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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.





Entrance Antiphon:	O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in you salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.	
1st Reading:	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18	
Psalm:	The Lord is kind and merciful.	
2nd Reading:	St Paul to Corinthians 3: 16-23	
Gospel Acclamation:	<b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b> Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. <b>Alleluia!</b>	
Gospel:	Matthew 5:38-48	
Communion Antiphon:	I will recount all you wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most Hight.	
Next Week's Reading	gs: First Sunday of Lent - Year A	
1st Reading:	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7	
Psalm:	Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.	
2nd Reading	St Paul to Romans 5:12-19	
Gospel:	Matthew 4:1-11	
WEEKDAY SERVICES - THIS WEEK		
Monday 20	7.30am - Communion Service	
Tuesday 21	7.30 am - Communion Service	
Wednesday 22	7.30 am - Mass	
Thursday 23 Fridav 24	7.30am - Mass 9.00 am - Mass	
Friday 24 Saturday 25	0.00 am Mass	
WEEKEND MASSES	Monday to Thursday at	
	7am and Friday & Saturday 5.00 pm at 8.30am.	
	7.00 am / 8.30am / 10.00am	
Our now website www.bbestbolic.org.ou/torrigal		

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

Welcome to all our vísítors! 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.



**COVID 19:** Keeping everyone safe we ask you to:

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

Where possible, **keep a social distance** of 1.5 metres between people from other family groups.

**Masks are encouraged** to be worn, especially if you cannot keep a social distance.

**Communion on the hand is preferred**. If you wish to receive communion on the tongue, please wait to be invited to come forward.

If you are **unwell**, please take care and **stay at home**.

Thank-you to everyone for your care to keep each other safe.

## **Donations to the Parish**

Donations can be made at each Mass by putting **cash** in the collection bag; or by using the **Tap'n'Go** machines at the door of the church; or by giving **directly** to our parish bank account:

Terrigal Parish BSB: 062 784 Acc: 100001660

Planned giving **envelopes** are at the back of the church; or to arrange for regular (monthly) **credit card** donations please contact the Parish Office.

Thank-you to everyone who has been so generous to us during the year.

#### Ash Wednesday is 22nd February 2023 Lent begins



Masses will be: 7.30am 9.00am (School, All welcome) 7.30pm

Lenten programmes (courtesy of the Diocese) are available at the back of the church. They include the Gospel for each Sunday with a reflection and personal story.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2023

Catholic Women's League invites all parishioners to join in World Day of Prayer to be held in our Church on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 10.30am. This is an ecumenical Service with other Christian Churches in our area invited.

Our focus this year is Taiwan. Please join us in celebrating this wonderful service followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall.

Enquiries: Ruth Robinson M: 0414 434 856

## **Bible Study and Discussion**

Get to know your Bible: The Gospel of St John

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.

Everyone is welcome to join us at any time. We look forward to seeing you.

For more information ring Elias 0459 220 408

## **Fr Andrew Murray**

will be celebrating the 5pm Vigil and Sunday Masses for us this weekend because I am in the Blue Mountains to celebrate my fortieth anniversary of priesthood with some friends. Please make Fr Andrew welcome. Fr Andrew is only celebrating the Sunday Masses, so there will be a Communion Service at 9am on Saturday and Reconciliation and Adoration are cancelled.

My apologies for any inconvenience.

Fr Vince

## **Communion Services**

Commencing this Monday (20<sup>th</sup> February) a Communion Service will be held two mornings each week at 7:30am. This will usually be Monday and Tuesday but may vary some weeks.

## Lenten Study Group

Follow the path of Christ in the 40 days leading to his entry into Jerusalem, his passion, death and glorious resurrection.

By popular demand we have added (as a trial) an extra session each week, so there will be two sessions:

1. Each **Friday at 11am** commencing Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February (as advertised).

2. Each **Monday at 7pm** commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February (new).

All meetings are in the parish office. Books are available. Come along. Make this part of your Lenten self-sacrifice.

Numbers are important but as Christ himself says: "Whenever 2 or 3 are gathered in my name I am in the midst of them." (Matt 18:20)

## Scripture/Lectio Divina

Please come and joins us on **Thursday's at 10.30am** in the Parish Rooms, as we look at the upcoming Sunday Gospel readings.

A time to be still and come closer to God through Scripture.

All Parishioners are very welcome to attend.

For more information contact: Bernie 0414 653 146 or Parish Office

## Understanding the Mass as Christ's Priestly People

In his first of four seminars on the Mass, Fr David Orr looked at:

- the changes in the way Mary McKillop would have understood and celebrated Mass and our understanding and celebration now
- the guiding principals for our celebration today: full, conscious and active participation .... which is our right and duty ... by means of our baptism
- the Introductory Rites of the Mass

Fr David will be here again next **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 3pm to 4.30pm** in the Parish Hall. The topic week will be the Liturgy of the Word.

