

PARISH OFFICE:

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NEW WEBSITE

www.bbcatholic.org.au/terrigan

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Monday - Friday
9.00am - 5.00pm

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Early Learning Centre.

Co-ordinator:

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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

*“ May we Love one Another,
so that all experience
a Sense of Belonging ”*

**19 December 2021
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR C**



**Of all women
you are the most blessed,
and blessed is the fruit
of your womb.**

Entrance Antiphon:

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just one;
Let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

1st Reading:

Micah 5:1-4

Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we will be saved.

2nd Reading:

Letter to the Hebrews

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia , alleluia
I am the servant of the Lord; may His will for me be done.
Alleluia!**

Gospel:

St Luke 1:39-44

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and His name will be Emmanuel

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

See Christmas Roster Inside

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

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



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.

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COVID - 19 Requirements after 15 December 2021

There are **no limits** to the number of people that can attend services in the church.

Registration is required each time you come to the church. Use the QR code (preferred) or write your name and contact details at the door.

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

Social distancing of 1.5 metres between people from other family groups is **recommended**. Please spread out through the whole church.

Masks are recommended, but not mandatory. Please wear a mask if you cannot maintain social distancing.

Singing by the choir and congregation is **permitted**, however under medical advice, and as an extra precaution we ask the congregation to **wear a mask if you do wish to sing**. This is not mandatory but we seek your co operation to keep everyone safe .

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

All parishioners are now able to visit the **parish office or hall**. Registration is not required.

We still need to register when we come to the church because places of worship are seen as **vulnerable** locations. So, please take care when you come to the church. As an **act of love** and a **sign of welcome**, let's make it as safe as possible for everyone.

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

Celebrants for Sunday Masses

This weekend 18/19 December

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



Next Weekend 25/26 December

Christmas Eve Friday

6pm - Fr Vince
9pm - Fr Jack
11pm Fr Vince

Christmas Day Saturday

8am— Fr Jack
10am— Fr Vince

Sunday

7am Fr Vince
8.30am Fr Vince
10.00 Fr Vince



CHURCH CLEAN UP BEFORE CHRISTMAS— HELP NEEDED

CLEANING



Thank you to those who have already ticked a few sections of the list. It was appreciated to see two couples clean up the two side gardens on the Baptism side and on Mary's side of the church— a big job. Thank you to the hardworking window cleaners and church cleaners. There are still a few areas left if you have a spare hour or two.

Your parish appreciates your effort.

If cleaning, it is easier to bring your own supplies.

Thank you in anticipation.
We do need someone to spot clean the fabric chairs in the church. The cleaning solution is in the parish office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend the following young ones were received into full communion in the Catholic Church.



**Nicholas, Sean, Archie,
Caleb, Tallulah, Oscar,
Julian, Tristian, Imogene and
Samuel**

Blessings on these children and their families.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

• 8:30am MASS •
EVERY SUNDAY
 • (During School Term) •

All Primary School age children are welcome to join us for an engaging celebration of God's Word!

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.

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 Tel: 02 4372 1598, 04 6848 6782, email drcsydney@gmail.com
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The Advent Retreat is on the notice board.

School Holidays

The parish school has begun their Christmas break. Please be attentive to any unusual activity and contact the Parish Office (4367 4610) or Knightguard Protection Group (1300 655 009) if you have any concerns.

Position Vacant: Personal Assistant to the Vicar General

This is a: Permanent, part-time position (4 days per week, 9:00am to 5:00pm)
 Role split between Pennant Hills and Chatswood locations
 To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

Christmas Masses

For those planning Christmas celebrations, our Christmas Masses are:

Friday 24 December

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

7am Mass (No music)
 8.30am Children's Mass
 10am Mass



Online raffle –super prizes

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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.

Enquiries to Janette 0421416555

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ADVENT 1:23

Welcoming our guests

With Christmas not far off, now is the time to lean into our prayer and invitation for our guests. This week, ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in the lead up to Christmas as you invite your family and friends to join us for mass, and that they may receive the invitation with an openness to God's movement in their hearts.

