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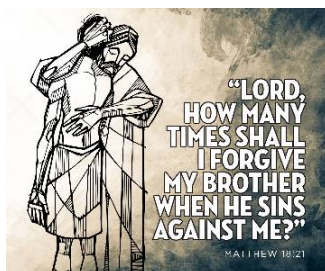
Prayer to St Michael

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.*



13th September 2026

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**

Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.

Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

1st Reading:

Sirach 27: 30-28: 7

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger
and rich in compassion.

2nd Reading:

Romans 14: 7-9

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 18:21-35

Communion Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter
in the shadow of your wings.

Next Week's Readings: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1st Reading:

Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call him.

2nd Reading:

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel:

Matthew 20: 1-16

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday	15	7.30 am Mass
Wednesday	16	7.30 am Mass
Thursday	17	7.30 am Mass
Friday	18	9.00 am Mass
Saturday	19	9.00 am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES - Next Weekend

Saturday Vigil:	19	5.00 pm Mass
Sunday:	20	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.

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First Holy Communion Masses

**Congratulations to all our children
who made their First Holy
Communion over the weekend at one
of these Masses.**

Saturday 12th September
at 5pm

Sunday 13th September
7.30am, 9.30am & 2pm

Enquiries to Janette
0421 416 555



*Prayers and blessings for our children
and their families on this special
occasion.*

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.

St Joseph's Appeal 2026

Helping our retired Priests

We are still inviting you to reflect with gratitude on the meaningful impact made by our priests on our lives, our faith, and our families.

Your valued gift will help to provide for their accommodation, meals, transport, and medical care, enabling them to live with dignity and comfort in retirement.

Envelopes are available for you to simply scan the QR code or complete the details and return to the collection the following week. All donations are tax-deductible.

Please pray for our retired priests and give generously in appreciation for their lifelong commitment to faithful service.

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Piety Stall

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From the Administrator:

1. Magnifica Humanitas - Keeping the human person at the centre

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas ("Magnificent Humanity"), invites us to reflect on what it means to remain truly human in a world increasingly shaped by Artificial Intelligence (AI). The Pope recognises the many benefits of technology but reminds us that technological progress must always serve the dignity of the human person and the common good.

One important message of the encyclical is that technology must remain a tool, not become our master. AI can help us find information, perform tasks and solve problems, but it cannot replace the human capacity to love, make moral decisions, form genuine relationships, show compassion or seek God. Human beings are more than data, productivity or efficiency.

The Pope also reminds us of the importance of truth, freedom and human relationships. In a world where information can be produced and shared instantly, we need wisdom to recognise what is true. We also need to protect our freedom and ensure that technology does not weaken our relationships or diminish our responsibility towards one another.

As Christians, this is not simply a question about computers or new technology. It is a deeper question: What kind of people and what kind of society are we becoming? Magnifica Humanitas encourages us to welcome what is good in technology while ensuring that progress serves human dignity, justice, compassion and the common good.

Technology may become more intelligent, but we must never become less human. Let us use technology wisely while keeping God, human dignity, truth, love and the common good at the centre of our lives.

2. Celebrating our First Holy Communicants

This weekend, we joyfully congratulate our children receiving their First Holy Communion. This is a beautiful and special moment in their journey of faith as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. We pray that they will always remain close to Jesus, grow in His love, and continue to discover the joy of living as His friends. We also thank their parents, families, Sacramental Team and our Coordinator - Janette who have accompanied and prepared them for this important day. May this First Holy Communion be the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Jesus.

Fr John

St. Vincent de Paul

Do you have a few hours to spend each month helping those less fortunate than you?

I have been a volunteer with Vinnies for a few years, and I can talk to you about the benefits for yourself while you are helping others.

If you can't help, you may know others who might like to volunteer.

Call me, Alex, on **0418673858**, and I can explain the need we have for new male and female Members.



Catholic Women's League

Change of date, delegates meeting on Tuesday 15th September at 10.00am at St Mary's Toukly.



Reflection Day Friday 18th September at Delany place The Entrance at 10.00am.

Coffee morning at Breakers on Monday 21st September at 10.30am.

Meeting on Monday 28th September 10.15am for 10.30am.

New members welcome

Colleen Addison - 0425 368 431

Love & Support Prayer Group

All are warmly invited to join our "The Love 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



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

9am-10am Wednesday (School Term Only).

Next week (16/09) it will be set up outside the parish office.

Please register your interest to the Parish Office via telephone or email.

Come and join the fun !

Enquiries to Sarah via the Parish Office



Serra Vocations Mass & Dinner

Our next vocations Mass and dinner meeting will be held on Thursday 24th September 2026 at Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble commencing with Mass at 6.30 pm. Father Paul Durkin will be our Mass Celebrant.

Following Mass, dinner and a short meeting Father Paul will be our guest speaker. His topic will be "My role as Vice Rector of the Good Shepherd Seminary and return to parish ministry".

