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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.



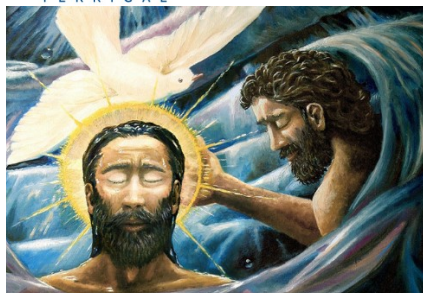
May God rebuke him we
humbly pray; and you,
O Prince of the Heavenly
Hosts, by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all
the evil spirits who prowl
about the world seeking the
ruin of souls.

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*



18th December 2023



**Third Sunday of
Advent
Year B**

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

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

Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; He sent me to
bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia.
Alleluia!

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

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

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

1st Reading: Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12,14,16

Psalm: Forever I will sing the goodness of the
Lord.

2nd Reading: St Peter to the Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

**WEEKDAY SERVICES - THIS WEEK**

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

WEEKEND MASSES - NEXT WEEK

Saturday Vigil	23 5.00pm - Mass
Sunday	24 7.00am / 8.30am / 10.00am
Christmas Masses	24 6pm 9pm
	25 8am 10am

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 enrol.

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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Celebrants for Sunday Masses

This Weekend 16th December / 17th December

Saturday

5.00pm Fr Vince

Sunday

7.00am Fr Vince

8.30am Fr Jack

10.00am Fr Vince



Next Weekend 23 December / 24th December

Saturday

5.00pm Fr Vince

Sunday

7.00am Fr Vince

8.30am Fr Vince

10.00am Fr Jack



Baptism

This weekend we welcome into our
Parish family, Florence Coulter,
Elias Wijayasena. Congratulations



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.

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
Saturday 16th December at 10am and Thursday the
21st December at 10am until 12 noon.

Enquiries to Mel Boffo on 0410 156 963



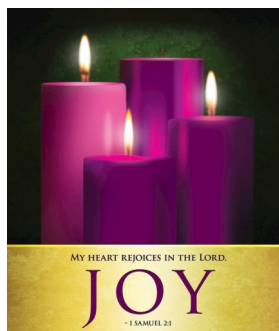
New School Buildings

Representatives of the Parish Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council met on Wednesday with the architect and representatives of the Catholic School Office Broken Bay to discuss the new building project and its impact on the parish.

Preparatory work will begin on Monday 18 December to build piers on the oval. These are the foundations for three demountables which will be moved to the oval and used as classrooms for 2024 while the new buildings are being built.

A site plan and 3D impressions of what the new buildings will look like are on the notice board. If you have any comment, please speak with Fr Vince.

Advent Wreath Prayer: 3rd Week of Advent



Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

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.

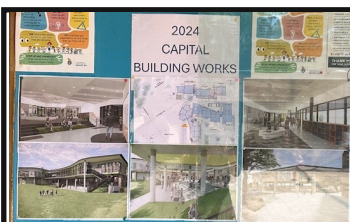
School Holidays

began on Friday 15 December. We hope all students, staff and their families have a joyous Christmas and a safe and re-creative break. If you have any security concerns please contact Knightguard on 1300132775

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



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.

Mary Macs are collecting from the Parish Office next Wednesday for their Christmas Rush.



On their Christmas list:

Microwave Pasta packets. Maggi 2 Minute Noodles, muesli bars, poppers, long life milk and school style snacks.



Terrigal Parish

warmly welcomes you to join us to celebrate Christmas.

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Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th

6pm (Children's Mass with Pageant)

9pm (No Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day Monday 25th

8am and 10am

From the Diocese Christmas Message

Bishop Anthony Randazzo has prepared a **Christmas Message** for all those within the Diocese of Broken Bay. The video is available on the diocesan website at



[Bishop Anthony Christmas Message.mp4](https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/christmas-mass-times) and will be played at all our Masses next Sunday.

