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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

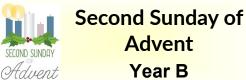


OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA TERRIGAL

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.



10th December 2023



Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to

save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant

us your salvation.

2nd Reading: St Peter 3: 8-14

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and

behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Next Week's Readings Third Sunday of Advent - Year B

1st Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11

Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God.

2nd Reading: St Peter to the Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28



WEEKDAY SERVICES - THIS WEEK

Tuesday 12 7.30 am - Communion Service

Wednesday 13 7.30 am - Mass Thursday 14 7.30am - Mass Friday 15 9.00am - Mass Saturday 16 9.00am - Mass

WEEKEND MASSES - NEXT WEEK

Saturday Vigil 16 5.00pm - Mass

Sunday 17 7.00am / 8.30am / 10.00am

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

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.

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: 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.

Cleaning our Church and surrounds for Christmas

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 9th December / 10th December

Saturday

5.00pm Fr Ken

Sunday

7.00am Fr Vince 8.30am Fr Jack 10.00am Fr Vince



Next Weekend 16th December / 17th December

Saturday

5.00pm Fr Vince

Sunday

7.00am Fr Vince 8.30am Fr Vince 10.00am Fr Jack



Baptism

This weekend we welcome Kenzi & Rocco Reid and Lincoln Bonic into our Parish family. Congratulations.



Bible Study and Discussion

Where: In the Divine Mercy Chapel, on the

right-hand side of the church.

When: Wednesday evenings

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 Prayer: 2nd Week of Advent



Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. 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.

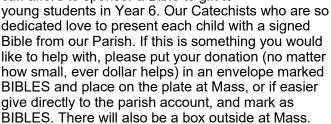
Exploring the Scriptures in Advent

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

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



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

Diocesan Advent Resource

O Come O Come Emmanuel, prepared by Fr David Ranson, is a series of Advent Reflections based on the O Antiphons; the Christmas hymn. These reflections will accompany the participants towards the sacred Mystery of Christmas in wondrous anticipation for the birth of the Lord. The resource is downloadable from this link.

Reconciliation

The **second (communal) rite** of this sacrament of forgiveness will be available before Christmas on:

Tuesday 19th at 7pm at **Kincumber** Wednesday 20th at 7pm at **Gosford** Thursday 21st at 7pm at **Woy Woy**

The **first (individual) rite** will be celebrated at **Terrigal** on Friday 22nd December from 9.30am till 11am as well as each Saturday from 8.30am till 10am.

School Holidays

begin next Friday 15 December. We hope all students, staff and their families have a joyous Christmas and a safe and re-creative break.



Graduation

Congratulations to the year six students who will be finishing primary school and graduating on Wednesday 13 December. Well done!

School Buildings

A revised plan for the new school buildings to replace the six demountables has been proposed. A floor plan and some 3D images of what the buildings will look like are on the notice boards. Please pass on any comment to Fr Vince.

CCD

Congratulations to the parishioners who have received service awards for their work as catechists in our government schools:

Eileen Dodds – 10 years Robyn Lentini – 20 years Annette Hanna – 30 years

Therese Gorman – 50 years

Thank-you for your service!

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th
6pm (Children's Mass with Pageant)
9pm (No Midnight Mass)
Christmas Day Monday 25th
8am and 10am



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.

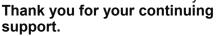
Christmas Cards

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

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.

Mary Macs are collecting from the Parish Office next Wednesday.



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

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

Last weekend the St Vincent de Paul Society began its annual Christmas Appeal. 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.

Thank you all for your ongoing support over so many years. Envelopes are in the church if you want to contribute.

CATECHIST OPPORTUNITY

For a person who likes working with children



What does a Catechist do?

- We listen to the children and encourage them in prayer to know Jesus' unconditional love for them.
- Anyone can do it no experience necessary and it only involves an hour or two per week!
- Training and lesson materials provided
- Come and check it out! Yes! Come into the classroom as an assistant.

Phone - Cheryl Ryan, Primary Catechist Coordinator 0403 123 220 or email - <u>bondi-</u> two@bigpond.com

The Children Need You and Me!

Book Club

The bookclub in December will be meeting earlier this month on the 15th at the usual time of 1600 in the parish offices. It will be an opportunity to reflect on a year of reading and a chance to celebrate with a poem a piece of music or something of interest.

At the end of January we will discuss Will Cather's book Death Comes for the Archbishop and in February we will be reading C S Lewis' Reflections on the Psalms. If any of these might interest you please join us.

gazboantonius@gmail.com



MEN'S BUSHWALK-ING GROUP

Another gorgeous day out starting at

the lookout atop Rumbalara Reserve. Gentle breezes helped keep the temperature pleasant for the ten walkers. Convivial lunch in East Gosford.

The walks are on a Tuesday starting at 10.am on a fortnightly basis and take an hour and a half, followed by lunch at a nearby venue for our 'chat and chew'. Our next walk will be on 19 December.

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 lunch, please contact Stim as above.

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 14th

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

vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au

Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2022

came into effect on 28th 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: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/latest-news/ euthanasia-now-legal-in-nsw



Christmas Dinner - Thank you

Thank you to all who helped make the Christmas Dinner last Saturday another happy Parish celebration. We had around 80 attend and we had our choir of Angels lead us in Christmas Carols. Thank you to our chefs and helpers.

