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Prayer to St Michael

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness



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

" May we Love one Another, so that all experience a Sense of Belonging "

12 December 2021 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C Joy Sunday



He will Baptise you with the Holy Spirit

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

1st Reading:

Psalm:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia , alleluia

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Gospel:

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Zephaniah 3:14-18

and Holy One of Israel

Alleluia!

St Luke 3:10-18

St Paul to the Phillippians 4:4-7

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

He sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday to Thursday at 7.30am Friday and Saturday at 9.00am Saturday: Adoration till 10.00am.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: Vigil 5pm Sunday: 7.00am 8.30am 10.00am

RECONCILIATION is available Saturday before (from 8.30am) and after Mass (till 10.00am).



Welcome to all our visitors, may you feel at home in our Parish.

PARISH INFORMATION:

Baptisms: Until the end of the year most Saturday & Sunday Mornings, at 11.30 by appointment. Enquiries to our Parish Office to enrol.

Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick: Please ring the Parish Office if you have a loved one who is ill or dying.

Reconciliation: Before and after the normal Saturday Mass (8.30–10am) or by appointment. Ring the Parish Office.

Weddings and Funerals: Enquiries to the Parish Office.

FOLLOW YOUR PARISH ON FACEBOOK OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA TERRIGAL PARISH COMMUNITY www.facebook.com/OLSOSParish

COVID - 19 Requirements Yes we still need to continue:

434 people permitted into the church for each service.

Sanitize your hands before entry to the church and on your exit from the church.

Sign in each time you come to the church. Use the QR code and the Service NSW app. Greeters will assist you, if you are unsure

Social distancing of 1.5 metres between people from other family groups is required. Please be aware and don't sit directly behind or in front of someone so as to keep a safe distance.

Communion on the hand is preferred. If you want to receive communion on the tongue, please wait until the end of the communion line.

In the **celebration of Mass** there can be no congregational singing, although a choir of up to 10 fully vaccinated people can sing.

Funerals and weddings in the church can have 434 people. (The limit is 10 people if an unvaccinated person is attending).

Only those who are fully vaccinated are able to visit the **parish office or hall**. Please register with the QR code when you arrive and wearing masks is recommended.

As **an act of love and a sign of welcome**, let's make our church as safe as possible for everyone. Please stay safe yourself and let's keep each other safe.

If you are unwell or have any symptoms of cold or flu or at high risk of other health conditions, please take care and stay at home.

Celebrants for Sunday Masses

This Weekend 11/12 December 5pm - Fr Vince 7am - Fr Vince 8 30am - Fr Jack

8.30am - Fr Jack 10am - Fr Vince



Next Weekend 18/19 December

5pm - Fr Vince 7am - Fr Vince 8.30am - Fr Vince 10am - Fr Jack



CHURCH CLEAN UP BEFORE CHRISTMAS—HELP NEEDED

There is a list on the table outside the



church if you would like to put your name beside a job you can assist in. 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. Best to phone and check nothing is happening in or around the church.

If cleaning windows sometimes, it is easier to bring your own supplies. Thank you in anticipation.

Piety Stall

We have lots of lovely Christmas things for sale this year for Christmas, including, Vinnies and Magel-



lan Christmas cards, Willow ornaments, cribs 2022 Columban calendars and more.... Wanita has ordered in some beautiful things.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS who celebrated their Graduation on Thursday evening. May they always remember fondly their school days here. God Bless them and their families.

Welcoming our guests

As we continue with the Advent 1:23 initiative this week, please keep praying for the people on your list, and keep offering invitations to Christmas Mass for those people you haven't seen around in a while.

Like every year here in Terrigal, we will be expecting lots of guests this Christmas, and it is important that we prepare to receive them so that they feel welcome as they arrive.

We are called to be the welcoming face of Jesus to others and to show them the love of Christ. Experiencing this welcoming side of our community may be the way that the Holy Spirit inspires our guests and any newcomers into a greater relationship with Jesus.

At Christmas Masses, remember to warmly welcome people as they arrive, in the true spirit of Christmas.

For those who can volunteer as part of a Parish "Welcome Team", specifically as greeters at the front doors or car park wardens/ushers at the Christmas Masses, or if you can give a little time and effort in the lead up to Christmas to help tidy up the Church and the grounds, please contact the Parish Office or sign up on the tables out the front of the church this weekend and we'll contact you.