Everyone is welcome and all our readers are especially encouraged to attend.

We had 25 attend on Saturday, and it was very Interesting and engaging.

## Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament will be celebrated during Mass the last Friday of the month (where possible). The Sacrament will be celebrated next Friday 24 March for all those who are sick or preparing

## Parish Jubilee, save the date – more news to come!

This year we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of Terrigal / Erina Parish. It was in October 1973; the Parish Priest was Dr Joiner, the Bishop was Bishop Muldoon; and we were part of the Archdiocese of Sydney. Terrigal was originally a station church of East Gosford Parish.

The Parish will be organising a special celebration in October 2023. This is a very different world to 1973 and our Church faces very different challenges. Nonetheless we have much to celebrate and give our thanks to God.

More information will be supplied during the year. In the meantime anyone with photos and memories of the original foundation of the Church is asked to give them to the Parish Office to be copied.

## **Central Coast Secular Franciscans**

are holding their first meeting for 2023 on Sunday 19th February. The meeting will begin at 10:30 am straight after the 9:30 Mass at The Entrance Catholic Church in the Reynolds room.

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to attend this monthly meeting.

Secretary: Gerard Price ofs Mob. 0439 519 018.

For additional visit the website:

ofsaustralia.org.au

# A Prayer for the People of Turkey and Syria

Lord, hear the cries of people who are suffering from the earthquakes In Turkey and Syria.

We pray for the thousands who have died.

We pray for the families who have lost loved ones and for those who don't know if their loved ones are alive or dead. We pray for the first responders, that they

may save as many lives as possible and that they may be kept safe.

We pray for all those who are searching for safety, a warm shelter and food in the midst of a cold, snowy winter.

Please provide them with what they need.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Pope's visit to Africa

The recent visits by the Pope to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan are enormously informative.

Black Africa, what is commonly known as sub-Saharan Africa, is an area of great growth for the Catholic Church. The Church is under serious challenge by secularism in Western countries such as Europe, North America and Australia. However, it has grown at an extraordinary rate in sub-Saharan Africa.

In a number of countries over 50% of the population is Catholic and Church attendance rates are high – equivalent to what our church was in Australia the 1950s and 1960s. Huge crowds, well over 1 million in some cases, seen on TV cheering the Pope are indicative of the church's strength.

Two clear messages emerge from the Pope's visit relevant to us in Australia:

Firstly, his ecumenism. He took with him the Archbishop of Canterbury, the symbolic head of the Anglican Church community and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, the symbolic head of Presbyterian churches. After the Catholics the Anglicans and Presbyterians are the largest Christian denominations in the English-speaking sections of black Africa such as South Sudan. The Pope shows his commitment to sharing the Christian gospel and to gradually dismantling the barriers between the Christian churches.

Secondly, his welcome to LGBTI people. The Pope made clear his commitment that the Gospel is for all and that all are welcome to Christ's kingdom. What made his public commitment significant is the fact that in most black African countries same-sex relationships are still criminal offences. In this sense was going contrary to both local law and custom to so publicly proclaim the Gospel. As he has famously said on previous occasion: "who am I to judge"?

## Catholic Women's League

20<sup>th</sup> February Coffee morning at 10.30am at Breakers.

AUSTRALIA

27<sup>th</sup> February 10.15am for 10.30am start Branch Meeting in Parish Hall.

New members always welcome.

Enquiries: Ruth Robinson: M:0414 434 856

## Catenians- fortnightly walk

This week saw us walking around Tuggerah Lake a distance of 5 km. Despite threats the weather was good. We followed up with lunch at the Long Jetty hotel.

The next walk will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Venue to be advised.

Even if you don't feel up to the walk you are welcome to join us at the lunch which is always held in a local hotel. We start each walk at 10am and aim to finish by 12 noon.

The walking group started with four and now numbers eight. If you are interested you are welcome. To go on the mailing list please contact stim Robinson on:

stimrobinson@hotmail.com

## Pope Francis' February Prayer Intention: For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Download Small Group Reflection (PDF)



## **Parish Key Register**

For security reasons we are required to have an up-to-date key register. All those who possess

a parish key are asked to please contact the Office immediately to confirm that their key is properly registered in their name.

Those who have a key on the old register and do not re-register their key **before 1 March** will be contacted and asked to return their key.

Thank you for your assistance in this important security issue.

Fr Vince

## Vincent de Paul - Workshop in West Gosford

Parishioners who may have some time available to help make furniture for the poor and for sale in Vinnies shops are invited to the workshop from 7.00am to 12 noon 5 days a week.

No experience needed as we can train those interested. Male or female – all welcome. We have ex pharmacists, doctors, sales people and some with trade backgrounds to help us all with the tasks we undertake to make small chests of draws, large chests of draws, hanging racks for clothes etc.