Safeguarding intimate partner violence amongst young people The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children

The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children commissioned a report of its finding of intimate partner violence between 18–19-year-olds in October 2023. The prevalence of these incidences and the results of the study demonstrate the importance of trust and communication with parents and supportive friendships during adolescences.

The main findings:

- 1. Around three in 10 adolescents aged 18–19 years reported at least one experience of intimate partner violence in the previous year.
- 2. Emotional abuse was experienced by one in eight adolescents aged 18–19 years in the previous year.
- 3. Physical violence was experienced by one in 10 adolescents aged 18–19 years in the previous year.
- 4. One in 12 adolescents aged 18–19 years experienced sexual abuse in the previous year. Sexual abuse was more prevalent among females aged 18–19 years than males of the same age.

Supportive friendships throughout adolescence reduce the risk of later emotional abuse victimisation by 36%. High trust and good communication with parents during adolescence reduce the risk of later emotional abuse victimisation by 39% and sexual abuse victimisation by 77%.

FosterCare

Can you help a child feel safe and secure?
There are children in our community who have been through experiences few of us could begin to fathom and who, without our help, will go through a childhood without the love and support of a family. CatholicCare believe all children deserve a safe home, and by providing one we can help them build their self-esteem and develop the skills they need to succeed in life.

We are looking for everyday families who might consider taking a child or young person into their home – to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term. Can you help? Please reach out on (02) 9481 2600 or visit www.fostering.org.au.

Ukraine Crisis Appeal Result

Once again the Catholic Womens' League would like to thank you for your support of the appeal for the Ukraine Crisis. Your Generosity yielded the wonderful and unexpected amount of \$1,500 dollars. This has been sent and was most gratefully appreciated

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."

MORNING TEA ROSTER Please join us



After 8.30 am Mass

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 - 7.1.2024

Group 2 Geraldine Czerkesow & Anne

Cogglan - 14.1.2024

Group 3 Margaret Brown & Robyn Ayers

& Juliet Mathew - 21.1.2024

After 10.00 am Mass

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 - 7.1.2024

Group 1 Joan Kearney, Claudia Hainey &

Robyn Wilmot - 14.1.2024

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.

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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

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
30/12/2023	Server J Tarrant	(EM) R Zadro & M Perry

Sunday - 7.00am

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
31/12/2023	Server M Slattery	(EM) B Brown

Sunday - 8.30am

10/12/2023	Server E Bastoli	(EM) R Ayers & R Lentini
17/12/2023	Server D Southwell	(EM) A Bone & N Barcha
24/12/2023	Server N Carter	(EM) R Lentini & R Ayers
31/12/2023	Server E Bastoli	(EM) R Ayers & A Bone

Sunday - 10.00am

	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
I	31/12/2023	Server N	Carter	(EM) 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



Saturday - 5.00pm

9/12/2023	(1) Lynches	(2) Maureen Reynolds
16/12/2023	(1) Goodworths	(2) Dudley Smith
23/12/2023	(1) McCuddens	(2) Julie Burris
30/12/2023	(1) Dawn Smith	(2) Connie Attard

Sunday - 7.00am

10/12/2023 (1) J Rogers	(2) Helen Arena
17/12/2023 (1) Peter Clayton	(2) John Sheehan
24/12/2023 (1) Robyn Wild	(2) Justine Hayes
31/12/2023 (1) Betty Brown	(2) Sandrea Petith

Sunday - 8.30am

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
31/12/2023	(1) Christine Lovatt	(2) Sue Southwell

Sunday - 10.00am

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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
31/12/2023	(1) C Addison	(2) Jane Robinson

Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster



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

18th December 2023
Barbara Clarke, Nigel Carter,
Pina Maisano & Robyn Lentini

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

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

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Ellen Dodds	Dilan Ayers	Muriel Hayrlow
Jack Smith	Enriqueta Carrarsco	Wendy Gray
Silvana Favetta	Selina Orton	Michael Kokegei
Tony Havelle	Patricia & Frank Aryto	n
Dr David R B Smith (5y	rs) Zofia Bekrycnt (12yrs) Joe Baynie
All Holy Souls	John Mooney	Martha Stephens

Sick

Ray Doyle Michael Vesper	Helen Hawksford Neville Squire	Brian Kemp Peta Smith
Brian Connell	Doreen Cullen	Michael Murphy
Michael Gilbert	Mary Sofia	Bob Clarke
Pauline Walsh	Pat Dodds	Stewart McLean
Pedro Luis Tamayo Jr	Claire Hastings	Zac William
Bill Moore	Anna Smith	Peter Gaffey
Joy Rawson	Mary Smith	Josh Reid
Ken Copper	John & Sue Madigan	Carlos Martinez

Our Parish Piety Shop

Christmas Gifts and Cards.

Christmas Oils of



Gold, Frankincense and Myrhh, made from high grade oils from Doterra and Young Living are still available as a special gift. They are \$25.00, we also have the Story of Christmas in oils called Silent Night for \$30.00

Each have a little stone from the Galilee,

\$500 from our Piety Shop will go to the Christmas Appeal for St Vinnies. Thank you for supporting us. The St Vinnies Christmas cards are **definitely in this week**, they are \$10 a pack.

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

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