

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA TERRIGAL



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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

18th July 2021

First Reading : Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the pastors, that destroy and tear the sheep of my pasture, saith the Lord. *Therefore thus saith the Lord the God of Israel to the pastors that feed my people: You have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold I will visit upon you for the evil of your doings, saith the Lord.* And I will gather together the remnant of my flock, out of all the lands into which I have cast them out: and I will make them return to their own fields, and they shall increase and be multiplied. And I will set up pastors over them, and they shall feed them: they shall fear no more, and they shall not be dismayed: and none shall be wanting of their number, saith the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading : Ephesians 2:13-18

But now in Christ Jesus, you, who some time were afar off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ. *For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and breaking down the middle wall of partition, the enmities in his flesh: Making void the law of commandments contained in decrees; that he might make the two in himself into one new man, making peace; And might reconcile both to God in one body by the cross, killing the enmities in himself. And coming, he preached peace to you that were afar off, and peace to them that were nigh. For by him we have access both in one Spirit to the Father.*

The Word of the Lord



**HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM,
BECAUSE THEY WERE AS SHEEP
WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.**

Gospel : St Mark 6:30-34

And the apostles coming together unto Jesus, related to him all things that they had done and taught. *And he said to them: Come apart into a desert place, and rest a little. For there were many coming and going: and they had not so much as time to eat. And going up into a ship, they went into a desert place apart. And they saw them going away, and many knew: and they ran flocking thither on foot from all the cities, and were there before them. And Jesus going out saw a great multitude: and he had compassion on them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.*

The Gospel of the Lord

The Domestic Church

The first few days of lockdown, I must admit, seemed like a bit of a holiday. There were no cases of COVID-19 in the Central Coast and I enjoyed not having to be up early for Mass each morning, or to be preparing homilies, attending meetings etc. But by the second week I was missing being with the people of our parish and doing all those things which fill my life and make us church.

There is a temptation to keep on doing these familiar things in a COVID-safe way, like live-streaming Mass and having Zoom meetings. But there are many ways for us to be church. And while the Eucharist is central to who we are, live-streamed Mass is a poor substitute for the real thing; and when we are able to return to the church, it can become an easy option to watch Mass at home and not return to the community.

Rather than staying with what is familiar, I want to suggest that we use this time of lockdown as an opportunity for us to rediscover the grace of the family home as the “domestic church”. This requires a shift in the way we think to recognise: *We are the Church. Our home is a holy place. Our table is a sacred gathering place. Our family Bible is the Word of God. And we are ministers to each other.* This time gives us an opportunity to re-imagine our home and our family as Church in a way that can be transformative for us in the long run.

Pope Francis reminds us of the importance of our homes when he says that *the Lord’s presence dwells in real and concrete families, with all their daily troubles and struggles, joys and hopes.*

And although this idea of the domestic church may be unfamiliar to us, it is not new or only a response in a time of crisis. It was the experience of the early Church (*Acts 2:46, Romans 16:5*) and promoted at the Vatican Council (*Lumen Gentium 11*), by John Paul II (*Familiaris Consortio 43*) and by Pope Francis’ Synod on the Family (*Amoris Laetitia*).

The way we pray as the domestic church does not have to be foreign to us.

We can take the readings for Mass and reflect on them and pray. These are easily accessible on the internet from sites such as:

<https://www.catholicgallery.org/mass-reading/daily-mass-readings-2021/>

What did you notice in the readings? Share this with the others at home. Be amazed at the different ways of looking at the same readings.

We can write and share our own Prayers of the Faithful. *Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.*

The rosary is a traditional and always popular prayer. If you are not sure how to pray it, go to:

<https://www.rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/rosary/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>

Don’t forget the five luminous mysteries.

And a few weeks ago I preached about a simple way of praying: to sit still, breath in and out, in and out, and to say the name of Jesus as you exhale. For more on this prayer go to:

<https://catholicexchange.com/pray-the-jesus-prayer-wherever-you-are>

Let us not miss out on this unique opportunity by waiting passively to return to the church building and back to how things were. We will be back in the church for Sunday Mass but let us use the time till then to recognise the place our homes and families have in proclaiming the Gospel.

