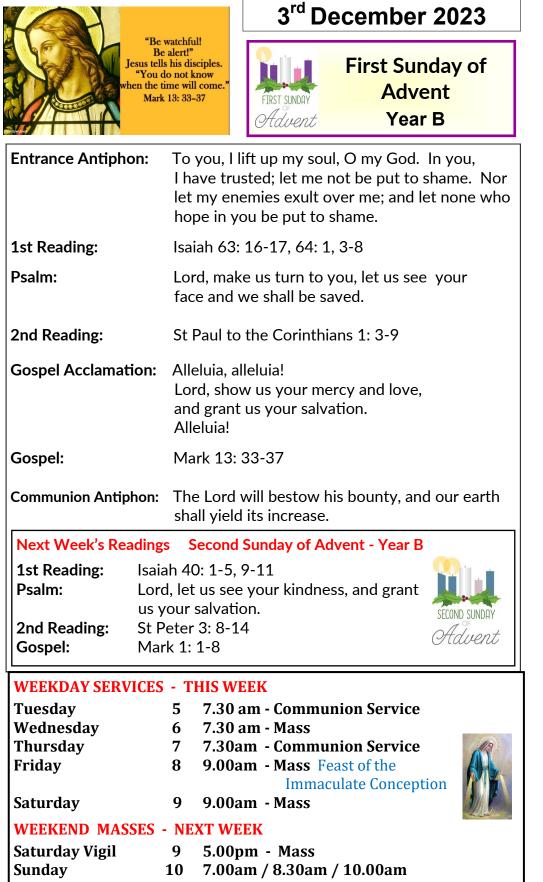


May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and you, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA TERRIGAL

We love one another so that all may have a sense of belonging; desire a relationship with God; and want to share the Good News with others.



Amen

Our website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/terrigal

Welcome to all our vísítors! May you feel at home in our Parish.

PARISH INFORMATION:

Baptisms:

Sunday Mornings at 11.30am by appointment. Enquiries to our Parish Office to enrol.

Annointing of the Sick:

With 9am Mass on the last Friday of the month. Please ring the Parish Office if you have a loved one who is ill or dying.

Reconciliation:

Before and after Saturday 9am Mass (8.30-10am) or phone the Parish Office for an appointment.

Weddings and Funerals:

Enquiries to the Parish Office.

Donations to the Parish

Donations can be made by:

- putting **cash** in the collection bag at Mass; or

- using the Tap'n'Go machines at the door of the church: or
- giving directly to our parish bank account: BSB: 062 784 Terrigal Parish Acc: 100001660 or

- using planned giving **envelopes**, available at the back of the church: or

- having regular (monthly) credit card donations, arranged through the Parish Office.

Thank-you for your continued generosity.

Cleaning our Church and surrounds for Christmas



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On the table outside the church you will find our wish list of jobs to do before Christmas. If you can assist,

please put your name beside one of the jobs that need to be done.

You may like to work by yourself, in pairs, or form a group. Just come in your own time for as long as you want.

Before coming it is best to phone and check with the Parish Office that nothing is happening in or around the church.

If cleaning windows sometimes, it is easier to bring your own supplies.

Thank you in anticipation.

Celebrants for Sunday Masses

This Weekend 2nd December / 3rd December

Saturdav 5.00pm

5.00pm	Fr Vince
Sunday	
7.00am	Fr Jack
8.30am	Fr Vince
10.00am	Fr Vince

Fr Ken



Next Weekend 9th December / 10th December

Saturday

5.00pm Sunday

7.00am

Fr Vince Fr Vince 8.30am 10.00am Fr Vince

Baptism

Congratulations to Molly Clark, Finley Cairns, Max Tidyman and Archer & Theo Kennewell on their baptism day. Our prayers are with you and your families.



Advent

Bible Study and Discussion

- Where: In the Divine Mercy Chapel, on the right-hand side of the church.
- Wednesday evenings When: Time: 6pm to 7pm. Bring your Bible with you.

All Welcome

Children's Pageant During the 6pm **Christmas Eve Mass**

Pageant practice will be Saturday16th December at 10am and Thursday the 21st December at 10am until 12 noon.



Please contact Mel Boffo on 0410 156 963



Advent Wreath Blessing

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow

down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.

All: Amen

Advent Program The Coming of Christ

Every Thursday at 7 pm – Parish office. For 2000 years Jewish people awaited the coming of the promised Messiah. He was to crush Satan and restore the great Kingdom of David.

