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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.



15th November 2026

33rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

1st Reading: Proverbs 31: 10-13,19-20, 30-31

Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
My branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-15, 19-21

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

Next Week's Readings: Our Lord JESUS CHRIST THE KING of the UNIVERSE

1st Reading:	Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17
Psalm:	The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
2nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28
Gospel:	Matthew 25: 31-46

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday	17	7.30 am Mass
Wednesday	18	7.30 am Mass
Thursday	19	7.30 am Mass
Friday	20	9.00 am Mass
Saturday	21	9.00 am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES - Next Weekend

Saturday Vigil:	21	5.00 pm Mass
Sunday:	22	7.30 am & 9.30 am Mass

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 enroll.

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.

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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
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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.

Catholic Women's League

Coffee morning Monday 16th November at 10.30am at Breakers.

Last meeting of the year Monday 23rd November at 10.15am for 10.30am n Parish meeting room.

Colleen Addison 0425 368 431

Baptisms



This weekend we welcome
Lyra Salazar, Florence Ranieri & Bodhi Anderson.

Congratulations and God's blessings to you and your families.

Sponsor a Bible for a Year 6 Student in the State School

Our Catechists do a wonderful job and they are seeking your help. Each year they like to give Year 6 students a hard covered Catholic Bible as a gift for their Graduation. We have 55 students in our local schools who we wish to give a Bible with a note that says - "Sponsored by a Parishioner from Our Lady Star of he Sea".

The Bibles are $20.00 each. If you can sponsor one please place $20 or what you can afford on the collection plate in an envelope marked "BIBLES" or give to Elias or the Parish Office.

We have 11 Bibles sponsored 44 to go !

This helps spread the Good News and encourages our young ones.

Thank you.

Red Wednesday on 18 November - prayer for persecuted Christians

On Wednesday, 18th November, our parish will join the universal Church in observing Red Wednesday. We will offer our Holy Mass especially for Christians throughout the world who suffer persecution, discrimination and violence because of their faith in Jesus Christ. We remember our persecuted brothers and sisters and stand with them in prayer and solidarity.

Those who wish to express their solidarity are warmly invited to wear something red when they come for the 7:30 am Mass on Wednesday. May our prayers bring strength, courage and hope to all those who suffer for their Christian faith.

A Message from Fr. John

Reflection for the 33rd Sunday: Don't bury the gifts God has given you

God has blessed each of us with different gifts, talents and abilities, and He calls us to use them faithfully for the good of others. In the first reading, the Book of Proverbs praises a woman of noble character whose faith is expressed through hard work, generosity and care for the poor. In the second reading, St Paul reminds us that we are children of light, called to remain spiritually awake and ready for the coming of the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the talents. The master entrusts different amounts to three servants, and the first two are praised because they use their talents faithfully. Both receive the same words: "Well done, my good and faithful servant." This teaches us that God does not compare our gifts or achievements; He looks for our faithfulness. The third servant buries his talent out of fear, reminding us that faith must be put into action through love and service. In our families, parish and community, we can use our gifts through welcoming, listening, teaching, visiting the sick and helping those in need. Even the smallest act of kindness can bear great fruit. May we become faithful stewards of God's gifts and one day hear the Lord say: “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

Congratulations to our confirmation candidates

We warmly congratulate all our children and young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday, 14th November. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, may they grow stronger in faith, deepen their love for Jesus Christ and live joyfully as beloved children of God. We also sincerely thank the sacramental team members who worked together to prepare and organise this special celebration. We assure our candidates and their families of our prayers and wish them every blessing as they continue their journey of faith.

A Special honour and commitment of faith

We congratulate our parishioner Elias Bastoli, on his recent investiture as a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. This Pontifical Order is dedicated to supporting the Christian presence and the pastoral mission of the Church in the Holy Land, particularly in the land where Jesus lived, died and rose again. Becoming a Knight is not simply an honour but a commitment to live the Christian faith through prayer, service, generosity and witness to the Gospel. We congratulate him on this special occasion and pray that this commitment will continue to inspire him in his faith and service to the Church. May God bless him abundantly in this important vocation.