To learn more about the Domestic Church, read *The Hour of the Domestic Church is Now* by Teresa Pirola at: <https://marriageresourcecentre.org/the-hour-of-the-domestic-church-is-now/>

For those who wish, *Daily Mass* is live-streamed from Hornsby Cathedral each day at 7am and on Sunday at 9.30am. Go to:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/hornsby/mass-times/mass-live>

And to watch the daily *Mass on Demand* from North Sydney Parish, go to: www.youtube.com/user/cathnews

And for those who want more information about our catholic world, [CathNews](#) is a free daily email that gives six or eight stories from Australia and around the world. It also has links to many Catholic resources.

Fr Vince

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.

Recently Deceased

Ivan Kopecky Frank Sprakel Adam Meaney Tony Sweeney
Tony Saad Fr Tony Simari Clem Gorman Mario Favetta
Stanley Nolan

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Ronald Jeltos James Dodds Holy Souls Colleen Smith

Sick

Sue Southwell Maria Emmi Noleen Sherwood Daphne Beasley
Sean Mc Evoy

Have you checked out our new Website ?

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

Please have a look to see what it is like. Also, if many people go to it, the Google algorithm will make it come up when visitors come looking for us. The website still needs a lot of additions and editing, which will come in time.

SmartLoving Programs



The Marriage Resource Centre is here to support your parish in ministering to married and engaged couples through our online SmartLoving programs.

From July 16 to 31 August we are offering our online course **SmartLoving Fertility** at **50% off the rrp of \$29** to coincide with **Natural Fertility Awareness Week**.

A big thank you from MARY MAC'S at Woy Woy.

Thank you for your continued help.

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.

The most needed food items at the moment are: Poppers, small bottles of water, long life milk, pasta, rice and **most important during winter**—Heinz *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 outside the parish office.

Thank you to the shopping angels this week!



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LAUDATO SI' Excerpt Paragraph 98 ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME:

Pope Francis wrote: 'The Lord was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world.'

A response to Laudato Si' for the family:

- ◆ Use rechargeable batteries.
- ◆ Stop unwanted mail by opting out of junk mail eg catalogues, coupons, credit card offers, circulars.

Suggested Websites: social.justice@vinnies.org.au
www.stfrancis.org.au justiceandpeace.org.au ;
socialjustice.catholic.org.au; bbcatholic.org.au

Next Social Justice meeting (if Covid restrictions allow)
1pm Thursday 12th August.

Parish Finances

With no Masses, we have no collections. These are our main source of income and we still need your support. You can contribute online to the parish account:

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You can also have an amount debited from your card each month. Please contact the parish office (4367 4610) to make the necessary arrangements.

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Extract from the Covid Prayer

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

SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENTS

YEAR 4 OR OLDER

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD !!!

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.

ENROL NOW

We will begin enrolling Year 4 and over for the Sacrament of **Reconciliation** (or **Confession**) - **JUST RING THE PARISH OFFICE** or email application form on the parish web Site.

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 , 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”

It will be broadcast on Channel 10 at 6.00am Sunday, and is available to watch on [YouTube](#).



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.

Happy Feast day to all the Grandparents in our parish. Website (right click on to open)

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My Hope for the Plenary Council. By Vincent Long, Bishop of Parramatta.

Last week's parish bulletin outlined some of the views of the highly respected Bishop Long. The Bishop's views are continued below:

The Bishop drew attention to the recent Synod of the Amazonian bishops, representing ten countries in South America which contains over one third of the world's Catholics. The Bishop quoted the Synod:

"It is urgent for the church to promote and confer ministries for men and women in an equitable manner. It is the church of baptised men and women that we must strengthen by promoting ministeriality and above all, the awareness of baptismal dignity."

The Bishop goes on to say: The church cannot have a better future if it persists in the old paradigm... So long as we continue to exclude women from the church's governance structures, decision-making processes and institutional functions we deprive ourselves of the richness of our full humanity. So long as we continue to make women invisible and inferior in the church's language, liturgy, theology and law we impoverish ourselves. Until we have fully incorporated the gift to women... we will not be able to fully energise the life of the church.

In the world where the rules are made by the strong and the structures of power favour the privileged, the church must be true to its founding stories and responsive to the living presence of God. It must find ways to promote a community of equals and empower men and women disciples to share their gifts for the growth of the kingdom. The church cannot have a prophetic voice in society if we fail to be the model egalitarian community where those disadvantaged on account of their race, gender, social status and disability find empowerment for a dignified life.

