

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA TERRIGAL



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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

11th July 2021

First Reading : Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, “Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king’s sanctuary and a royal temple.” Amos answered Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel.” The Word of the Lord

Psalm 85 Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation

Second Reading : Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth. ¹¹ In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s possession, to the praise of his glory. The Word of the Lord

Gospel : St Mark 6:7-13



AND JESUS CALLED TO HIM THE TWELVE, AND BEGAN TO SEND THEM OUT TWO BY TWO, AND GAVE THEM AUTHORITY OVER THE UNCLEAN SPIRITS. (MARK 6:7)

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic.

He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord

SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENTS

YEAR 4 OR OLDER

A Catch-up program has been organized for primary school (Year 4 and over), high school students and adults who have missed out on making any of the sacraments.

This was a result of enquiries from parents.

ENROLMENT

We will begin enrolling **Year 4 and over** for the Sacrament of **Reconciliation** (or **Confession**) on the weekend of **24th / 25th July** after the 5pm Mass Saturday and after the 8.30am and 10.00am Masses.

Please pass this information on to late primary, high school students or adults, who have somehow missed out.

If you wish to support Fr Vince and Janette on the Sacramental team, please contact the parish office.

FORMATION

Parent / child sessions will be

- **Saturday 7 August at 3.30 to 4.30pm**
- **Saturday 14 August at 3.30 to 4.30pm**

The Sacrament will be celebrated on Friday 20 August, with appointments for each child / family 4pm to 6.30 pm .

We will then lead this group and any others who have missed out, through a program to receive First Holy Communion in September.

We pray that many children will enrol and we stay COVID free so this can continue as planned.

Any enquiries to Janette 0421416555

Churches still closed Lockdown

With the NSW Government extending the Sydney lockdown until 17 July, our churches in Broken Bay remain closed. Some parishes are live streaming Mass, (please right click) [click here](#) for all the details.

Mass for You at Home

This Sunday, 11 July, Broken Bay Clergy and staff are featured on "Mass For You at Home".

Fr Chima Oforfrom Lower North Shore Parish will be celebrating the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass, with Kelly Paget and PJ Almendras reading.

Sunday, 25 July 2021, has been designated by Pope Francis, as the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (Ord Time 17). It coincides with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, on July 26.

Occurring in the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family 2021-22 with the theme, 'I am with you always', the day draws attention to the vital role grandparents and the elderly play in our communities and in the mission of the Church.



Thank you to those who have advised us of changing envelopes to credit cards or debit cards. There is no time limit for this if you still want to choose this mode.

Thank you also for using the Parish Mail Box in the door to the Parish Office while the lockdown is happening.

Get to know your fellow parishioners and make friends.

How about meeting some of our parishioners and get to know each other, not just by face from Saturday/Sunday Masses, but by having dinner with them at a club.

That is what we do at our Catenian's meetings.

You are invited to dinner, Thursday 15th July 2021 at Davistown RSL. 6:45 pm for dinner at 7:00. We also have a guest speaker just to make it more interesting. Speaker for July to be notified. This forum allows us to meet, socialise, share experiences, and support each other. It is a great opportunity to enjoy the company of likeminded friends from our parish and nearby parishes'. A 2-course dinner with wine is \$30ea. **Please RSVP Monday 13th July, to one of the following.**

Elias: 0459 220 408 or eliasbastoli1@gmail.com

June: 0428 253 759 or junecarlson37@gmail.com

Paul & Christiane: 0498 011 817 or Paulcaboche@gmail.com



The Catenians
Faith-based friendship

A big thank you from

MARY MAC'S at Woy Woy.

We got a call at the parish office on Thursday to say thank you to the parishioners who continue to provide food items through the parish office.

Around 70 people needing assistance are coming daily to a COVID free environment for a lunch and also some for a shower and washing facilities.

I asked what are the most needed food items at the moment ? The answer –any of the following: Poppers, small bottles of water, long life milk, pasta , rice and **most important during winter**—Heinze *Big Eats* canned meals. They have a pull top lid, which is convenient for the needy. Also cans of tuna, mini packs of snacks, biscuits, chips. Eggs, apples, oranges. Anything spare in the pantry that can be used for lunch—will be appreciated.

Please leave items in the box outside the parish office. Thank you to Eddy who assists in delivering for us each week.



Catholics globally are urged to give thanks for the efforts of maritime workers and pray for their health, safety and wellbeing as the Church celebrates Sea Sunday. Parishes and Church ministries in Australia are among those that mark Sea Sunday on the second Sunday in July.

