



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.

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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.

Amen



4th February 2024

**5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B**

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

1st Reading: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

Psalm: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
His wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Next Week's Readings Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

1st Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

Psalm: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 10: 31-11: 1

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

WEEKDAY SERVICES - THIS WEEK

Tuesday 6 7.30 am - Communion Service

Wednesday 7 7.30 am - Mass

Thursday 8 7.30am - Communion Service

Friday 9 9.00am - Mass

Saturday 10 9.00am - Mass

WEEKEND MASSES - NEXT WEEK

Saturday Vigil 10 5.00pm - Mass

Sunday 11 7.00am / 8.30am / 10.00am

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

*Welcome to all our visitors!
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.

Anointing 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:
Terrigal Parish BSB: 062 784
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.

Parish Office

Will be closed on Monday the 5th of February.
Sorry for any inconvenience.

School Building Update

The five demountables are now in place. Services have been connected and the stairs and ramps are ready for the children to arrive next week. Teachers have already been at the school preparing these and the other classrooms for the 2024 school year. Fencing has been placed around the work site where the new building will be constructed and office, lunchroom, toilets etc are being set up before the construction to begin in March.

Celebrants for Sunday Masses

This Weekend 3 / 4 February 2024

Saturday

5.00pm Fr Vince

Sunday

7.00am Fr Vince

8.30am Fr Vince

10.00am Fr Vince

Next Weekend 10 / 11 February 2024

Saturday

5.00pm Fr Vince

Sunday

7.00am Fr Vince

8.30am Fr Vince

10.00am Fr Vince

Baptism

This weekend we welcome
Banx Manfredotti, Edward Kelly and
Heidi Gow into our Parish family. Our
prayers are with them and their families



Word Of God Sunday

Pope Francis established this day for the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday

for resources and suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture.

Or attend one of our bible studies - details are below.

Exploring the Scriptures

Join a small group to read and reflect on the Scripture reading for the following Sunday.

When: 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

Bible Study and Discussion

Where: In the Divine Mercy Chapel, on the right-hand side of the church.

When: Thursday 8th February 2024

Time: 6pm to 7pm.
Bring your Bible with you.



Changing Mass Times

Since 2022 the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has been discussing a proposal to decrease the number of Sunday morning Masses from three to two. Bishop Randazzo asked us to wait till the Central Coast Discernment Process had progressed, and now we have now been given permission to move to two Sunday morning Masses.

Why move from three to two Masses on Sunday morning?

There are a number of considerations:

1. With social distancing we have learnt to spread out and to use the whole church when we attend Mass resulting in an experience of being distant from each other. The church building is very large and is only ever full to capacity on major feasts. While still allowing for social distancing, two Masses would create a greater sense of shared participation in the Eucharist.

2. The Parish is seeking to strengthen its sense of community, consistent with its mission statement "that all experience a sense of belonging." Hence everyone is invited to the new morning tea after 8.30am and 10am Mass. The rearrangement of Sunday mornings to two Masses would provide morning tea for everyone and encourage more opportunities for intermingling.

3. A comparison to our adjacent parishes shows that Terrigal has three Sunday morning Masses and the others have only one or two:

Terrigal: 7am 8.30am 10am

The Entrance: 8am 9.30am

Gosford: 7.30am 9.30am

Kincumber: 9am

4. The parish now has only one priest. The present system of four Sunday Masses, with three on a Sunday morning, followed by baptisms, was a manageable workload when we had two priests, as we often had in the past. Given the shortage of clergy in Australia we cannot expect another priest in Terrigal to share the workload.

5. The new arrangement would reduce the number of altar servers, musicians, readers and collectors needed for Sunday Masses. We have recently had appeals for new ministers, with minimal success. This new arrangement would be of assistance in organising parish ministries.

Permission has been given for this change to two Masses on Sunday morning and we now need to decide on the new starting times.