This week the advent study group examined the biblical prophecies.

We looked at the whole story of the lead up to Advent- why did the Messiah have to come from the house of David? If it's the house of David why is it called the tree of Jesse? Why did he have to be born in Bethlehem? What kingdom was he going to restore? We also looked at the 90 mile journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem along the valleys of the river Jordan taken over five days by a heavily pregnant Mary sitting uncomfortably on a donkey.

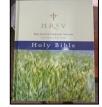
We examined the interpretations in scripture of the virgin birth.

The coming of Christ is an extraordinary story. It is the greatest event in history. Our aim is to explore it and understand it.

This week we will be focusing on the spiritual aspects of Christ's birth. What it means to each of us. What it has meant to humankind. Everyone is invited .No registration is necessary. Bibles are supplied. Thursday 7 pm in the Parish Office. Each session lasts for one hour.

Bibles for Year 6 Scripture Students Graduation

Over the years we have asked if anyone would like to contribute \$14 or what you can afford to sponsor a Bible to gift to young students in Year 6. Our Catechists who are so



dedicated love to present each child with a signed Bible from our Parish. If this is something you would like to help with, please put your donation (no matter how small, ever dollar helps) in an envelope marked BIBLES and place on the plate at Mass, or if easier give directly to the parish account, and mark as BIBLES. There will also be a box outside at Mass.

Thank you for helping the Catholic Students in our six Public Schools.

MEN'S BUSHWALKING GROUP

Our next walk is on Tuesday 12 September in the Kincumba Mountain Reserve where we will follow two trails at the top of the mountain. Lunch will be at the Kincumber Hotel.

The walks start at 10 am on a Tuesday on a fortnightly basis and take an hour and a half, followed by lunch at a nearby venue for our 'chat and chew'. Any gentlemen interested in participating in any of our walks, please contact Stim Robinson at <u>stimrobinson@hotmail.com</u> or on 0401 058 329 and you can get further details including where to meet for the walk.

If you would like to join us for lunch, please contact Stim as above.

Exploring the Scriptures in Advent

Join a small group to read and reflect on the Scripture reading for the following Sunday 10.30am on Thursday mornings in the Parish Office. Attend when you can, all welcome.

Enquiries to the Parish Office or to Bernie 0414 653 146

Catholic Women's League



27th November Branch Meeting 10.15am for 10.30am in Parish Board Room.

C.W.L. Christmas luncheon at Breakers Country Club on the 4th December at 12 noon. Please R.S.V.P your attendance by Tuesday 28th December.

New members always welcome. Enquiries: Ruth Robinson 0414434856

Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2022

came into effect on 28 November 2023 which means that eligible people in NSW will be able to request medical assistance to end their life.

The Diocese has produced a booklet, an *Interim Pastoral Guideline on Voluntary Assisted Dying*, which includes a full explanation of the Act as well as the Catholic Response. The Australian Catholics Bishop Conference has also produced a document titled *To Witness and to Accompany with Christian Hope* to guide priests, chaplains and pastoral workers who are asked to provide pastoral support to Catholics who are considering euthanasia.

Both booklets are available on the Diocese website at: <u>https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/latest-news/</u>euthanasia-now-legal-in-nsw

Catechists

Next weekend we will be hearing about the work of our catechists, teaching special religious education in our government schools. Have you ever considered this as ministry you might do. Please think and pray about it.

For your Diary: Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Terrigal warmly welcomes you to join us to

celebrate Chrístmas.

Parish Family & Friends Christmas Dinner

Saturday 2nd December at 6pm \$25 a ticket -Ph Janette 0421416555 by Saturday morning if you want to come. Chance to win Dinner for 2 at L'isle de France on the Chocolate Wheel. Thank you to Bernard amd Marie Eve again for their generosity.

Christmas Masses Christmas Eve Sunday 24th

6pm (Children's Mass with Pageant) 9pm (No Midnight Mass) Christmas Day Monday 25th 8am and 10am



Parish Christmas Carols on the oval at the School

Next Friday 8th December at 5pm

BYO Picnic blanket For purchase: Sausage sandwiches, Popcorn, Fairy floss, Fresh Lemonade, and drinks.

Christmas Markets—find a gift !