Celebrating our dedicated catechists

We are delighted to share that two of our parish catechists, Dawn Smith and Susan Moffat have been recognised with Diocesan Service Awards for their faithful commitment to sharing the Catholic faith with children in our public schools. Dawn received an award for 25 years of service, and Susan for 20 years of service. We sincerely congratulate them and thank them for their dedication, generosity and many years of service in nurturing the faith of young people. May God continue to bless them abundantly for their wonderful ministry.

Parish Office will be closed on Monday the 16th November.

St Michael Prayer Group Mass

Thursday 26th November 2026

All welcome to attend and join with us for Mass followed by adoration and St Michael prayers with Fr Stan or Fr Dominik. This will be the last St Michael Mass and thank you for your loyalty to our prayer each month. We will regroup next year.



The Annual St Michael Mission Society subscriptions are now available for 2027, a number of people give as gifts to family and friends at Christmas or for themselves.

Enquiries to Janette 0421 416 555

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 18th November.**

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



Grandparents' Group

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th November from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Office. The group exists for mutual encouragement and sharing initiatives, ideas and prayer for passing on the faith to future generations.

All welcome. You don't have to be a grandparent to take part.



We meet on the last Wednesday of each month and discuss a new topic.

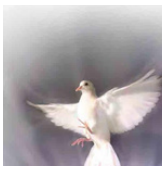
Mass for the Holy Souls, November Mass envelopes are availble at the back of the church. Names will be written into the Mass book at the foot of the Altar.

Bible Study & Discussion

Praise & Worship with Bible Study Discussion has started again and every Thursday evening at 7pm. We start with Praise & Worship followed at 7.30pm with Bible Study. We are currently studying Galations.

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





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.

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.

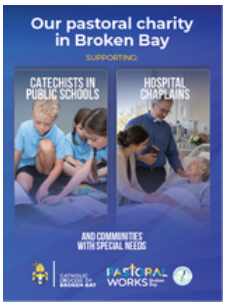
OLSOS outside the Parish Office while school orientation is on. 9am-10.30 am Tuesday

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

Come and join the fun !

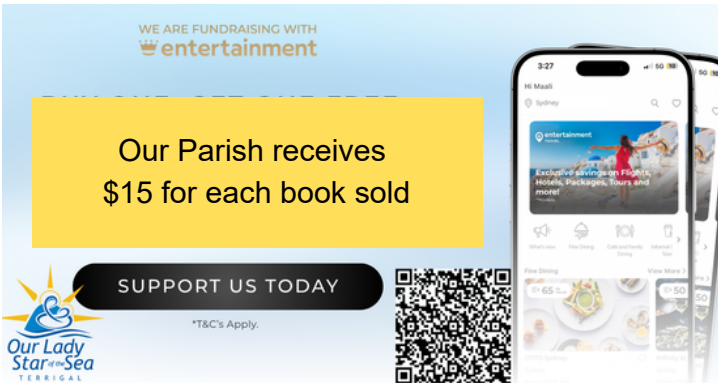
Enquiries to Sarah via the Parish Office

PWBB 2026/27 Campaign Launching in November



A heartfelt thank you to all parish teams for your continued support of Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB). Your efforts in promoting previous PWBB appeals have helped make a real difference across our Diocese, supporting ministries that bring care, hope and practical assistance to people in our communities.

As we prepare for the PWBB 2026/27 campaign, we are pleased to share that the next phase will commence in **November**. With your support, we can continue to build awareness of the important impact PWBB has across areas such as pastoral care, outreach, chaplaincy, faith formation and support for those most in need.



