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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.



24th August 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;

save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all

the day long

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except

through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work,

O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and

wine to cheer the heart.

Next Week's Readings: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Psalm: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday August 26 7.30am Communion Service 7.30am Communion Service Wednesday 27 28 7.30am Communion Service Thursday 29 9.00am Communion Service Friday

Saturday 30 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES - NEXT WEEK

August 30 5.00pm Mass Saturday Vigil:

Sunday: 31 7.30am & 9.30am Mass

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

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 enroll.

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.



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
- regular (monthly) credit card donations, arranged through the Parish Office.

Please note:
The Parish Office will be closed on Monday until further notice.
Sorry for any inconvenience.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome **Sophia and Olivia Johnson** Congratulations and God's blessing to these children and their familiy.



Bible Study and Discussion

Where: In the Parish Office.

When: **Every Thursday**. Times: **1pm to 2pm**

1pm to 2pmWe begin our study of The Gospel of

St John **6pm to 7pm**

We will take a short break until further notice. This is ONLY for the

6pm session.

All Welcome.

Bring your Bible with you.

For more information: Call Elias 0459 220 208



Scripture Reflection Hour

You are invited to enjoy an hour of peace to reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel reading. We meet at 10.30am to 11.30am **Thursday** in the Parish Rooms.

You are welcome to attend whenever you can. Bibles provided. If you are interested and would like to know more call **Robyn Wild** on 0410 454 650.

Live Streaming Parish Mass

We record the Mass each Wednesday and Friday. To have a look

go to the parish website and click on

Mass times and online events, then Mass live. then

Vimeo

or click on this link: Live Streamed Mass

Diocesan Retreat

Fr Vince will be joining the clergy of the diocese for their annual retreat this week at Varroville from Monday 25 to Friday 30 August. During these days we will have a Communion Service when we would normally gather for Mass.

Please pray for Fr Vince, Bishop Anthony and all the priests while they are on retreat.

First Holy Communion Programme

As we prepare for 119 young people to make



their First Holy Communion, their names were placed at the foot of the Altar during the week. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Parent/Child Support Class Saturday 30th August at 3.30pm.

Presentation 5pm 30th August or 7.30am & 9.30am 31st August

First Holy Communion Massses

Saturday 13th September 5pm Sunday 14th September 7.30am & 9.30am of Saturday 20th September 5pm Sunday 21st September 7.30am & 9.30am

Enquiries about any of the above to Janette

Tax Deductions Important?

For some parishioners a tax deduction is important. Contributions to *Pastoral Works Broken Bay* are 100% deductable. A regular payment can be made by using the envelopes at the back of the church or contacting Janette in the parish office to arrange a monthly credit card deduction.



Grandparents Group

is meeting this Wednesday 27 August from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Office. Our topic this month is "Listening with the Heart".

The group exists for mutual encouragement, and sharing initiatives, ideas and prayer for passing on the faith to future generations. All are welcome! You don't have to be a grandparent to take part - aunts, uncles, godparents and older single people are all warmly welcomed.

Funeral

A Funeral Mass for Mac Ellicot will be celebrated at Terrigal on Tuesday 26 August at 11am. All who knew Mac are welcome to attend. Our prayers and condolences to Marie and the family.

Pope's Prayer Intention for August 2025



During the month of August, Pope Leo invites us to pray that societies, where co existence seems more difficult, might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons. Video





On the internet there are many sites and blogs that speak about the Catholic Church and the Pope, controversies and change. Please be careful what you read and listen to.

I have been asked to recommend a site that can be trusted. If anything major happens in the Catholic world it will be reported in CathNews (https://cathnews.com/).

This is a free service, sponsored by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference that is sent to your email inbox about 9am each morning, Monday to Friday.

CathNews has its own bias, but if you have heard about a significant Catholic statement or event and it is not reported in CathNews, then it probably is not true. *Fr Vince*.

Baptism Preparation



is being held this Tuesday 26 August at 6pm in the Church. Anyone preparing their child for baptism or wanting to know more about our Baptism program is invited. Please let the Parish Office know if you are planning to attend.

Bookclub

Next Friday our bookclub will be discussing Shūsaku Endo's final novel. In this novel Endo explores what a spiritual journey might look like in a world challenged by the reality of religious pluralism and a



world of extraordinary diversity. A catholic convert in a culture spiritually diverse and where historically, the Christian message had been severely curtailed, Endo is interested in the tension between the belief in the one God versus polytheism. Between faith and doubt. Set in India during the turmoil of the assassination of Indira Gandhi it is one of only two of Endo's works that were placed in his coffin, the other being his greatest novel- "Silence".

In September we will be reading Corrie ten Boom's recollections of hiding Jewish families during the occupation of The Netherlands-The Hiding Place.