Thank you for sharing the Good News of Jesus with your loved ones, neighbours and friends in this way. We look forward with joy to welcoming all our guests at Christmas! At all Christmas Masses, we will be advertising our "**Summer Series**" that will be held over the January holiday period. A relaxed gathering for morning tea and conversation, exploring our faith and reflecting on our lives. The invitation is for all parishioners and our guests as a further way of connecting people with our parish community, and offering them a next-step (or perhaps a first-step) in their faith journey. **Let's be ready to welcome all our guests in the same way we welcome Christ this Christmas!**

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us'" Matthew 1:23

Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL).

ACSL works with Catholic entities to promote and oversee a nationally consistent, comprehensive, and sustainable framework for the protection of children and adults at risk within the Church in Australia. Learn more about

[Safeguarding Standards, Audit and Review, Resource Hub and Complaints Response.](#)

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.

Social Justice Teachings

Facilitated by Dr Sandie Cornish, the Broken Bay Institute is offering an on-line course in social justice teachings. The course runs over 16 weeks and is very reasonably priced at \$310 plus GST.

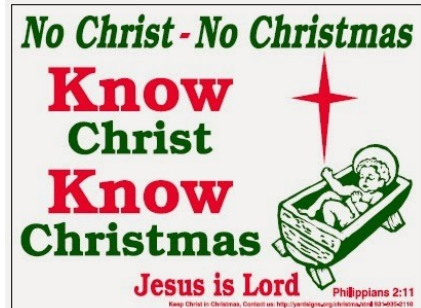
This course would be useful for anyone who works in, or has an interest in, social justice ministry.

The Broken Bay Diocese is offering to contribute towards the cost of the course for those who have a desire to enrol but may not have the financial capacity at present. Please contact the Parish Office.

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



Vox Episcopi – The Voice of the Bishop

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, It was a great pleasure to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood last Friday for all those in my Chancery team and remembering all the men and women who support my ministry – be it in the Chancery, in Catholic Schools Broken Bay or CatholicCare Broken Bay.

I said it had once again been a most challenging and humbling year for all but it was also a year filled with graces and blessings, thanks to the hard work of many people and the Holy Spirit who guides us.

My thanks also to [Read Homily](#)



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

Saturday 19th 5.00pm pm
(S) J Sheridan (EM) M Perry
Sunday - 19th 8.30am
19/12/21 (S) E Bastoli (EM) R Ayers

Sunday - 10.00am
19/12/21 (S) P Quinn (EM) J Merrotsy

CHRISTMAS ROSTER 24/12/2021

6pm (S) P Quinn D Southwell
24/12/2021 (EM) L O'Donnell A Bone
9pm (S) P Maniskas R Zadro
(EM) L O'Donnell A Bone
11pm B Blossom 1 more needed + (EM) 2 needed

Sunday Christmas Day 25 /12 /2021

8am S Imbruglia G Justin M Slattery P Clayton
10am Needed ring parish office to put your name down
EM = Eucharistic Minister
or correctly Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion



ROSTERS FOR READERS OF THE WORD

Saturday - 5.00pm
18/12/21 Georges Mc Cuddens

Sunday - 7.00am
19/12/21 S Petith P Clayton

Sunday - 8.30am
19/12/21 C Lovatt G Sproats

Sunday - 10.00am
19/12/21 M Conroy J Kearney

See Christmas Roster (those who volunteered).



Cleaning Angels Roster From the
20/12/21 Matt Felicity Heidi & Shevan
27/12/21 Mary Bryant Janine
Evelyn Lazzarini Kerry Oliver

Helpers STILL needed at our CHRISTMAS MASS



Please contact the office if you can help

6pm
Parking Attendants 2 more needed
Welcome table & Greeters 2 more needed
Collection Wardens 2 more needed

9pm
Parking Attendants 2 needed
Welcome table & Greeters 2 more needed
Collection Wardens 3 more needed
Readers 1 needed
Servers 1 more needed
Extra Ordinary Ministers 1 more needed