Annual Christmas Remembrance Service at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Sunday 12 December at 7.30 pm. Also being live streamed

St Michael Mission Society Subscription 2022 Now available for those who wish to continue for their own families or to give as gifts for Christmas. Annual

donation still \$25. A small card of thanks is given from the Michaelite Community. Masses are said weekly for the benefactors especially on Saturday mornings in the Divine Mercy Chapel.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December: Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

R.C.I.A. (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Have you ever thought "I may want to be a Catholic", or heard someone else say that? If you, or someone you know, would like to know more about the Catholic faith, then the R.C.I.A. program may be for you, or someone you know. This program is a gentle, nonthreatening, series of talks with no obligation. For those, who may be interested, a meeting will be arranged to address any inquiries. We will make sure that we strictly observe Covid 19 safe procedures. If you, or a relative or friend, is interested and would like further information, ring Janette at the parish office 43764610 or Betty 43843756.



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The Advent Retreat are on the notice board.

ADVENT REFLECTION & PRAYER

Are you looking a for a way to slow down and prepare your life for Christmas? Why not take up this opportunity to inject some quiet into the noise of this busy time of year.



We will use the 'Blessed' daily reflection books from Wollongong Dioœse Available for you to own at the Parish Office \$4 per copy.

MORNING ADVENT REFLECTION All are welcome to join us for a quiet time of prayer, reflecting on the Sunday Gospel reading for this Advent season. THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30AM IN THE CHURCH

EVENING ADVENT REFLECTION Join us for prayer and discussion on the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading. FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 5:30PM IN THE CHURCH

ALL ARE WELCOME Lets Prepare our Lives for the Lord this Advent



CAN YOU HELP KEEP THIS MINISTRY GOING ?

Our Weekly Children's Liturgy is off to a great start! The number of kids coming along has grown each week and our wonderful leaders say they are having a great time!

We are still looking for teams of two or three leaders to join our roster, on average once a month (or whenever you are available). If you feel called to be a volunteer leader, please contact the Parish Office.



NEW WEBSITE

www.bbcatholic.org.au/terrigal

We now have a new website, connected to the diocesan platform. Please update your records. You might also want to have a look.

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Christmas Masses

For those planning Christmas celebrations, our Christmas Masses are:

Friday 24 December

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6pm	Children's Mass, with pageant during Mass
9pm	Youth Mass (and young at heart)

11pm Mass during the Night, with carols before Mass

Saturday 25 December

8am Dawn Mass 10am Mass during the Day

Sunday 26 December

7amMass (No music)8.30amChildren's Mass10amMass



Online raffle -super prizes FAIR BY THE SEA SUPPORTING PARISH AND SCHOOL

Go to fairbythesea.com.au to purchase tickets. If you are unable to go online to purchase, we are happy to order your tickets online during the week. There will be an opportunity to pay by cash (after some of the Masses or pop into the office).

Thank you to the parishioners who have ordered \$300 worth of tickets since Sunday.

Enquries to Janette 0421416555





ROSTERS FOR SERVERS and EM (Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)

Saturday - 5.00pm

11/12/21 (S) V & J Duverge (EM) R Zadro 18/12/21 (S) J Sheridan (EM) M Perry **Sunday - 7.00am** 12/12/21 (S) P Clayton (EM) B Brown

19/12/21 (S) E Katselas (EM) M Slattery

Sunday - 8.30am

12/12/21 (S) E Bastoli (EM) R Lentini 19/12/21 (S) E Bastoli (EM) R Ayers

Sunday - 10.00am

12/12/21 B Lobo C Addison 19/12/21 (S) P Quinn (EM) J Merrotsy

S =Server

EM = Eucharistic Minister or correctly Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion



ROSTERS FOR READERS OF THE WORD

Saturday - 5.00pm

11/12/21Maureen Reynolds & Dawn Smith18/12/21Georges McCuddens

Sunday - 7.00am

12/12/21J Rogers & B Brown19/12/21S Petith P Clayton

Sunday - 8.30am

12/12/21F Meek C Hartcher19/12/21C Lovatt G Sproats

Sunday - 10.00am

12/12/21M Ellicott & J Merrotsy19/12/21M Conroy J Kearney



Cleaning Angels Roster From the

13/12/21 Viv Ann Chris Marg Alison 20/12/21 Matt Felicity Heidi & Shevan



Has provided us with a services guide for Parishes. Copies are at the back of the church. Please take one home.