Vigil Mass at 5pm on Saturday will remain unchanged because a good children's ministry is developing around this Mass; its numbers have remained high; and this time is less taxing for one priest.

The proposed new Sunday Mass times are 7.30am and 9.30am.

At their meeting last week the PPC discussed various combinations of Mass times, and the advantages and disadvantages of each, but ultimately decided that fairest way to move forward, with the least disruption to the parish, is to consolidate the starting times of Masses. So instead of extending these times over three hours as in the past (from 7am to 10am) we will now extend the start times over two hours (from 7.30am to 9.30am).

Parishioner concerns

The PPC is now seeking feedback from the parish about the proposed times and asks if any parishioner has substantive concerns about this decision, please speak with a member of the PPC during this week, and before Friday 9 February.

The needs of the deanery have to be considered.

The Mass times at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Terrigal also affect the neighbouring parishes and these proposed times need to go to the deanery and the diocese before they are approved. Gosford Mass times are also 7.30am and 9.30am; and The Entrance has a 9.30am Mass on Sunday mornings.

When will our times change?

There will be no change in Mass times until approval has been given by the Bishop. When we have this, the new times will be well advertised in the parish before any change happens.

Is the change permanent?

The presumption is that this change will be permanent, but the diocesan policy requires a review after six months. We will have this review to consider the impact of the change in times on the parish.

The members of the PPC are available to discuss the changes with you. PPC members are: Louis George; Emily and Steve Goodworth; Chris Hartcher; Lauren Malek; Janette Merrotsy; Garry Nieuwkamp; Matt McCudden; Stim Robinson; Gemma Tracey.

Chris Hartcher has agreed to be the contact person for the PPC on this issue. He can be contacted on 0419 241 590 or christopherhartcher@gmail.com or by leaving a letter addressed to him at the Parish Office.

Never Again is Now

Australians united against antisemitism – Sydney, 18 February, 3.00 pm
Join thousands of Australians in a gathering of solidarity, standing against antisemitism and expressing their desire for a peaceful, cohesive Australia. 'Never Again Is Now' will be held at a Sydney location at 3pm, Sunday 18 February. Save the date, register now, and spread the word: neveragainisnow.com.au

Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic?



Maybe you're married to a Catholic or have children in a Catholic school and want to know more about their faith. Maybe you're looking for a Church community to call your own or you feel there is something missing in your life.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the liturgical process through which interested adults are formed in faith and welcomed into the Catholic Community.

The Rite is supported by an adult education program which explores Catholicism over a number of months, in a friendly and relaxed environment and is for anyone who is interest in becoming Catholic.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in finding out more, please contact the Parish Office.
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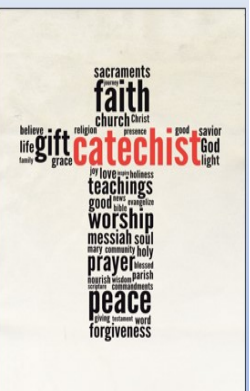
CATECHIST MEETING

Our first meeting for the new year will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday 9 February.

We will begin the new year by joining together to attend 9am Mass and then proceed to our meeting at 9.30am.

Everyone welcome!

Enquiries: Cheryl Ryan



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Pope's Prayer Intention

for this month (February) is for the terminally ill. Watch his video at <https://youtu.be/PVJNIDhLmYE>

Pastoral Discernment Central Coast

In early 2022, Bishop Anthony Randazzo initiated the PDCC project, inviting people in the region to come together through listening and dialogue sessions to discuss the circumstances and needs of the Central Coast.

In the spirit of synodality, the purpose of this process was to develop more effective strategies for not only evangelisation and pastoral life in the area but practical needs.

The PDCC **Final Report** was released last week and can be found [here](#).

A **Pastoral Letter** from Bishop Anthony on the PDCC project outlining each key outcome and his response is available for each parishioner at the door of the church. Please collect one before you leave.