Enquries to Janette 0421416555



MEN'S BUSHWALKING GROUP

Our next walk on Tuesday 17th is planned for Rumbalara Reserve in Springfield. The weather forecast is looking a bit tricky at the time of writing and a decision will be made closer to the date. Several days of rain this week could make for slippery conditions. Coffee shops always nearby.

Our following walk is planned for 1st December. 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.



Parish Family and Friends Christmas Dinner tickets on sale from this weekend.

To help with the success of the evening you may wish to prepare a dish for the evening perhaps one of these on our wish list: potato bake, roast vegies, crumbed chicken, salad, a yummy sweet, slice or your choice please let Janette or Robyn know.

This is always a lovely evening to get together at the end of the year and celebrate Christmas together. We will have a Christmas Raffle which will be drawn on the evening to help our Parish.

We also have a table of Christmas Goods for sale most of which was prepared by Robyn and other "Christmas Elves".



Parish Book Club

November will be the last book club for the year before the break over December / January and as in previous years there will be no set text.
Bring a poem, a piece of music,an art work to discuss -anything that might be enlightening.
As something special for our last meeting of the year we will be gathering at another close venue in a relaxed Christmas style.
In January we have decided to dip into some of the short stories of Flannery O'Connor.
That should be a treat.

Gazboantonius@gmail.com

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.

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This event is not found in Sacred Scripture instead, it's an event recounted in the Protoevangelium of James, which gives a detailed account of the Blessed Virgin Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, bringing her to the Temple to be consecrated to God. Through this event, Mary completely surrenders herself to God, laying the grounds for her "fiat", her unconditional "yes" to God's Will. It prepares her to become the temple of the Son of God. Through this act, we are called to imitate Mary. While we may not consecrate ourselves in the same way, we are called to surrender ourselves to God and to give ourselves completely to His Will for our lives.

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is deeply connected to Christ's own Presentation at the Temple in Jerusalem. Just as her parents took her to the Temple to be consecrated, Mary and her husband Joseph, take the young Jesus Christ to the Temple to be consecrated to the Lord.
In both of these Presentations, the totality of the Blessed Virgin Mary's fidelity to God is revealed, in giving herself and her son, completely to God.

"The incarnation of the word cannot be conceived apart from the freedom of this young woman who by her assent decisively cooperated with the entrance of the eternal into time," Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his Apostolic Exhortation, Verbum Domini. "Mary is the image of the Church in attentive hearing of the word of God, which took flesh in her. Mary also symbolises openness to God and others; an active listening which interiorises and assimilates, one in which the word becomes a way of life." The Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on 21 November, presents an opportunity for us to re-dedicate ourselves to God, with freedom and fidelity.

Children's Liturgy
5pm Mass Saturday Nights
Roster

14.11.2026 - No Liturgy
21.11.2026 - Louise De Sousa & Robyn Lentini
28.11.2026 - Robert Zadro & Robyn Lentini
05.12.2026 - TBA



Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster

16th November 2026
Nigel Carter, Chris Hartcher, Robyn Lentini & James Ferguson
23th November 2026
Jenny Cooper, Carol Clayton, Vicki McGuinness & Graham McGuinness



Please collect the updated roster from the rear of the church. Note that some dates may have changed if following old roster.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for November

For the proper use of wealth.
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that, not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



Position available at Gosford Parish:
Administration & Pastoral Support Coordinator Applications close on November 29th but early applications are encouraged.
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Attending Office ~
Monday - Friday 9.30am - 3.00pm

ROSTERS FOR SERVERS & EM



Saturday - 5.00pm

14/11/2026	Server D Southwell	(EM) L Gray, L O' Donnell, J Costello & P Ross
21/11/2026	Server J Tarrant	(EM) J Costello, G Catanzariti, S Dunn & M Perry
28/11/2026	Server R Zadro	(EM) A Vilder, T Gorman, P Ross & L O'Donell
05/12/2026	Server R Zadro	(EM) J Costello, S Dunn, L Gray & T Gorman