The Sea Sunday Appeal is also launched annually each Sea Sunday, inviting people to donate to the work of Stella Maris supporting seafarers around the country.

More information about Sea Sunday, the Sea Sunday Appeal and the Stella Maris ministry in Australia can be found at:

<https://stellamarisaustralia.org>

Spiritual Corner:

Feasts and saints of the week:

Monday 12 Saints Louis & Zélie Martin

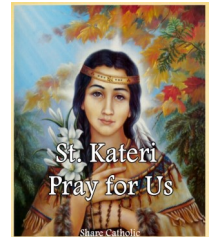
On October 18, 2015, Pope Francis canonized Louis and Zélie Martin, the parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. This is the first husband and wife to be canonized together, emphasizing their cooperation with the graces of the sacrament of matrimony. The Church celebrates their feast as an Optional Memorial on July 12.



Tuesday 13 St Henry

Wednesday 14 S Kateri Tekakwitha

Kateri was born in 1656 near the town of Auriesville, New York, the daughter of a Mohawk warrior. She was baptized by Jesuit missionary Fr. Jacques de Lambertville on Easter of 1676 at the age of twenty. She devoted her life to prayer, penitential practices, and the care of the sick and aged in Caughnawaga near Montreal (where her relics are now enshrined). She incurred the hostility of her tribe because of her faith. She was devoted to the Eucharist, and to Jesus Crucified, and was called the "Lily of the Mohawks." She died in 1680 and was beatified June 22, 1980 — the first native American to be declared "Blessed." She was canonized on October 21, 2012.



Thursday 15 St Bonaventure bishop

Bonaventure, born Giovanni di Fidanza, was an Italian medieval Franciscan, scholastic theologian and philosopher. The seventh Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor, he was also Cardinal Bishop of Albano. He was influenced by St Augustine of Hippo



Friday 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

A traditional prayer:

O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me this my necessity.

O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to help me in this necessity; there are none that can withstand your power.

O, show me herein you are my Mother, O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times)

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times)



Prayer against the COVID 19

Mary, Help of Christians, we fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

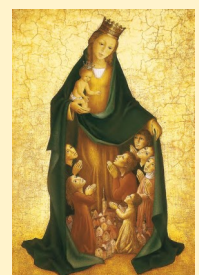
Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of God's holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen



Parish Hall

The renovations of the kitchen in the hall have begun and we hope to have most of the work finished before school returns. There will be limited use of the hall till then.

The renovations are being paid for by a government grant of \$25,000. Thanks to those who did the work to obtain these funds. It will cost more than this, so the extra (up to \$25,000) is being paid for by money raised by the "Fair by the Sea". Thanks to all the work put into this fund-raiser in previous years.

Security

Please be attentive to any security concerns during the school holidays. If you see anything unusual, please let us know at the parish office. The CCTV records most activity on the site.

School Holidays

We hope the staff and students had a good break over the last two weeks. Students will not be attending school this week but will continue learning from home. Please keep teachers, students and parents in your prayers.

Recently Deceased

Adam Meaney Tony Sweeney Tony Saad Margaret O'Shea
Fr Tony Simari Arturo Canillas Clem Gorman Heather Hort
Maria Ferraro Brian Tracey Mario Favetta

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Ronald Jeltos James Dodds Holy Souls Barbara Merrotsy

Sick

Sue Southwell Noleen Sherwood Daphne Beasley
Jenny Imbruglia Ronald Jeltos

Website

We have a new website that aligns with Diocesan web provider. The link is <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/terrigan>

The website needs a lot of additions and editing, but that is something that we are now able to do from the parish office and a task to keep us busy during the lockdown. Please have a look to see what it is like

Strategic Plan for our Catholic Schools

Bishop Anthony launched the next phase of the Towards 2025 detailed Strategic Plan for Catholic Schools Broken Bay. The integrated plan outlines five key goals with objectives and prioritised initiatives in line with the vision Bishop Randazzo has laid out for Catholic education in the Diocese.

Liturgy Team

We are looking for parishioners who would like to be part of re-starting a Liturgy Team in the parish.

The purpose of such a team is to help organize our Masses, celebrations of seasons, feast days etc. during the year.

The team would meet about once a month and sub-committees would need to be created to organise seasons such as Lent-Easter and Advent-Christmas and feast days such as Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Music, servers, readers, collectors, decorating the church etc would all stay responsible for their own ministry but also, in some ways, come under this Team.

If you are interested please contact the parish office or speak with Fr Vince.