Hunter Offshore Wind

Come to a rally to support responsible development of Hunter Offshore Wind on Sunday 4 February at 11 am at the Train Shed at Fore-shore Park, 32 Wharf Rd, Newcastle East. Organised by the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change. If you need more information or a lift, contact Tony Camenzuli on 0423919248.

Women of the Well Weekend Retreat

Friday 19 - Sunday 21 April at St Josephs Spirituality Centre, **Kincumber South**.

Cost is \$125 for new retreatants and \$350 for others. You can [download the files here](#).

If you have any questions, contact Tricia at tricia@womenofthewell.com.au or 0417216917.



We use the internet in almost every aspect of our lives, so it's important for everyone to know about online safety. Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to raise awareness of the benefits of being safe online. For further information including educational courses and promotional resources, click [here](#).

Children's Liturgy Roster

5pm Mass Saturday Nights

3.2.2024
Robyn Lentini & Eileen Henry

10.2.2024
Marie Eve Mallet & Robyn Lentini

17.2.2024
Maria and Graham Sproats

24.2.2024
Emily Cairns & Ann Vidler

New helpers next year are welcome

Children's Liturgy of the Word

is in our Parish on Saturday nights at 5pm. We are seeking volunteers to be involved in this ministry to share the Gospel with a small group of our beautiful children.

We have 2 to 3 people for each lesson and you are placed on a roster for once or twice a term. Parents are welcome to join us with their little ones.

If you are interested or would like more information, contact the co-ordinator, Robyn Lentini, via the Parish Office.

CatholicCare supports young parents at risk of homelessness

While many women are resting and nesting at 37 weeks pregnant, this was the last thing on Lily's mind. At 22 years old and heavily pregnant, Lily was referred from CatholicCare's Safe Homes program to the [KEYS program](#) that supports young parents aged 16 – 24 years who are homeless, or at risk of being homeless. Lily's partner had been arrested for domestic violence in their private rental and Lily could not afford the rent on her own. Several months later, after some intensive support from her KEYS Case-worker, Lily has been successful in securing a private rental and will soon move into her new home. Through CatholicCare's support, the future for Lily and her baby is looking bright. Click [here](#) to read more of Lily's story.

To find out more about how CatholicCare supports young parents like Lily, call us today on 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au

St Michael Mission Society

Thank You to those who have updated their subscription for the upcoming year. Forms are still available at the back of the church if you wish to be a member.

As one of the benefactors you will be in the Masses and prayers of the PNG Michaelite Fathers during 2024. You are supplied with a certificate of appreciation, some choose to give these as gifts.



Subscription cost \$25.00
Enquiries Janette
0421416555



Men's Bushwalking Group

We started our walk in the Kincumba Mountain Reserve at 8.00 am which worked out very well. Conditions were very comfortable and all six of us managed fine. The view from the Colin Watters lookout didn't live up to expectations with rather hazy skies and not conducive for a photo. We then followed some mountain bike trails which gave us a good workout. Coffee in the Kincumber shopping area was leisurely and led to some interesting conversations.

Our next walk will be on Tuesday 13th February. Trail and starting time to be decided when we have a better idea of the weather forecast.

Any gentlemen interested in participating in any of our walks, please contact Stim Robinson at stimrobinson@hotmail.com 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 our coffee/lunch, please contact Stim as above.

MASS WITH FR PETER Thursday 22nd February

Fr Peter Prusakiewicz csma from the Congregation of St Michael the Archangel in Poland will be returning to Terrigal on Thursday 22nd February at 6pm for Mass, Adoration and special talk.



Supper in the Hall afterwards, please bring a plate to share.

His main charism and expertise is on St Michael the Archangel and the Holy Angels which has led to him becoming a sought after inspirational speaker on these topics and the Divine Mercy.

There will also be devotional items for sale.

Our Parish Piety Shop

New Stock has arrived with more coming in a weeks time.

Lovely gifts or items for yourself. Please come and have a browse. For a quick gift during the week see the parish staff.

