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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



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.*



9th August 2026

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**

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

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth
of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

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

Next Week's Readings: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!
2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday	11	7.30 am Mass
Wednesday	12	7.30 am Mass
Thursday	13	7.30 am Mass
Friday	14	9.00 am & 12 Noon Mass
Saturday	15	9.00 am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES - Next Weekend

Saturday Vigil:	15	5.00 pm Mass
Sunday:	16	7.30 am & 9.30 am Mass

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 enroll.

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:

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

- **regular (monthly) credit card donations**, arranged through the Parish Office; or

- using the parish QR Code:



Thank-you for your continued generosity.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome **Klara Lindholm Milligan, James Jannese and Aidan Jannese.**

Congratulations and God's blessing to each of you and your families.



Reconciliation and Eucharist 2026 Year 4 and older This week:



First Reconciliation
Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th,
or Thursday 13th August by appointment

Communion Input for Parents

Wednesday 19th August at 7pm

Parent/Child Support Class

Saturday 29th August at 3.30pm

Presentation

5pm Mass on 29th August or 7.30am or
9.30am Masses on Sunday 30th August

First Holy Communion

Saturday 12th September at 5pm Mass or
Sunday 13th September 7.30am, 9.30am or 2pm
Masses.

Enquiries to Janette 0421 416 555

FREE WILLS SEMINAR & MORNING TEA *Plan Well*

Join us for a free seminar with legal expert Cecilia Castle, Principal of Castle Lawyers, who will cover essential estate topics like:

- Writing a Will
- Power of Attorney
- Enduring Guardianship

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Parish Hall at Our Lady Star of the Sea
Terrigal Catholic Parish, 165 Serpentine
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11 August, 2026

10:30AM-12:30 PM

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Scan to register by 7th August or visit
www.trybooking.com/DNNXF

For enquiries, please contact Terrigal Parish Office on (02) 4367 46

Bible Study and Discussion

When: Every Thursday.
Time: 1pm to 2pm. In the boardroom.
Study: The Acts of the Apostles

We watch ½ an hour DVD teaching by a theologian, then discuss what we learned for ½ an hour. We limit each session to one hour. Written notes are provided for each session, a couple of days in advance.

**All Welcome. For more information
Call Elias 0459 220 208**

**7pm Praise and Worship and Bible Study
We are currently studying Romans.**



Rest in peace Joanie

Funeral Mass for Joan Kearney will be held on Tuesday 11th August at 10.30am.

Our love and prayers go out to Tim and his family at this sad time.

Scripture Reflection Hour

You are invited to enjoy an hour of peace to reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel reading.



We meet at 10.30am to 11.30am **Thursday** in the Parish Rooms. A gentle experience.

You are welcome to attend whenever you can. Bibles provided. If you are interested and would like to know more call **Robyn Wild** on 0410 454 650.

Piety Stall

Gifts and new items ready for Reconciliation & First Holy Communion. Also a table in the Parish Office- come and take a look during the week..



The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday 9am 15th August

In Australia, it is one of the two Holy Days of Obligation, aside from every Sunday of the year. This year, the Solemnity falls on a Saturday. In the Diocese of Broken Bay, Masses celebrated during the day will be for the Assumption, but the Vigil Masses that evening will be for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The obligation of both the Assumption and Sunday cannot be fulfilled by simply attending the Saturday Vigil Mass.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Playgroup

Looking for connection, friendship and fun? Join us at Playgroup each week for a relaxed morning of play, conversation and community. Parents, carers and children ages 3+ are all welcome!

**OLSOS Parish Hall
9-10am Wednesday (School Term Only)**

Please register your interest to the Parish Office via telephone or email. Come and join the fun !

Enquiries to Sarah via the Parish Office

St Michael Prayer Group Mass
Thursday 27th August
5.30pm All welcome



Catholic Women's League

Delegates Meeting 10am 12th August
at Terrigal.

Coffee morning 10.30am at Breakers.

New members always welcome.

Colleen Addison - 0425 368 431



Love & Support Prayer Group

All are warmly invited to join our "TheLove and Support" Prayer Group as we gather in faith, unity and fellowship. In the midst of our busy lives this is a special time to pause, reflect, and seek God together.

When: First Friday of the month

Time: 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Where: Parish Conference Room



Come and share in the grace and peace of praying together as a parish family in a small group.

For more information please contact: Amanda on 0439 229 438

MGL Sisters: Homecoming Silent Retreat 28-30th August, Carmel House, Varroville

"His father saw him, ran to his son,
threw his arms around him and kissed him."

Lk 15: 20

Your heavenly Father waits for you to come away with him for a weekend of silently soaking in his great love for you. Embrace this opportunity for encountering deep peace and serenity. This retreat is for men and women aged 18+. Hosted by the MGL Sisters.

Choose from a weekend retreat or extend your time with a 5 day retreat option.

w/e: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIDBK>

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St Vincent de Paul

Thank you generous parishioners of Terrigal. The final amount for the Winter Appeal was **\$8367**.