The way of being church has evolved over the centuries. When, after centuries of persecution, Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire, the early tradition of an egalitarianism gave way to a clerical and hierarchical governance system. Throughout the long history of Christianity and up to the second Vatican Council the church... was steeped in clericalism. Ministries gradually became the domain of the ordained. Even the ancient Ministry of Deacon became a casualty of the process. The shift towards the celibate priesthood... effectively deprived the church of the richness of ministries as attested by the New Testament.

Now Pope Francis has made two recent important decisions. In January this year he opened to women the lay ministries of lector and acolyte, previously restricted to men. Then a few weeks ago he established the installed ministry of the catechist.

The Pope called for men and women to be active participants in the life of the Christian community.

We are at a point in history where all the indications point to a perfect storm: sexual abuse crisis, near total collapse of active participation, loss of credibility, a shrinking pool of clerical leadership. This monumental crisis has exposed the weakness and unsustainability of the clericalist model. We must take up the call issued to Saint Francis, "Go and rebuild my church that is falling into ruins."

It humbles us to know that God is with us in the mess and even in the perceived irrelevancy of the church. It comforts us, too, to know that the church was not at its best when it reached the heights of its power.

It was the church of the catacombs that shone forth its best rays of hope ironically when it was poor, persecuted and powerless.

It may be a long and winding road to a vision of the church as the poor, humble but empowering force in the world. But... "the only task worthy of our efforts is to construct the future." May we have the courage and boldness to move away from the old paradigm of triumphalism, power and splendour to the new ways of being church that will convey the freshness of the Gospel.

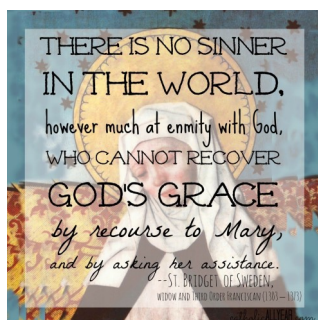
Spiritual Corner: Feasts and saints of the week:

Monday 19 St John Plessington

Tuesday 20 St Apollinaris Bishop and martyr of Rome

Wednesday 21 St Lawrence of Brindisi

Thursday 22 St Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels. Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did. The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she encouraged several women she associated with to become followers.

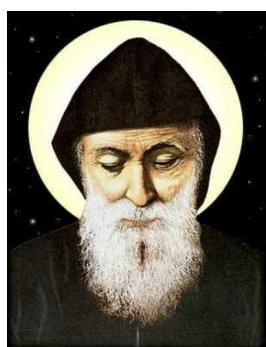


Friday 23 St Bridget of Sweden was born on June 14, 1303. She was the daughter of Berger Persson and wife, Ingeborg. Her family was wealthy, pious, and went on long pilgrimages to the Holy Land. St. Bridget of Sweden is the patron of Sweden, Europe, and widows.

As a young child Bridget had a vivid dream vision of The Man of Sorrows. When she asked who had done this to him He responded, "*All those who despise my love.*" This dream vision left an indelible mark on her. She married early, as was the custom, and had eight children, four sons and four daughter. The newly married King of Sweden asked her to be a Lady in waiting and teach

the young queen the language and customs of her new country. St. Bridget became a widow when she was 41 years old when her husband died of severe illness. She prayed for guidance, after which she founded a new religious order (The Brigitta's), mainly for women. She reported many visions and revelations, some which can be found in the "Fifteen Prayers of St. Bridget". In August, 1370, Pope Urban V confirmed the Rule of her congregation. Bridget made earnest representations to Pope Urban, urging the removal of the Holy See from Avignon back to Rome. In 1349 she journeyed to Rome where she stayed until she died in 1373.

A quote of St Bridget "The world would have peace if only men of politics would follow the Gospels."



Friday 23 St Charbel (Sharbel) (May 8, 1828 – December 24, 1898), was a Maronite monk and priest from Lebanon. During his life he obtained a wide reputation for holiness and he has been canonized by the Catholic Church.

He is known among Lebanese Christians as the "Miracle Monk of Lebanon." His followers say they call him this because of the miraculous healings they receive in answer to prayers to him, especially those said at his tomb, and for his ability to unite Christians and Muslims. His tomb is located at the Monastery of Saint Maron, in Lebanon.

We learn so much from the saints.

Why not google and find out more about the saints mentioned.

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