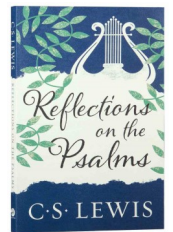


Marriage Tribunal Office

For information, please phone the Tribunal Office on [02 9307 8309](tel:0293078309) or email tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au

Book Club

The book for February is C S Lewis' Reflections on the Psalms. "He divines the meaning behind these timeless poetic verses, making clear their significance in our daily lives, and reminding us of their power to illuminate moments of grace."



"I am no Hebraist, no higher critic, no ancient historian, no archeologist. I write for the unlearned about things in which I am unlearned myself." So says Lewis in the introduction to his book, yet no one is more qualified to reflect on the psalms as poetry which is how they should be read he argues.

In March we will be reflecting on the history of original sin in Western culture. Born Bad by James Boyce traces this history from Adam and Eve all the way to Adam Smith and Richard Dawkins. This book is not a defence or criticism of the idea of original sin, Boyce merely suggests that without understanding this mystery we will be "incomprehensible to ourselves."

Bookclub meets the last Friday of every month in the parish offices at 1600. Join us if you can.

gazboantonius@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League



14th February Delegates' meeting
10.00am in Parish Board Room

19th February Coffee morning 10.30am at
Breakers Country Club

26th February Branch meeting 10.15am for
10.30am start in Parish Board Room

New members always welcome.

Enquiries: Ruth Robinson 0414 434 856

ROSTERS FOR SERVERS and EM



Saturday - 5.00pm

3/2/2024	Server J Tarrant	(EM) M Perry & N Carter
10/2/2024	Server P Proust	(EM) M Perry & L O'Donnell
17/2/2024	Server L George	(EM) L O'Donnell & R Zadro
24/2/2024	Server J Sheridan	(EM) M Perry & R Zadro

Sunday - 7.00am

4/2/2024	Server P Clayton	(EM) J Sheehan
11/2/2024	Server M Slattery	(EM) P Clayton
18/2/2024	Server E Katselas	(EM) B Brown
25/2/2024	Server B Lobo	(EM) E Katselas

Sunday - 8.30am

4/2/2024	Server E Bastoli	(EM) R Ayers & R Lentini
11/2/2024	Server N Carter	(EM) R Lentini & A Bone
18/2/2024	Server E Bastoli	(EM) R Ayers & N Barcha
25/2/2024	Server D Southwell	(EM) A Bone & R Ayers

Sunday - 10.00am

4/2/2024	Server P Quinn	(EM) C Addison & J Merrotsy
11/2/2024	Server P Maniskas	(EM) C Addison & V Wilmont
18/2/2024	Server P Quinn	(EM) C Addison & N Carter
25/2/2024	Server NCarter	(EM) J Merrotsy & C Addison

EM = Eucharistic Minister or correctly Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

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

Kathleen Mulligan	Geoffrey Roberts	Nancy Ellis
Sara Roche	Doris Betts	Jerry Landon
Anne Maree O'Keefe	Bone Bali Hada Atiek + Ola Bone	

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Mario Favetta	Bob Ahern	Heather Madden
Ada Kane	Moyna O'Donnell	Mickael Kokegei
Selina Orton		

Sick

Br Elijah Joseph	Patricia Cooper	John Beston
Ray Southwell	Paul Grew	Len Freeman
Ray Doyle	Brian Kemp	Michael Vesper
Neville Squire	Peta Smith	Brian Connell
Doreen Cullen	Michael Murphy	Michael Gilbert
Mary Sofia	Bob Clarke	Pauline Walsh
Stewart McLean	Pedro Luis Tamayo Jr	Claire Hastings
Zac William	Bill Moore	Anna Smith
Peter Gaffey	Joy Rawson	Mary Smith
Josh Reid	Ken Copper	Jack Adams
John & Sue Madigan	Terri Marshall	
Maryanne Paterson		