Helpers needed at our CHRISTMAS MASS

Please contact the office if you can help

6pm

Parking Attendants 2 needed Welcome table & Greeters 4 needed Collection Wardens 4 needed Readers ok Servers ok Extra Ordinary Ministers HC OK Power point OK Audio Check OK

9pm

Parking Attendants 2 needed Welcome table & Greeters 2 needed Collection Wardens 4 needed Readers 1 needed Servers 1 needed Extra Ordinary Ministers 1 more needed Power point ok Audio Check ok

11pm

Parking Attendant 2 needed Welcome table & Greeters 4 needed Collection Wardens 4 needed Readers 2 needed Servers Extra Ordinary Ministers Power point ok Audio Check ok



8am

Parking Attendants 2 needed Welcome table & Greeters 4 needed Collection Wardens 4 needed Readers 2 needed Servers ok Extra Ordinary Ministers ok Power point ok Audio Check ok

10am

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Second Rite of Reconciliation

During Advent the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in our local churches from:

Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th December

- Gosford Parish Tuesday 14th 7.00pm
- Wyoming Parish Wednesday 15th 7.30pm
- Terrigal Parish Thursday 16th 7.00pm
- Woy Woy 17th Friday 7.30pm



Book Club

God willing our next bookclub meeting will be on **Friday 17th December @ 1600** in the parish office rooms. We will be discussing Sally Reid's book "Night's Bright Darkness."

It is a conversion story; one of a long tradition. "Those close to a convert - she writes in the preface - have to undergo a conversion of sorts themselves." The same could be said for the reader. Many of us who are 'cradle catholics' may or may not have thought deeply about why we are catholic but stories by converts about 'coming home' or 'crossing the Tiber' remind us of our (dare I use the word) privilege. We are nourished by the sacraments.

Many converts came into the church at great cost to their reputations but were nevertheless compelled to make the journey because nothing else seemed reasonable. The lives of John Henry Newman and Gerard Manley Hopkins were not made easier by the walk to Rome. Chesterton and Scott Hahn-both married at the time of their conversion -made the journey without their spouses. Bitter-sweet for sure. (Luke 18:29)

Some conversion stories are from within the church. Sr Miriam James Heidland rediscovered the truth beauty and love within the church from a position of brokenness and darkness. Her 'coming home' story reminds us that no matter how much baggage we push onto Jesus, his love resonates with the core of our being. In the words of a band who has been absent from the music scene for 40 years, she could say "I Still Have Faith in You".

Sally Reid, a feminist anti-catholic poet, converted from atheism while researching a book on female sexuality. The Hound of Heaven finally caught up with her. Her journey to the faith led to the Vatican itself. As Marcus Grodi writes, "we see the fingerprints of the Holy Spirit on a heart once impenetrable hard and shut off". It is a conversion story that is brutally honest but infused with the poet's sensitivity to the 'dearest freshness deep down things'. "I Still Have Faith in You. It Stands Above the Crazy

Things We Do. It all Comes Down to Love." How true is that? **Email Garry for more information at** <u>gazbo2@ozemail.com.au</u>

Prayer Requests Recently Deceased

Elsie Andreazza Mark Angell Jane Schneider Tony Papilo Betty Borg John Mooney Gemma Catelyn Aitkens (4 months) Baby Sonny Blundell Michael Hourigan Dave Proust

Anníversaríes & Remembrance

Ellen Dodds Elizabeth O'Shannessy John Rogers Noel Harriman Selina Orton Wendy Gray Mario Favetta Brian Ayers

Síck

Susan Bonsall Ned Lines Len Freeman Noel Nacua Mike Caruana Kathleen Little Fiona Connelly Warren Smith Wendy O'Rourke Miguel Gonzales Sandra Tagliabue Noleen Sherwood Eileen Ledwidge

Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Project Update

The **consultation phase** of the Pastoral Discernment Central Coast project is now underway.