11pm
Parking Attendant 2 needed
Welcome table & Greeters 4 needed
Collection Wardens 4 needed
Readers 2 needed
Servers
Extra Ordinary Ministers

8am
Parking Attendants 2 needed
Welcome table & Greeters 4 needed
Collection Wardens 3 more needed
Readers 1 more needed

10am
Parking Attendants 2 needed
Welcome table & greeters 4 needed
Servers 2 needed
Collection Wardens 2 more needed
Extra Ordinary Ministers 2 needed

Donations to the Parish

Thank-you to everyone who has been so generous to us during the year.
Donations can be made at each Mass by putting cash on the plate or by using the **Tap'n'Go** machines at the door of the church.
Donations can also be made directly to our parish bank account
Terrigal Parish BSB: 062 784
Acc: 100001660

Neighbours Without Borders

is a cross-cultural training course on 9-13 January 2022. It is tailored to develop the awareness, knowledge and skills needed to interact appropriately and effectively within culturally diverse communities. The sessions provide a framework that can be applied to improve our understanding of work cultures, religious cultures, the cultures of different generations, or any sub-culture one needs to understand. As such, the course would be suitable for greater awareness and understanding of cultures within a parish context, for both clergy or parishioners. [Download further information](#) [Download registration form](#)

**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, non-threatening, 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.

Book Club

Restarted on **Friday 17th December @ 4pm** in the parish office rooms. Where Sally Reid’s book “Night’s Bright Darkness.” was discussed.

Why not join us in 2022

Email Garry for more information at gazbo2@ozemail.com.au

Mini Christmas market—last weekend



We still have a few more items on our Christmas Gift table including: home made craft, chocolates, jewellery, and even **Gold Frankincense & Myrrh gift sets -doterra essential oils only \$25**
All sales to PNG missions
Also have a Parish Christmas Raffle ALL proceeds will be supporting in updating the sound system and equipment needed for live streaming.
Drawn 23 December 2021

**Prayer Requests
Recently Deceased**

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

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Elizabeth O’Shannassy David Waters
Malcom Speers (2nd Anniversary)
Deacon David Huntley Jamil Wakim
Noel Harriman Selina Orton Wendy Gray
Mario Favetta Brian Ayers

Sick

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

School Holidays

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Reconciliation

The sacrament will be available immediately after each morning Mass during his week. Tuesday 8am; Wednesday 8am; Thursday 8am; Friday 9.30am.

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 located in the Highlands .

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Live streaming and TV Masses are still available. Please [click here](#) for all the details.

Pastoral Discernment Central Coast

Bishop Anthony has identified the Central Coast as a particular context for a renewed proclamation of the Gospel, for evangelisation and catechesis and for innovative pastoral creativity. He has invited each of us to journey forward as pilgrims and missionaries in a process of pastoral discernment. The project involves both listening and dialogue and will provide opportunities to share our wisdom, experiences, and insights so we understand better how to ensure a sustainable and thriving community.

To enter into this process, we will be meeting as a Parish on **Saturday 12 February 2022 from 2pm to 4pm** in the parish hall.

Six themes have been identified for pastoral discernment. We will break into groups to discuss all six at our meeting on the 12th. The themes are:

1. Walking together – Guided by the Holy Spirit helping us to discover and share the variety of gifts, charism, and ministries of our communities.
2. Listening – Having an open heart and mind to hear what others are saying.
3. Sharing the story – Allowing all to express themselves, to be heard, and to speak with authentic courage.
4. Participation in mission – An invitation to participate and journey together as pilgrims and missionary people of God.
5. Dialogue with others – Dialogue requires perseverance and patience to enable mutual understanding.

Moving forward – Allowing for participation in mission, formation for all, and opportunities to engage in dialogue.

On **Saturday 26th February** we plan to meet again to have feedback and discussion about all the themes.

More details as the meetings get closer.

Scripture Teachers (Catechists)

Respond to the call or pray for more scripture teachers and helpers for our Public schools.

Next year we need more Catechists 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 – bondi-two@bigpond.com

or
Grahame and Maria Sproats catechist, 0417 279 694 – mari-asproats@yahoo.com.au

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



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