ROSTERS FOR READERS OF THE WORD



Saturday - 5.00pm

3/2/2024	(1) Dawn Smith	(2) George's
10/2/2024	(1) Goodworths	(2) Lynches
17/2/2024	(1) Julie McManus	(2) Connie Attard
24/2/2024	(1) McCuddens	(2) Dudley Smith

Sunday - 7.00am

4/2/2024	(1) Betty Brown	(2) Sandra Petith
11/2/2024	(1) Ivy Holly	(2) J Rogers
18/2/2024	(1) John Sheehan	(2) Peter Clayton
25/2/2024	(1) Justine Hayes	(2) Robyn Wild

Sunday - 8.30am

4/2/2024	(1) Chris Hartcher	(2) Anne Strong
11/2/2024	(1) Christine Lovatt	(2) Sue Southwell
18/2/2023	(1) Christine Lovatt	(2) Susan Debrincatt-Moffat
25/2/2024	(1) Graham Sproats	(2) Jane Watt

Sunday - 10.00am

4/2/2024	(1) Joan Kearney	(2) Janette Merrotsy
11/2/2024	(1) Jane Robinson	(2) June Carlson
18/2/2023	(1) Janette Merrotsy	(2) C Addison
25/2/2024	(1) June Carlson	(2) Joan Kearney

Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster

5th February 2024

Mary Bryant, Fiona Bush, Evelyn Lazzarini & Kerry Oliver

12th February 2024

Wanita Lynch, Julie Roberts and Linda Lee



MORNING TEA ROSTER

Please stay and join us

After 8.30 am Mass

- Group 4 Lee & Kerry Oliver - 28.1.2024
- Group 5 Chris Whalan, Viv Ball & Alison Bone - 4.2.2024
- Group 6 Nancy Carey-Berryman & Susan Connor - 11.2.2024
- Group 1 Kaye Parker, Wanita Lynch, Robyn Lentini Sandra - 18.2.2024
- Group 2 Geraldine Czerkesow & Anne Cogglan - 25.2.2024
- Group 3 Margaret Brown & Robyn Ayers & Juliet Mathew - 3.3.2024
- Group 4 Lee & Kerry Oliver - 10.3.2024

After 10.00 am Mass

- Group 4 Ian & Pat Rimes - 4.2.2024
- Group 5 June Carpenter, Carmel Peek & Anne-Marie McCarthy - 11.2.2024
- Group 1 Joan Kearney, & Robyn Wilmot - 18.2.2024
- Group 2 Ina Kite, Mary Portelli & Eileen Dodds - 25.2.2024
- Group 3 Anne Strong, Eileen Dodds & Mary Jones - 3.3.2024

Volunteers Needed!

We still require **one** more groups of three for after the 10am Mass and ideally we need a few spots filled so that all groups have three volunteers.

If you would like to help, please speak to Robyn after the Masses or contact the Parish Office. Thank you.



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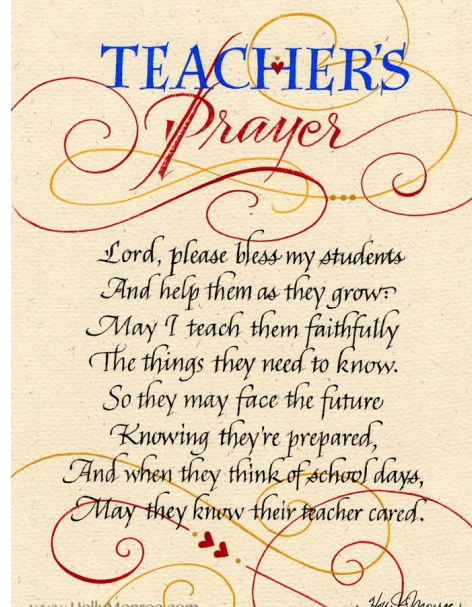


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Lord, please bless my students
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