Contact Mick on 0417 384 524

## **Memorial Plaques**

As you can see the first of the memorial plaques have been placed in the shrine area. We currently have seven plaques ordered for the second batch, once we have over twenty we can have them made up and placed ready for Easter. So please, if you are considering to purchase a plaque to remember a family member or friend, the order forms are at the back of the church. Any enquries contact Janette at the Parish Office.



## Name Badges

At our liturgy workshop last Saturday Fr David Orr taught us that the Introductory Rite for Mass begins well before the Entrance Hymn and includes hospitality and the type of welcome that we receive and give as we (and visitors) arrive for Mass. He praised our name tags as a way of know each other's names.

Name tags can be ordered at a subsidized price of **\$10** (normally \$17). It is good to see more and more wearing them. You can choose from safety pin style or magnetic back.

Place order at the Parish Office or the Piety Stall

## **Supporting Parents**

The eSafety Commissioner has released resources to support parents with safe and secure tech gifts for children. For further information and resources visit <u>https://</u> www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources/gift-



Working with children checks are essential and we take this seriously.

Thank to our Catechists, children liturgy team and all who help in ministries for our children.

## **Book Club**

At the end of February the bookclub will be discussing Elizabeth Lev's book How Catholic Art Saved the Faith-The Triumph of Beauty and Truth in Counter-Reformation Art. Part history, part art appreciation, reading the book is a reminder of a comment made by Pope Benedict XVI to clergy in 2008; ' art and the saints are the greatest apologetic for our faith'. The book covers a period of great turmoil in the church. Art became an effective means of explaining the sacraments to a largely unlettered public, and the church enlisted the skill of some of the greatest artists of the era. The book is a real treat for the eye and the soul as Peggy Noonan noted. In March we will be revisiting the author Sally Read who wrote a beautiful book about the Annunciation. For April we will be reading and discussing Rabbi Jonathon Sacks book The Persistence of Faith: Religion, Morality and Society in a Secular Age. If this might interest you please join us on Friday 24th

If this might interest you please join us on Friday 24th February at 1600 in the parish offices. gazbo2@ozemail.com.au

## School Masses

Kinder & Year 6 will prepare and help at our Parish Mass on Saturday 4 March at 5pm. All welcome !



MARY MAC'S WOY WOY Terrigal Parish proud to support

Thanks to all who have supported Mary Macs over the last year.

We will continue to collect non perishables for Mary Macs. Items can be left at the Parish

## **Bequests**

In writing your will, where you can and after looking after your family, please also consider our Parish. Suggested wording is:

*"I give to the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Broken Bay, (ABN 79 031 652 544) as Trustee for the Catholic Parish of Terrigal in the State of New South Wales for its general purposes, the sum of* 

\$\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_ percent of my estate, or the property at \_\_\_\_\_ , or

\_\_\_\_\_ (other specific items), free of all duties, taxes and other deductions of whatever kind.

I declare that the receipt for the same signed by the Bishop of the Diocese, or other designated officer, shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors and Trustees."



#### MORNING TEA ROSTER Please join us

#### After 8.30 am Mass

- Group 3 Margaret Brown & Robyn Ayers & Juliette - 12.2.23
- Group 4 Lee & Kerry Oliver 19.2.23
- Group 5 Chris Whalan, Viv Ball & Alison Bone - 26.2.23
- Group 6 Nancy Carey-Berryman & Susan Connor - 5.3.23
- Group 1 Kaye Parker, Wanita Lynch & Robyn Lentini 12.3.23
- Group 2 Geraldine Czerkesow & Anne Cogglan - 19.3.23

#### After 10.00 am Mass

- Group 3 Anne Strong, Eileen Dodds & Mary Jones - 12.2.23
- Group 4 Ian & Pat Rimes & Eleonora - 19.2.23
- Group 5 Helen Mooney & Denise 26.2.23
- Group 6 June Carpenter & Carmel Peek 5.3.23
- Group 1 Joan Kearney, Claudia Hainey & Janette Merrotsy 12.3.23
- Group 2 Ina Kite, Lyla Cross & Mary Portelli - 19.3.23



It would be ideal to have three people on each of the six teams.

If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Robyn Lentini at 8.30am Mass.

## Volunteers are needed

If you are able to assist and work with other parishioners please consider:

- Helping in Children's Liturgy on a roster for 5pm Saturday evenings.
- Joining a morning tea roster
- Being a catechist
- Church cleaning on a roster NOT the whole church put a small area in your own time in your rostered week.

Some of our generous volunteers are in 2 or 3 ministries. Please help share the load if you can. Helping is rewarding by making new friends and a good feeling knowing you are a making a difference in some small or big way.