Santa will be making an appearance with a sack of goodies Parish Raffle Drawn on the Evening



Parish Christmas Raffle Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5.00

Great Prizes 1st Prize :Deluxe Christmas Hamper + Doll House + Breakfast for 2 at the Crown Plaza (Valued at \$290) 2nd Prize: Art Work by Robyn (Valued at \$175) 3rd Prize: French Perfume Set Valued at \$160 Drawn at the Christmas Carols

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal



This weekend the St Vincent de Paul Society will begin its annual Christmas Appeal. As in past years, Parishioners will be given the chance to assist the Society's work by donating hampers or helping financially with the envelops provided. Hamper tags will be available at the back of the church and the hampers can be returned at any time during the following fortnight.

Demands on the Society have increased over the last year as the cost of living crisis causes hardship to those living on the margins. Our work is very dependent on the generous support that we receive from these appeals.

Ministers Required

More volunteers are needed for all our ministries and groups. Please consider becoming involved. We especially need help with readers and servers for our 7am Mass on Sunday. Is this a way you would like to become more involved? Please speak with Pauline Maniskas or contact the Parish Office.

Marriages

Congratulations to Matthew Hellmitch and Lauren Hay

who are being married in the parish next Saturday 9 December by Fr Ken. And to James Baird and Frances Harrison who are also being married on the 9th at Valley by Fr Vince.

Kangaroo Valley

Mary Macs are collecting from the Parish Office next Wednesday. Thank you for your continuing support.

Hamper food is always needed, eg; tuna, tinned ham, pasta packets. Maggi Noodles, tinned meals/ soups, muesli bars, poppers, etc. Each Wednesday we have a generous supply to give the Mary Mac's van. Thank you

Women of the Well Christmas Gathering

For our final Online Gathering for 2023 we will be Zooming on **Thursday 7th December** at 7pm. The meeting will run for one hour (details to be sent closer to the gathering). The theme is **"Wise Women also came"**

The theme is **"Wise Women also came"** All women are welcome whether you've attended one of our Retreats or One Day Gathering, or not. Register your interest to find out more as details are confirmed. **REGISTER HERE**

Christmas Cards

St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards have now arrived and available from the Piety Stall for \$10.00.

Invitation - from Kincumber Parish

A presentation and commentary on the life and music of J S Bach will be given at 10am on Sunday 3rd of December after the 9 am Mass at Holy Spirit Church, Kincumber.

Bach has influenced all music through from the early composers, Beethoven, Vivaldi and Mozart right through to the Beatles. We invite you to join in sharing some of his lovely music.

Bach wrote for "the enjoyment of man and the glory of God". It will run less than one and a half hours, and we will share in some of his lovely music.

Young Adult Event

With the sacred season of Christmas drawing near, we'd love for you to join us for a Christmas Holy Hour and Dinner Celebration! It's going to be a special evening and we would love to share it with you all!

Date: Thursday December 14 Time: Holy Hour – 6pm Dinner Celebration – 7pm Location: Holy Name Parish 35 Billyard Ave Wahroonga, 2076

This evening will be an opportunity to participate in a beautiful Holy Hour, a perfect time for spiritual reflection as we prepare to embrace the significance of the birth of our Saviour. Following Holy Hour, let's celebrate the end of a wonderful year with good food and great friendships.

We can't wait to have you join us at this special event. Please kindly let us know by December 7th if you will be able to attend, so we can prepare accordingly and make everyone feel welcomed. **RSVP to 0418 522 449 or** <u>vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au</u>

Servers/Readers

We are looking for volunteers to read and altar serve at the 9pm Christmas Eve Mass. If you are able to assist please contact the Parish office.

Prayers

This week on Monday the 3rd of December It is the 60th Anniversary of the **Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy.** We pray that all the faithful will be inspired to answer the call to full and active participation in the Church.

On this Monday 3rd of December, The United Nations are holding an **Observance Day for those with a disability.** We pray that the observance of this day will bring about worldwide progress in recognising the needs and gifts of our disabled human family.

Book Club

Bookclub will meet on 15th December at 1600 in the parish offices as an end of year get together. Bring a poem or piece of music or an article of interest.