Christmas Mass Times for all our parishes are also available on the website at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/christmas-mass-times>

Our Lady Star of the Sea Christmas Carols last Friday



Thank you to all who helped with the set up for the Christmas Carols and to our Christmas Choir. A big thanks to the Goodworth Family and Burch Family for cooking the BBQ on such a hot day.



It was good to see the School children and their families and parishioners coming together to share the joy of Christmas. Santa also joined us giving a little gift to each child.



*This Christmas,
I pray that happiness be at
your door.
May it knock early,
Stay late,
and leave the gifts of
Peace
Love
Joy
and
Good Health behind.*

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Christmas Roster

Readers

Please contact Janette at the Parish Office if you are able to read at either at the 9pm Christmas Eve Mass or at 8am and 10am Christmas Day.

Servers & Extra Ordinary Ministers of HC

Please contact Pauline 0416332166 with your availability for Christmas Eve (Sunday night) and on Christmas Day (Monday)—especially 10am.



Pope marks 800th anniversary of Nativity scene, asks prayers for the Holy Land



The Vatican unveiled its annual Nativity scene earlier this evening, paying special tribute to the origins of the beloved tradition on its 800th anniversary.

The scene in St. Peter's Square depicts not only Mary and Joseph standing beside the manger but also St. Francis of Assisi, who organized the first Nativity scene in a cave in the Italian village of Greccio on Christmas Eve in 1223.

Highlight and open the hyperlink below—beautiful !

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/256236/vatican-unveils-nativity-scene-honoring-st-francis-of-assisi-and-devotion-s-800-year-old-origin>

Remembering the past: Terrigal Parish's 50th Anniversary

My new husband, Bruce, and I attended Mass in Terrigal for the first time when we were on our honeymoon in November 1951. The Mass was celebrated in the old picture theatre in Kurrawyba Avenue, up the hill from where the Crown Plaza now stands. The hotel was smaller then, and called the Florida Hotel, and you can just see it in the back-ground.

After that, Bruce's work took us to Queensland and Victoria, and we didn't return to Terrigal until 1973. Father Joiner visited us, and we tried to get our three daughters into the Star of the Sea Primary School, but there was only one space available. That was the only class we didn't need! So, our children had to attend the State school at Erina Heights.

Our eldest daughter was married in 1982 and Mons Marley officiated. Two other daughters were also married from Star of the Sea, with Mons Marley and then Father Borg officiating.

My husband was keen fisherman, and the very tall pine tree which stood in the grounds of the "church on the hill" was a "mark" for him and other fishers to find a productive fishing ground.

My husband died in 1989, and his funeral was held at that church, I was very grateful to Pauline Maniskas who completely took over the organization of the wake at our house, as I was out of my depth.

Two of our grandchildren were baptised and later went to the old school and, while many parishioners (including me) were sorry to have to leave our beautiful church, realized the parish family had grown extensively, and the children attending the school there really had no playground.

More grandchildren arrived, they attended the new Star of the Sea School, and the school fete was always well attended and lots of fun.

Written by Ruth Moses



Catechists

Last week we congratulated some of our local Catechists for their years of teaching in the state schools.

There was also an appeal for others to join this special ministry. If you would like to join the team as a helper or Catechist next year please ring Cheryl Ryan, Primary Catechist Co-ordinator on 0403123220 and she will explain to you the next step.

Book Club

At the end of January our bookclub will be reconvening as usual on the last Friday of the month at 1600 in the parish offices. We will be discussing Willa Cather's book "Death Comes for the Archbishop". While it is a work of fiction it is based fairly closely on the life of Jean Baptiste Lamy born in 1814 in the Auvergne region of France. With his friend Joseph Priest Machebeuf he volunteered for missionary work in the United States and after a period near Cincinnati became the first Bishop to cover the vast territory of New Mexico. That the faith survived in that part of the world at all is due almost entirely to this most singular individual. It is a story beautifully told by one of America's greatest authors. In February we will be Reflecting on the Psalms with C S Lewis. If either of these books interest you, please join us in our third year ransacking the treasury of great catholic literature.