Each Central Coast Parish and school community have nominated their consultation **facilitator**, who will work alongside their Community Leader (Parish Priest, Principal, CatholicCare etc.) to lead the consultation within their community. Patti Beattie, project facilitator, recently met with the nominated **facilitators** to outline the consultation methodology which will support each community to discern the local needs of the Central Coast region within their community, and resources to support this phase of the project. Our consultation facilitator is Chris Hartcher.



Mini Christmas market We will be selling Christmas assorted gifts, including: home made craft, chocolates, donations of jewellary, gift packs, Gold Frankinscence & Myrhh

(doterra oils), toys, nutri metics, candles, decorations etc etc Proceeds for the sales go to the PNG Missions

We will also have a Parish Christmas Raffle ALL proceeds will be supporting in updating the sound system and equipment neede for live streaming.

Thank you to Robyn Lentini who has done an amazing job of gift wrapping the items, and also creating some of them.

Come and take a look. We also have some set up in the parish office.

Connected in Christ Resource

Each week the Evangelisation Broken Bay team will provide Gospel readings, prayers, reflections and children's

activities for families to worship and pray at home in this extended period of lockdown.

Download Connected in Christ

If I had 10 minutes to talk to the Pope

There is a worldwide program of discernment (consultation) in preparation for the International Synod of Bishops. Its theme is: For a Synodal church – the Church where all journey together.

Have you ever wondered what you would say to the Pope if you went to Rome and suddenly found yourself standing before him? If he asked you what your thoughts are on the future of the Catholic Church, what would you say? This is not idle speculation. The Pope wants to know the views of the people of God. As Archbishop of Buenos Aires he always caught the bus to work. He sat down and talked to ordinary people. He listened to their views. As a young man he worked in bars hearing the views of drinkers. He lives simply and calls upon his cardinals and bishops to do the same – as he puts it, to have pastors "with the smell of the sheep".

He believes that the laity – over 99% of the Church – have a role to play in the development of the Church. He is only too aware of the failings of the bishops. This week he accepted the resignation of the Archbishop of Paris, the effective head of the Catholic Church in France, following a report which showed no less than 300,000 cases of sexual abuse by clergy of children in France over a 50 year period. It was at his insistence that the report was prepared. The International Synod of Bishops which he has called to gather in Rome in October 2023 is to do for the worldwide church what the Plenary Council is hopefully doing for the Australian church – planning for the future in a secularized and increasingly hostile world. But the Pope does not want just to hear the views of Bishops. In many cases, if not most cases, cardinals and bishops are distant from their flock. They are protected by bureaucracies and layers of officialdom.

Hence the Pope's call for a worldwide program of what is called discernment, which first involves consultation. Initially he wanted each country to send their views to Rome by April 2022. He has now extended this to August 2022. Each diocese is required to engage in local consultation and start planning its own submission by May/June 2022. For consultation to be meaningful requires the participation of all those involved. Indeed that is the second theme of the international Synod – "participation". As advised previously, the Pope not only wants to hear from practicing Catholics but from those who are baptised but no longer practice. In Australia almost 90% of Catholics no longer practice the faith in the sense of attending Sunday Mass or receiving the sacraments.

"If I had 10 minutes to talk with the pope this is what I would say....." We would welcome your response. Please send it to <u>starsea@bigpond.com.au</u> to be part of our parish's consultation process. *Chris Hartcher*



We need more Scripture Teachers (Catechists)

Respond to the call or pray for more scripture volunteers and helpers. We are facing a desperate shortage next year in both primary and secondary Special Religious Education (Scripture) due to retirement of many who have served in this rewarding ministry for a very long time.

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.' Matthew 19:14

For more information, please call one of the following catechists.

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

Grahame and Maria Sproats catechist, 0417 279 694 – mariasproats@yahoo.com.au

Elias Bastoli Catechist, 0459 220 408 or email - stolibas@bigpond.com

PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A CATECHIST. We give thanks to all those who have said YES over the years and we pray more will join this wonderful ministry.

Read My Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop 7 December 2021

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Last Sunday I celebrated our annual Mass of Inclusion at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, to mark International Day of People with Disability – 3 December.

Once more it was wonderful and inspiring to welcome people with disability and their families to celebrate their gifts and achievements. I especially thank your friends from the Ephpheta Centre for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people, St Lucy's School, Wahroonga, St Edmund's College, Wahroonga and CatholicCare- Diocese of Broken Bay for contributing to such an uplifting celebration. <u>Read here</u>