In January we will be reading Will Carter's book Death Comes for the Archbishop. In 1851, Fr John Marie Latour comes as the apostolic vicar to New Mexico. What he finds is a vast territory of red hills and torturous arroyos, American by law, Mexican and Indian in custom and belief. In the almost 40 years that follow, Latour spreads his faith in the only way he knows – gently, although he must contend with an unforgiving landscape, derelict, and sometimes openly rebellious priests, and his own loneliness. Out of these events Carter gives us an indelible vision of life unfolding in a place where time itself seems suspended. A novel based on the life of Archbishop Jean Baptiste Lamy.

Join us if these interest you. <u>gazbo2@ozemail.com.au</u>



Parish Vocations Volunteer

The Broken Bay Vocations Team is seeking your help to nurture a culture of vocations in our local Church. As a Parish Vocations Volunteer, you could play a vital role in promoting vocations awareness, encouraging prayer, and supporting local events in your parish. If you feel called to this rewarding service, your involvement would be greatly valued. To express your interest, simply scan the QR code provided and follow the prompts. In Christ, Fr Sam.







MORNING TEA ROSTER Please join us



After 8.30 am Mass

Group 3	Margaret Brown & Robyn Ayers
_	& Juliet Mathew - 3.12.2023

- Group 4 Lee & Kerry Oliver 10.12.2023
- Group 5 Chris Whalan, Viv Ball & Alison Bone - 17.12.2023
- Group 6 Nancy Carey-Berryman & Susan Connor - No morning tea (Christmas Eve)
- Group 1 Kaye Parker, Wanita Lynch & Robyn Lentini
- Group 2 Geraldine Czerkesow & Anne Cogglan

After 10.00 am Mass

- Group 1 Joan Kearney, Claudia Hainey & Robyn Wilmot 3.12.2023
- Group 2 Ina Kite & Mary Portelli - 10.12.2023
- Group 3 Anne Strong, Eileen Dodds & Mary Jones - 17.12.2023
- Group 4 Ian & Pat Rimes, Eleonora No morning tea (Christmas Eve)
- Group 5 June Carpenter, Carmel Peek & Anne-Marie McCarthy

If you cannot attend your rostered weekend *please* arrange your own replacement.

If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Robyn or Janette after 8.30 or 10am Masses.

How can I support the morning teas if unable to serve on a roster? Bring a packet of biscuits or small cakes that can be used for the next week. There is also a



What is spiritual direction?

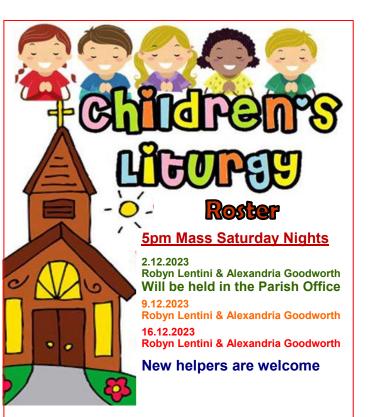
In spiritual direction you reflect deeply on the experiences of your daily life, your loves, hurts, dreams, joys and fears.

Gradually, as you contemplate, you may begin to discover how God's spirit is moving in your life and that God has been waiting for you to see this closer relationship.

Spiritual direction is really not about being directed, nor is it therapy, or counselling. Rather, it is very much about being encouraged to draw closer to God whether that be in your prayer life, relationships, in nature, or in the events of your life. The privilege and responsibility of a spiritual director is to journey with you, in one-on-one conversations, as you deepen your relationship with God. What is shared is held in confidence.

A meeting time is agreed upon, usually once a month, for an hour.

If you are interested in participating in spiritual direction please call Robyn Wild on 0410 454 650







Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.

Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

Thank you for your generosity

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College Students with disabilities Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Practitioners

Ephpheta Centre Deaf community



All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. To donate, complete the form in the envelope available in your parish and return to your parish. Or go online by scanning the QR code or visiting: bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks. Thank you.

Thank you for your support in the Pastoral Works Broken Bay Charities in Broken Bay. Envelopes are in the pews. All donations over \$2.00 Tax deductible.