See notice board for more details.



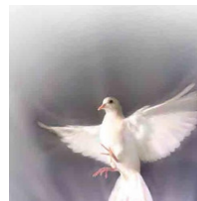
Bible Study & Discussion

Praise & Worship with Bible Study Discussion every Thursday evening at 7pm. We start with Praise & Worship followed at 7.30pm with Bible Study. We are currently studying Romans.

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 to attend.

Enquiries to Elias 0459 220 408



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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The Children Need You and Me!

Phone: Elias Bastoli, Catechist Coordinator – 0459220408
Email: eliasbastoli1@gmail.com

St Michael Prayer Group Mass

Thursday 24th September 2026

All welcome to attend and join with us for Mass followed by adoration and St Michael prayers with Father Thomas.

A light supper to follow.

Enquiries to Janette 0421 416 555



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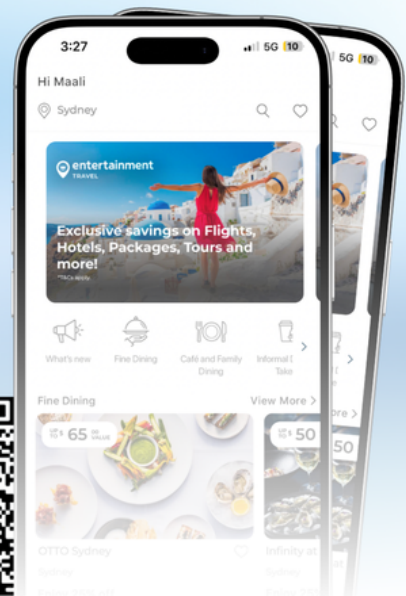
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Taize Prayer

An hour of peaceful meditation, candlelight, music and silence in our church.

Come and experience the beauty of simple Taize Chant, reflective prayer and quiet stillness in the presence of God.

This Sunday Evening
20th September at
6.00pm.

This month's Theme is
"Creton/Spring"
All warmly welcome.



MEN'S BUSHWALKING GROUP

We were a bit disappointed when we arrived at the Piles Creek walk near Reptile Park, to see about 60 school children sharing the area. Great that schools offer this bush experience but seems that not all the students fully appreciated the tranquil surroundings. Lovely to see all the spring flowers coming through now. Lunch held at the Mt Penang Gardens café.

Our following walk is planned for 22nd September. 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.



Invoking Self-Discovery



25 - 27 SEP 2026
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This will be a time for growth and transformation through developing understandings of and engaging in experiences for self-discovery. There will be opportunities to invoke personal freeing and harmony in relationships. You'll appreciate more your gifts and the giftedness of others. Allow yourself to be open to the wisdom within by being with emotional realities, and engaging in poetry, gentle movement, relaxation, meditation and music - all for your wellbeing. There will be space for personal reflection in tranquil surrounds.

Vicki Hancock

Vicki is passionate about nurturing people to well-being and inner wisdom through offering experiential reflective retreats. She has experience and qualifications in meditation, relaxation, movement, mindfulness, contemplation, imagery, soul collage and teaching. She's a practising spiritual director who is committed to her own spiritual journey.



Mary MacKillop
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Confirmation 2026

The sacrament of confirmation is offered to Year 3 children and older.

Enrolments will be accepted through the Parish Office during office hours (9am-5pm). Input session for parents at Wednesday 14th October at 7pm. This session is compulsory.

Parent Child Preparation Support Class
Saturday 24th October at 3:30pm plus presentation

Confirmation Day
Saturday 14th November at 12 Noon and 2pm.

Parish BookClub

Papal Encyclicals have a long history. They generally take their title from the first few words usually in Latin. Occasionally when addressing a particular community the title will be in a language other than Latin-Mit brennender Sorge in German issued prior to WWII. They are a form of pastoral letter sent out to those in communion with the church outlining what the church is thinking on a particular issue. Probably the most memorable of recent papal encyclical was Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae* and the widely read three that Saint Pope John Paul II wrote: *Veritatis Splendor*, *Evangelium Vitae*, and *Fides et Ratio*.

At the end of this month our book club will be discussing the latest **Papal Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas**.



In October we will read J D Vance's conversion story to Catholicism: **Communion**. The book is an important reminder of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum Novarum* and for those interested he is interviewed by Bishop Barron regarding the book.

The last book club for 2026 will be in November where we will be following the tradition of previous years where we bring along a poem or piece of music or whatever that you find elevating.

If any of these interest you please join us on the last Friday of every month in the parish offices at 1600.

Gazboantonius@gmail.com

5pm Mass Saturday Nights

12.9.2026 - No Liturgy
19.9.2026 - Robyn Lentini & Alexandria
26.9.2026 - Eileen Henry
3.10.2026 - Emily & Alexandria Goodworth

Visitors Welcome

OLSOS Craft Group

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

Next meeting is the 16th September.