That provides a lot of families with assistance, mainly for food.

Denis O'Rourke - Conference President



CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal

Envelopes at the back of the church.



Pope's Prayer Intention – August 2026

For evangelisation in the city: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Australia's First Saint

Feast Day Saturday 8th August
Mass 9am at Our Lady Star of the Sea

Quotes from St Mary include;

"Never see a need without doing something about it"

"We must teach more by example than by word."

"Believe in the whisperings of God to your own heart."

*Saint Mary
of the
Cross MacKillop*

Do not be afraid.
Love one another,
bear with one another,
and let charity guide
you in all your life.

Sister Mary MacKillop
12.1.1909



We Are Looking for New Catechists

Catechists share their Catholic faith, The Good News, with students in our State Schools

Where

We teach in 6 different state schools: Avoca, Erina Heights, Holgate, Terrigal, Wamberal & Woodport

When

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays

Times

All classes are only ½ hour each. Times varies. Earliest start: 8.50am | Latest finish: 3.20pm

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- * Training and lesson materials provided
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- * Grow your own faith as you teach a positive message about our loving God

The Children Need You and Me!

Phone: Elias Bastoli, Catechist Coordinator – 0459220408
Email: eliasbastoli@gmail.com

Men's Bushwalking Group

On Tuesday 11th we will be taking the Mouat Track in the Rumbalara Reserve. It is one that we haven't done too often but recent repairs have improved the general conditions. The gentlemen really enjoyed our previous visit.

Lunch will be in East Gosford.

Our next walk is planned for 25 August. Any gentleman interested in participating in the walks, please contact Stim Robinson on 0401 058 329 or email stimrobinson@hotmail.com to get further details including where to meet for the walk. Our walks usually take an hour and half or so and then we head off for lunch nearby.

A Message from Fr John Parish Administrator

I will be away on annual leave from 10 August to 28 August and will be travelling to Toronto, Canada, during this time.

During my absence, we warmly welcome Fr. Alex, Fr. Vincent (Wyoming Parish), Fr. Jack, and Fr. Ken, who will be celebrating our weekday and weekend Masses. Fr. Vince will be assisting with the First Reconciliation celebrations for our children preparing to receive the sacrament.

I sincerely thank all these priests for their generous assistance and thank you, our parishioners, for your prayers and understanding. I look forward to being back with you and continuing our shared journey of faith. May God bless you all.



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2nd Prize Floor Rug Value \$250.00

3rd Prize Orrefors Crystal Candle Holders and Silver Photo Frame.

4th Prize Nutri Metics products



Bookclub

C S Lewis noted that in reading "I will see through the eyes of others...In reading great literature I became a thousand men and yet remain myself. Like the night sky in a Greek poem, I see with a myriad eyes, but it is still I who see. Here, as in worship, in love, in moral action, in knowing, I transcend myself; and am never more myself than when I do."

C S Lewis read himself in the Christian faith by allowing himself to see through the eyes of others. This most reluctant of converts outlines the process of his conversion in his autobiography *Surprised by Joy*. Join us to discuss this book at our next book club meeting Friday 28th August at 1600 in the parish offices.

In September our group will be focussing on Pope Leo's encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*- a reflection on the role of AI in our lives. In October we will discuss the conversion story of J D Vance as outlined in his book *Communion*. From Evangelical Protestantism to atheism and finally into Catholicism.

Gazboantonius@gmail.com

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



5pm Mass Saturday Nights

8.8.2026 - Emily Cairns & Anne Vidler
15.8.2026 - Louise deSousa & Robyn Lentini
22.8.2026 - Maree Eve Mallet & Robyn Lentini
29.8.2026 - No Liturgy

Visitors Welcome

OLSOS Craft Group

The craft group meets fortnightly on a Wednesday, from 12:30 to 2:00 pm in the Parish Office.



Next meeting is the 19th August.

Communication via text and email.
Group: Cath - 0432 982 622
Office: 4367 4610
Email: starsea@bigpond.net.au

The Seasons Growth for Adults Program

is an education program designed to support and equip adults in their knowledge, skills and understanding of experiences of change, loss and grief. Mission Broken Bay is planning to host a three-hour seminar, *Understanding Change, Loss and Grief*, on the Central Coast in September in two locations. This seminar is designed for individuals and groups seeking to deepen their understanding of the experiences of change, loss and grief, while exploring the ways we can compassionately support ourselves and others through times of transition and sorrow. Online Information Session for *Understanding Change, Loss and Grief Seminar* 7pm Wednesday 19th August. Enquiries or to register: mission@bbcatholic.org.au