Sunday - 7.30am

15/11/2026	Server M Slatery	(EM) N Baracha, A Richards & B Brown
22/11/2026	Server P Maniskas	(EM) S Petith, N Baracha, J Rogers & B Reid
29/11/2026	Server B Lobo	(EM) J Rogers, A Richards, N Barcha & B Reid
06/12/2026	Server B Lobo	(EM) A Richards, B Brown, J Rogers & B Reid

Sunday - 9.30am

15/11/2026	Server E Bastoli	(EM) M Sproats, A Bone, C Addison & K Curtis
22/11/2026	Server V Duverge	(EM) M Sproats, A Kopecky, J Merrotsy & R Lentini
29/11/2026	Server P Maniskas	(EM) M Sproats, A Bone, K Curtis & C Addison
06/12/2026	Server E Bastoli	(EM) R Ayres, A Bone, C Addison & K Curtis

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

ROSTERS FOR READERS OF THE WORD



Saturday - 5.00pm

14/11/2026	(1) Coral Foo	(2) Lynches
21/11/2026	(1) Julie McManus	(2) Connie Attard
28/11/2026	(1) Georges	(2) Dudley Smith
05/12/2026	(1) McCuddens	(2) Julie McManus

Sunday - 7.30am

15/11/2026	(1) Ron McCarthy	(2) Betty Brown
22/11/2026	(1) Ivy Holly	(2) Justine Hayes
29/11/2026	(1) Betty Brown	(2) Sandrea Petith
06/12/2026	(1) Chris Hartcher	(2) Anne Strong

Sunday - 9.30am

15/11//2026	(1) Janette Merrotsy	(2) Colleen Addison
22/11/2026	(1) Graham Sproats	(2) Jane Watts
29/11/2026	(1) Anne Mackson	(2) Janette Merrotsy
06/12/2026	(1) Colleen Addison	(2) Vic Wilmot



Prayer Requests:



Recently Deceased

Michelle Cooper Catherine Roberts Nancy Newman

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Michael Kokegei Joe Fabri Joan Kearney
Martha Hanna Bryan Collins

Sick

Sheelagh O'Rourke	June Carlson	Deanna Browning
Maryann Paterson	Adam Plummer	Jude (Khoury Family)
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 McGuiness
Jackson Howard	Veronica Bishop	Claire Hey

MORNING TEA ROSTER



Please stay and join us
After 9.30am Mass

Group 7	**Ian & Pat Rimes, Bernadette Wright, Linda & Isabel Lee - 15.11.2026**
Group 1	**Wanita Lynch, Mary Howes, Robyn Lentini & Julie Tarrant - 22.11.2026**
Group 2	**Robyn Lentini, Robyn Wilmot & Elaine Cooper - 29.11.2026**
Group 3	**Barbara Clarke, Sue O'Connor & Eileen Dodds - 6.12.2026**
Group 4	**Anne Strong, Eileen Dodds, Mary Portelli & Mary Jones - 13.12.2026**
Group 5	**Robyn Ayers, Juliet Mathew & Kate Curtis - 20.12.2026**
Group 6	**Chris Whalan, Viv Ball, Pat & Alison Bone - 27.12.2026**

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.





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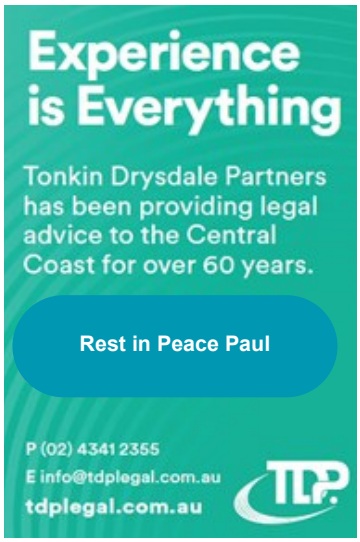





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