Communication via text and email.

Group: Cath - 0432 982 622

Office: 4367 4610

Email: starsea@bigpond.net.au



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

Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster

14th September 2026

Mary Bryant, Anna Camilleri, Evelyn Lazzarini & Kerry Oliver

21st September 2026

Wanita Lynch, Julie Roberts & Linda Lee



Volunteers are needed to help clean the church. If you're available to serve, please contact Alison Bone on 0412 729 395. Thank you for your help!

ROSTERS FOR SERVERS & EM



Saturday - 5.00pm

12/09/2026	Server J Sheridan	(EM) L O'Donnell, M Perry, P Ross & A Vilder
19/09/2026	Server V Duverge	(EM) J Costello, S Dunn, L Gray & T Gorman
26/09/2026	Server D Southwell	(EM) L'O'Donnell, G Catanzariti P Ross & M Perry
03/10/2026	Server J Tarrant	(EM) S Dunn, T Gorman, L Gray & M Perry

Sunday - 7.30am

13/09/2026	Server M Slattery	(EM) B Brown, N Barcha J Roger & P Maniskas
20/09/2026	Server P Maniska	(EM) M Slattery, B Reid, N Barcha & J Rogers
27/09/2026	Server M Slattery	(EM) P Maniskas, B Lobo, S Petith, & A Richards
04/10/2026	Server P Maniskas	(EM) J Rogers, B Reid, N Barcha & M Slattery

Sunday - 9.30am

13/09/2026	Server J Tarrant	(EM) R Ayers, A Kopecky, J Merrotsy & R Lentini
20/09/2026	Server B Lobo	(EM) A Kopecky, A Bone, C Addison & K Curtis
27/09/2026	Server E Bastoli	(EM) R Ayers, A Kopecky, J Merrotsy & R Lentini
04/10/2026	Server B Lobo	(EM) R Ayres, A Bone, C Addison & K Curtis

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

Prayer Requests:

Recently Deceased



Bryan Sharkey	Noelene Sherwood	Barry Shanley
Jon Ruhl	Joan Kearney	Ian Mellor
Helena Lechowski	Boni Matz	Joe Fabri

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Mary Browne		
Edward (Ted) Hayes	Chris Gunson	Ralph Goss
John Lentini	Mary Kali	Selina Orton

Sick

Laura Langan	Peter James Portelli	Jean Claude
Jaques Miniassan	David Roe	Therese George-Saad
Barbara Russ	Fred Whyte	Debbie Bell
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	Xenie Star	Marie Campbell
Mary Smith	Maeve McDonald (4yrs)	
Jose Patino	Jane Smith	Greg C
Tracey Homan	Bernadette Kennedy	Joyce Hone
Elizabeth D'Souza	Kathleen Martin	Ron McGuinness
Jackson Howard	Matthew Cooper	Veronica Bishop

ROSTERS FOR READERS OF THE WORD



Saturday - 5.00pm

12/09/2026	(1) Holy Communion	(2) Holy Communion
19/09/2026	(1) Connie Attard	(2) Julie McManus
26/09/2026	(1) Curtis Stephenson	(2) Georges
03/10/2026	(1)	(2)

Sunday - 7.30am

13/09/2026	(1) Holy Communion	(2) Holy Communion
20/09/2026	(1) Jeanette Rogers	(2) Betty Brown
27/09/2026	(1) Robyn Wild	(2) Justine Hayes
04/10/2026	(1) Chris Hartcher	(2) Anne Strong

Sunday - 9.30am

13/09/2026	(1) Holy Communion	(2) Holy Communion
20/09/2026	(1) Jane Watts	(2) Graham Sproats
27/09/2026	(1) Janette Merrotsy	(2) Susan de Brincatt Moffatt
04/10/2026	(1) Vic Wilmot	(2) Anne Mackson

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.



MORNING TEA ROSTER



*Please stay and join us
After 9.30am Mass*

Group 5	Robyn Ayers, Juliet Mathew & Kate Curtis - 13.09.2026
Group 6	Chris Whalan, Viv Ball, Pat & Alison Bone - 20.09.2026
Group 7	Ian & Pat Rimes, Bernadette Wright, Linda & Isabel Lee - 27.09.2026
Group 1	Wanita Lynch, Mary Howes, Robyn Lentini & Julie Tarrant - 04.10.2026
Group 2	Robyn Lentini, Robyn Wilmot & Elaine Cooper - 11.10.2026
Group 3	Barbara Clarke, Sue O'Connor & Eileen Dodds - 18.10.2026
Group 4	Anne Strong, Eileen Dodds, Mary Portelli & Mary Jones - 25.09.2026

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.

Congratulations on your First

Holy Communion.

May the blessings of Christ be upon
you always!





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