ROSTERS FOR SERVERS & EM



Saturday - 5.00pm

08/08/2026	Server P Proust	(EM) J Costello, G Catanzariti, R Zadro & M Perry
15/08/2026	Server V Duverge	(EM) A Vilder, T Gorman, P Ross & O'Donnell
22/08/2026	Server R Zadro	(EM) J Costello, S Dunn, L Gray & T Gorman
29/08/2026	Server L George	(EM) L'O'Donnell, M Perry, P Ross & A Vidler

Saturday - 7.30am

09/08/2026	Server P Maniska	(EM) S Petith, N Barcha, J Rogers & B Reid
16/08/2026	Server M Slattery	(EM) J Rogers, B Brown, N Barcha & B Reid
23/08/2026	Server B Lobo	(EM) A Richards, B Brown, J Rogers & B Reid
30/08/2026	Server M Slattery	(EM) N Barcha, B Brown, B Reid & J Rogers

Sunday - 9.30am

09/08/2026	Server B Lobo	(EM) J Merrotsy, K Curtis A Bone & R Ayers
16/08/2026	Server J Tarrant	(EM) R Ayers, A Bone, K Curtis & C Addison
23/08/2026	Server E Bastoli	(EM) R Ayers, A Bone, C Addison & K Curtis
30/08/2026	Server B Lobo	(EM) R Ayers, A Kopecky, J Merrotsy & R Lentini

**EM =Eucharistic Minister or correctly Extraordinary
Minister of Holy Communion**

Prayer Requests:

Recently Deceased

Joan Kearney	Ian Mellor	
Helena Lechowski	Boni Matz	Joe Fabri
Angus Hextell	Barry Shanley	Paul Quinn
Geoff Macnamara		

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Maria de Brincatt	Mary Kali	John Lentini
Ralph Goss		

Sick

Jaques Miniassan	Barbara Russ	Fred Whyte
Sandra Jackson	Lucy & Pia Favetta	Kate Terry
Julio Marquez	Donald, Xi, Susie, Vladimir & Charles	
Stephanie Empson	Suzanne Russo	Sylvia Mann
Margaret Dwyer	Baby Rosie	Baby Levi
Kye Mc Intosh	Michael Hallett	Eileen Clayton
Denis Smith	Noelene Sherwood	XenieStar
JoanKearney	Maeve McDonald (4yrs)	
Jose Patino	Jane Smith	Greg C
Tracey Homan	Bernadette Kennedy	Joyce Hone
Elizabeth D'Souza	Kathleen Martin	RonMcGuinness
Jackson Howard	Matthew Cooper	VeronicaBishop
Marie Campbell	Mary Smith	DebbieBen

MORNING TEA ROSTER



**Please stay and join us
After 9.30am Mass**

Group 7	Ian & Pat Rimes, Bernadette Wright, Linda & Isabel Lee - 9.08.2026
Group 1	Wanita Lynch, Mary Howes, Robyn Lentini & Julie Tarrant - 16.08.2026
Group 2	Robyn Lentini, Robyn Wilmot & Elaine Cooper - 23.08.2026
Group 3	Barbara Clarke, Sue O'Connor & Eileen Dodds - 30.08.2026
Group 4	Anne Strong, Eileen Dodds, Mary Portelli & Mary Jones - 6.09.2026
Group 5	Robyn Ayers, Juliet Mathew & Kate Curtis - 13.09.2026
Group 6	Chris Whalan, Viv Ball, Pat & Alison Bone - 20.09.2026

**Everyone is welcome, and we also invite you to bring
along something to share together to eat.
It may be a packet of biscuits, but more interesting is
something to share that you have cooked.**

ROSTERS FOR READERS OF THE WORD



Saturday - 5.00pm

08/08/2026	(1) Cutris Stephenson	(2) Maureen Reynolds
15/08/2026	(1) Coral Foo	(2) McCuddens
22/08/2026	(1) Julie McManus	(2) Helen Grady
29/08/2026	(1) Goodworths	(2) Maureen Reynolds

Sunday - 7.30am

09/08/2026	(1) Ron McCarthy	(2) Ivy Holly
16/08/2026	(1) Sandrea Petith	(2) Betty Brown
23/08/2026	(1) Ivy Holly	(2) Jeanette Rogers
30/08/2026	(1) Robyn Wild	(2) Sandrea Petith

Sunday - 9.30am

09/08/2026	(1) Susan de Brincatt-Moffatt	(2) Janette Merrotsy
16/08/2026	(1) Anna Mackson	(2) Colleen Addison
23/08/2026	(1) Graham Sproats	(2) Jane Watts
30/08/2026	(1) Janette Merrotsy	(2) Vic Wilmot

Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster



10th August 2026

Jenny Cooper, Carol Clayton, Vicki
& Graham McGuinness

17th August 2026

Anna Camilleri & Graham McGuinness
more helpers needed for this group

Bus to Mass

**The Parish bus collects
parishioners for 9.30am Mass.**



If you would like to be picked up,
please contact Stephen Coyle via the Parish Office.

Thank you to the people who volunteered to drive
the Parish bus.



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