Gazboantonius@gmail.com

MEN'S BUSHWALKING GROUP

The current weather forecast is for a very hot day on Tuesday 19 December. Even if we start early, it will still be pretty hot and uncomfortable. A decision will be made closer to the date if there are enough walkers still wanting to get out for an earlier morning stroll and which trail offers the best conditions.

We decided to skip our scheduled walk on 2nd January and our next walk will now be on Tuesday 16 January. The start time will be decided once we have a clearer idea on the forecast weather conditions.

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.

MORNING TEA ROSTER

Please join us



After 8.30 am Mass

- 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 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 thank you (donation) box on the table.

Christmas Raffle Winners:

- 1st: Joan Kearney -Hamper & Breakfast for 2
2nd Rob Zadro Art Work by Robyn
3rd: Robyn Lentini French Perfume

Thank you to our Sponsors.

To L'isle de France at Terrigal for your generosity in a voucher for Dinner for two. Won by Anne Cogglan at the Christmas Dinner

Thank you to Crown Plaza for a voucher for breakfast for two, won by Joan Kearney.



Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.

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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 are Tax deductible.**

Children's Liturgy Roster

5pm Mass Saturday Nights

16.12.2023
Robyn Lentini & Alexandria Goodworth

New helpers next year are welcome

We will break now during the school holidays and look forward to seeing you next year in February.

Safeguarding

Christmas can be a tough time for some children and young people because expectations are high and there is pressure from peers and at school to 'have a good time'. As many people will know, family relationships can be fraught, distant and a source of pain. The idealised images of happy families around the dinner table that feature in Christmas advertising and the media at this time of year can be unrealistic. There is a darker side to the festive season that we *must* consider and that is recognising that some children are having a miserable time. Frontline services usually experience spikes in child protection issues in December due to several issues including a lack of finances, custody disputes, parental drug and alcohol abuse, domestic and family violence, and homelessness. The KIDS Helpline 2021 Annual Report recorded a peak of 36% of children contacting them in December requiring ongoing support. Their 2022 report recorded children as young as 5 years of age contacting them. If you know a child who is at risk of significant harm, regardless of whether you are a mandatory reporter or not, please report to the **Child Protection Helpline on 132 111**.

CatholicCare

is here to help and offers a range of services for people in need including emergency relief, financial supports, homelessness and housing assistance, domestic violence support, counselling supports including financial counselling, disability and seniors supports and more. We have a flyer specifically for parishes [here](http://www.catholiccarebb.org.au). Call us today on 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccarebb.org.au for more information.

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
 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.

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 John Macken Jim Diggins
 John O'Rourke Judy Deve
 Rex Sutherland Peter Kilgannon

Anniversaries & Remembrance

John Rogers Ellen Dodds Brian Ayers
 Muriel Hayhow Walters Jack Smith
 Wendy Gray Silvana Favetta Michael
 Kokegei Tony Havelle
 John Mooney Francis Stephens David Waters

Sick

Ray Doyle Helen Hawksford Brian Kemp
 Michael Vesper Neville Squire 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
 Terri Marshall Maryanne Paterson Jack Adams
 John Beston

ROSTERS FOR READERS OF THE WORD



Saturday - 5.00pm

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

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) Sandra Petith

Sunday - 8.30am

17/12/2023 (1) Anne Strong (2) Chris Hartcher
 24/12/2023 (1) Jane Watt (2) Graham Sproats
 31/12/2023 (1) Christine Lovatt (2) Sue Southwell

Sunday - 10.00am

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

Our Parish Piety Shop Christmas Gifts and Cards.



Christmas Oils of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, 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 now also reduced to \$25.00 (from \$30). Each have a little stone from the Galilee.

\$500 this week was given from our Piety Shop 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.

Wedding

Congratulations to Edward Schalit and Claire Singer who were married in our church on Friday.

Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster



18th December 2023

Barbara Clarke, Nigel Carter,
 Pina Maisano & Robyn Lentini

Broken Bay News

The latest copy of the BBN is available at the doors of the church. Please take one home to see what is happening in our Diocese.

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