Parish Book Club

The next book to be tackled is a conversion story, "Night's Bright Darkness" It is brilliantly and beautifully written by Sally Read. We hope you can join us on the last Friday of the month.

If you are interested, and wish to join please contact Garry 0414192833 or gazbo2@ozemail.com.au

CatholicCare Foster Care Campaign

There are children in our community who have been through experiences few of us could begin to imagine and without our help, will go through a childhood without the love and support of a family.

CatholicCare are looking for families across our parishes who might consider taking a child or young person into their home - to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term. All carers receive 24/7 support, ongoing training and financial support to cover the care and living costs of the child or young person. If you have space in your home and room in your heart, please reach out now. Call (02) 4320 7777 or visit www.fostering.org.au

Plenary Council

Vincent Long is the Bishop of Parramatta which shares a boundary with own diocese. He is the son of Vietnamese boat people and an outstanding example of the success of Australia's immigration and refugee program .

On 30 June he gave an address titled: **"My Hope for the Plenary Council."**

The following are excerpts from his address. They are in two parts. The first part is the need for reform, the second part, published next week, are the proposed solutions.

The need for reform

With a few months to the first session of the long-awaited plenary council we are finally headed down the home stretch. By and large there has been considerable goodwill, enthusiasm and even a sense of hope for the future of the church in Australia in the post royal commission period.

For a country of about 5 million nominal Catholics, the initial response was quite remarkable. Perhaps, for many of the disenfranchised, it is the last throw of the dice.

He quotes one commentator: "Catholicism must grow up beyond the parochial to the global, beyond one system and one tradition, to a broader way of looking at life and its moral, spiritual and ethical frameworks."

The Bishop says approvingly: This is the kind of stretching of the imagination and dreaming of the transformation of the Church that many Catholics are thirsting for. Few Catholics have any appetite left for cosmetic changes, mediocrity or worst, restorationism dressed up as renewal.

We have struggled under the weight of the old clerical paradigm of clerical order, control and hegemony with a penchant for triumphalism, self referential pomp and smugness. We yearn for a church that commits to a God-oriented future of equal discipleship, relational harmony, wholeness and sustainability.

Australian Catholics are growing up beyond the passive. Yes, it is true that we have been humbled and reduced to near irrelevancy by the sexual abuse crisis. The Royal commission has served as a necessary wake up call for Australian Catholics. This has brought about a heightened level of consciousness and an unprecedented momentum for deep reform. Nothing less than a root – to – branch reform that will align our hearts and minds to the Gospel will do.

What the church needs is not simply a renewal, rather what we desperately need is an inner conversion, a radical revolution in our mindsets and patterns of action. Re-founding as opposed to renewal. Unless we genuinely repent of institutional failures and unless we convert to the radical vision of Christ and let it imbue our attitudes, actions and pastoral practices, we will not be able to restore confidence and trust in the church.

Conversion is one of the key areas on the agenda of the plenary council. It is framed in terms of our openness to learn and meet the needs of the world we live in. As a result, questions revolve around our engagement with First Nations peoples, with the marginalised and the vulnerable. However, one wonders if conversion needs to be framed not just in terms of our openness to learn but also in terms of our examination of the churches attitude and treatment of racial minorities, women, LGBTQ + individuals and others.

Until we have the courage to admit the old ways of being church, which is steeped in a culture of clerical power, dominance and privilege, we cannot rise to Christ-like ways of humility, inclusivity compassion and powerlessness.

Christians in the post royal commission are like the Jews after the exile. The future of the church, like the New Jerusalem that the exiled prophets often speak of, will not be revitalised by way of simply repeating what was done in the past. It will not be simply a restoration project or doing the old things better. Rather, we must have the courage to do new things; we must be open to the Spirit leading us to new horizons even as we tend to revert to the old ways.

Many Catholics hope that the plenary council will see a change in a number of priority issues such as greater inclusion of the laity, the role of women, clerical celibacy and others. While it is important that there is an openness and boldness to discuss these matters, what is more important is to envisage a new way of being church in the world.

The model of the church based on clerical hegemony has run its course. Insofar as it is deeply embedded in the patriarchal and monarchical structures, it is incapable of helping us to meet the needs of the world and the culture in which we live. We have moved out of the age of absolute monarchs. We are on this side of the secular state and the rise of democracy. Yet the deeply entrenched patriarchal and monarchical structures of the church have failed to correspond with our lived experience. For the church to flourish, it is crucial that we come to terms with the flaws of clericalism. What is urgent is it we need to find fresh ways of being church and fresh ways of ministry and service for both men and women disciples.

New wine into new wineskins!