ROSTERS FOR SERVERS and EM



Saturday - 5.00pm

2/12/2023 Server P Proust (EM) N Carter & R Zadro 9/12/2023 Server V & F Duverge (EM) M Perry & L O'Donnell 16/12/2023 Server J Sheridan (EM) L O'Donnell & R Zadro 23/12/2023 Server L George (EM) J Tarrant & L O'Donnell

Sunday - 7.00am

3/12/2023 Server E Katselas (EM) M Slattery 10/12/2023 Server P Clayton (EM) E Katselas 17/12/2023 Server G Justin (EM) John Sheehan 24/12/2023 Server E Katselas (EM) B Brown

Sunday - 8.30am

3/12/2023 Server P Quinn (EM) A Bone & R Lentini 10/12/2023 Server E Bastoli (EM) R Avers & R Lentini 17/12/2023 Server D Southwell (EM) A Bone & N Barcha 24/12/2023 Server N Carter (EM) R Lentini & R Ayers

Sunday - 10.00am

3/12/2023 Server N Carter (EM) V Wilmont & C Addison 10/12/2023 Server P Maniskas (EM) C Addison & N Carter 17/12/2023 Server B Lobo (EM) C Addison & J Merrotsy 24/12/2023 Server P Quinn (EM) J Merrotsy & C Addison

EM = Eucharistic Minister or correctly Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

If you wish to be involved in this ministry please contact the Parish Office.

ROSTERS FOR READERS OF THE WORD



(2) McCuddens

(2) Dudley Smith

(2) Julie Burris

(2) Maureen Reynolds

Saturday - 5.00pm

2/12/2023 (1) Dudley Smith (1) Lynches 9/12/2023 16/12/2023 (1) Goodworths 23/12/2023 (1) McCuddens

Sunday - 7.00am

3/12/2023 (1) Sandrea Petith (2) Betty Brown 10/12/2023 (1) J Rogers (2) Helen Arena (2) John Sheehan 17/12/2023 (1) Peter Clayton 24/12/2023 (1) Robyn Wild (2) Justine Hayes

Sunday - 8.30am

3/12/2023	(1) Graham Sproat	(2) Jane Watt
10/12/2023	(1) Sue Southwell	(2) Christine Lovatt
17/12/2023	(1) Anne Strong	(2) Chris Hartcher
24/12/2023	(1) Jane Watt	(2) Graham Sproat

Sunday - 10.00am

3/12/2023	(1) Janette Merrotsy	(2) Maddie Conroy
10/12/2023	(1) June Carlson	(2) Jane Robinson
17/12/2023	(1) Jane Robinson	(2) Joan Kearney
24/12/2023	(1) Maddie Conroy	(2) June Carlson

Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster



4th December 2023 Mary Bryant, Evelyn Lazzarini and Kerry Oliver

11th December 2023 Wanita Lynch, Julie Roberts & Linda Lee

Prayer Requests

For those who request prayers, we will leave the name in the bulletin, and then will pass the names to our prayer groups.

Recently Deceased

Monsignor Bill Mullins John Macken John O'Reillv Sr Margaret Mary Birganolu John O'Rourke Judy Deve Peter Kilganon Rex Sutherland

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Muriel Hayhow Wendy Gray Michael Kokegei Dr David R B Smith (5yrs) Joe Baynie All Holy Souls John Mooney

Jack Smith Silvana Favetta Patricia & Frank Aryton

Enriqueta Carrarsco Selina Orton Tony Havelle Zofia Bekrycnt (12yrs) Martha Stephens

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Ray Doyle Michael Vesper Brian Connell Michael Gilbert Pauline Walsh Pedro Luis Tamayo Jr Bill Moore Joy Rawson Ken Copper Terri Marshall

Helen Hawksford Neville Squire Doreen Cullen Mary Sofia Pat Dodds Claire Hastings Anna Smith Mary Smith John & Sue Madigan Maryanne Paterson

Brian Kemp Peta Smith Michael Murphy Bob Clarke Stewart McLean Zac William Peter Gaffey Josh Reid Carlos Martinez

Our Parish Piety Shop

New stock has arrived along with Columban, Franciscan and Divine Mercy Calendars .



items suitable for our scripture teachers to give their students.

Our Christmas Oils of Gold, Frankincense and Myrhh, are a special gift, plus other Christmas and gift items.

Sales from our Piety Shop go to the Winter and Christmas Appeals for St Vinnies, plus we support the parish and missions where possible. Some of the goods we buy are from the Mission orders; Columbans, Carmelites, Franciscan, Josephites, Michaelites, and St Vinnies Christmas Cards. Please take a look at our little shop, you are helping the parish and the wider community through our sales.

BUS TO MASS

The Parish bus collects parishioners for 10am Mass. If you would like to be picked up, please contact Peter Clayton via the Parish Office.



We need a few more drivers, so please consider this valuable ministry.

Thank you to our loyal drivers