#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP LEAD AND ASSIST**

Please consider helping to share the Gospel

Children's Liturgy has started on Saturday Evenings at 5pm.

If you would like to be part of this growing ministry for our children please contact the Parish Office 43674610 or speak to Robyn Lentini 0414766180

You will be placed on Roster with other members of this generous hearted team.

## Lenten Penance

The <u>Bishop's letter</u> on Lenten Penance is on the notice board.

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday those who are fourteen years or older are required to abstain from meat and those who are between 18 and 60 years old are required to fast.

All the faithful are required to receive Holy Communion once between Ash Wednesday (22 February) and Trinity Sunday (4 June) and to confess their grave sins at least once a year.



## Diocesan Lenten Preparation Books

We have been given an extra 75 books as we ran out last week. Please pick up a copy from the back of the church if you missed out. Also books for the Lenten talks are here -\$8.00

#### **ROSTERS FOR SERVERS and EM**

#### Saturday - 5.00pm



18/2/2023 Server D Southwell (EM) R Zadro & M Perry) 25/2/2023 Server P Proust (EM) L O'Donnell & M Perry 4/3/2023 Server J Sheridan (EM) M Perry & R Zadro Server L George 11/3/2023 (EM) R Zadro & L O'Donnell

#### Sunday - 7.00am

19/2/2023 Server M Slattery (EM) J Sheehan & B Brown 26/2/2023 Server G Justin (EM) M Slattery 5/3/2023 Server M Slattery (EM) G Justin Server P Clayton (EM) G Justin & B Brown 12/3/2023

#### Sunday - 8.30am

19/2/2023 Server E Bastoli (EM) R Ayers & A Bone 26/2/2023 Server V & J Duverge (EM) A Bone & R Lentini (EM) R Lentini& A Bone 5/2/2023 Server P Maniskas 12/3/2023 Server E Bastoli (EM) R Ayers & R Lentini

#### Sunday - 10.00am

19/2/2023 Server B Lobo (EM) C Addison & I Kite Server P Maniskas (EM) I Kite & J Merrotsy 26/2/2023 5/3/2023 Server B Lobo (EM)C Addison & I Kite 12/3/2023 Server P Quinn (EM) J Merrotsy & 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

	18/2/2023	(1) Connie Attard	(2) Dawn Smith
	25/2/2023	(1) McCudden's	(2) Dudley Smith
	4/3/2023	(1) Maureen Reynolds	(2) Connie Attard
	11/3/2023	(1) Lynch's	(2) George's
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#### Sunday - 7.00am

19/2/2023	(1) Brian McMahon	(2) Robyn Wild
26/2/2023	(1) Justine Hayes	(2) Helen Arena
5/3/2023	(1) Sandrea Petith	(2) Betty Brown
12/3/2023	(1) J Rogers	(2) Peter Clayton

#### Sunday - 8.30am

19/2/2023	(1) Christine Lovatt	(2) Sue Southwell
26/2/2023	(1) Anne Strong	(2) Chris Hartcher
5/3/2023	(1) Graham Sproats	(2) Jane Watt
12/3/2023	(1) Sue Southwell	(2) Christine Lovatt

#### Sunday - 10.00am

19/2/2023	(1) Janette Merrotsy	(2) Maddie Conroy
26/2/2023	(1) June Carlson	(2) Marie Ellicott
5/2/2023	(1) Maddie Conroy	(2) Janette Merrotsy
12/3/2023	(1) June Carlson	(2) Marie Ellicott

#### Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster

20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Matt Riley, Felicity Riley, Heidi Bridger & Fiona Bush 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Mary Bryant, Anna Fabri, Evelyn Lazzaroni & Kerry Oliver

## Prayer Requests

*For those who request prayers, we will leave the name* in the bulletin for a few weeks, and then will pass the names to our prayer groups.

#### **Recently Deceased**

Joseph Tesoriero Bill Doheny Geoffrey Roberts Elizabeth Ebejer Graham Willis

Leslie Sherwood Marjorie Kay Barry Lemme John Young

Joe Minto Anton Vosila Sandra Bastoli John Alfred Wilson

#### Anníversaríes & Remembrance

Greg Curtis Mario Favetta Leon Maher David Merrotsy Emmanuel & Victoria Sciberras

Silvana Favetta Mick O'[Mally Pat Freeman Heather Maddem John Platek **Beryl Lawrence** Celia & Alan Strong Helen Sharpe

## Síck

Bill Thomson Doreen Cullen Joshua Mc Carroll Betty Fardy Baby Theo Kim Bvrne Jack Dummett

Peter Sereno Blake O'Brien Paul Malone John Goodwin Mary Smith Mark Debenham Baby Michael





#### **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.



#### Masks are encouraged to be worn on the bus.

More bus drivers are required to go on a roster to help in this important ministry.



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