In October we will be reading Song at the Scaffold by Gertrude von Le Fort. Set during the French Revolution, when madness was thick in the air, this short novel is based on a true story of the Carmelite nuns of Compiègne, who offered their lives for the preservation of the Church in France. Join us if any of these appeal.

gazboantonius@gmail.com

Thank you

to all parishioners who supported our recent appeal for **CatholicCare's homelessness services**.

Your generous donations will help provide vital care across a range of programs including Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy, Dom's Place in Hornsby, street sleeping outreach, transitional housing and casework, our women's refuge for families escaping domestic violence, support for young parents experiencing homelessness - and much more.

Your kindness brings hope, dignity and practical support to those doing it tough in our community. It's not too late to support if you wish to visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/donate

OLSOS Craft Group





Enquiries to **Cath on 0432 982 622**

Come join a small friendly group of lovely ladies.

Men's Bushwalking Group

Our next walk will be 26 August. Hopefully the weather will have improved by then. A decision on the track will be taken closer to the date and forecast conditions are more accurate. Any gentleman interested in participating in any of our walks, please contact Stim Robinson on 0401 058 329 or stimrobinson@hotmail.com to get further details including where to meet for the walk. Our walks usually take an hour or so and then we head off for lunch nearby.

Let Us Pray

We pray for all who attended the **Australian Catholic Education Conference** (20-22 August), that they will return to work invigorated by the conference theme of 'hope, anchored in faith'. Lord, hear us.



The 2025–2026 ACBC Social Justice Statement, Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving People Living in Homelessness and Mental III-Health addresses the growing crisis of homelessness in Australia - 273,600 people were assisted by homelessness services in 2022–23, one-third of whom had a mental health issue.

The statement calls on us to follow Jesus' example by offering compassion, friendship, and hope, recognising that secure housing is essential for physical and mental well-being and that everyone is created in the image of God.

In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis urged us to be "messengers and builders of hope" to those on the margins.

Download the 2025-2026 Statement

Catholic Women's League

We would like as many as possible to attend the CWL Meeting which will be meeting will be held on Monday 25th August at 10.15am for a 10.30am meeting in the Parish Office.



New members always welcome. Enquiries: Colleen Addison 0425368431

Vocations to the Priesthood

In August we are asked to pray for vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese.

Prayer for Vocations

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, O Lord, that we may be holy.

In your mercy, guard and strengthen us to be disciples who witness to the Good News of Jesus. Call forth from our community of the Church generous and loving shepherds after your own heart. May they be zealous preachers of the Word; faithful teachers of the Truth and devoted servants at the altar.

Fill their hearts with love for you and your creation; open their minds to a lifetime of learning; and make them humble servants of your holy people.

For you, O God, are kind and merciful, and to you we offer glory in your holy Church, now and forever.

Amen.

PNG Mission Opportunities

Costandi Bastoli and his brother Elias (from our parish) have been invited to give two missions in PNG in July this year. The first is with the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Mount Hagen Diocese and the second with the Disciples of Jesus Charismatic Community at Port Moresby. Can you assist as a Prayer Partner to pray before, during and after the missions. Financial partner to support the financially mission, especially assisting those who are on team but cannot fund themselves. Please contact Elias for more information. Mobile: 0459220408.

Email: eliasbastoli1@gmail.com Donations can be sent directly to: DOJCC Blue Mountains Commonwealth Bank BSB 062 061 Account No. 1003 5264 (Please reference your donation PNG 2025)





Orders are being taken at the moment for the plaques to start on the other Memorial Wall. We need 2 more orders to start the next group. If you would like to order see Janette. The forms are at the back of the back of the church.

What is spiritual direction?

In spiritual direction you reflect deeply on the experiences of your daily life, your loves, hurts, dreams, joys and fears.

Gradually, as you contemplate, you may begin to discover how God's spirit is moving in your life and that God has been waiting for you to see this closer relationship.

Spiritual direction is really not about being directed, nor is it therapy, or counselling. Rather, it is very much about being encouraged to draw closer to God whether that be in your prayer life, relationships, in nature, or in the events of your life. The privilege and responsibility of a spiritual director is to journey with you, in one-on-one conversations, as you deepen your relationship with God. What is shared is held in confidence.

A meeting time is agreed upon, usually once a month, for an hour.

If you are interested in participating in spiritual direction please call Robyn Wild on 0410 454 650

Shaping Tomorrow, Together in Faith

Catholic Schools Broken Bay's (CSBB) five-year strategy is set to redefine Catholic education across the Diocese. The plan charts a course for a Catholic education that is faith-driven, future- ready, and designed to meet the evolving needs of families.

To read major announcements, please visit https://bit.ly/4mN97lt

Women of the Well

Women's Retreat at The Hermitage, Mittagong

Friday 17 October - Sunday 19 October Early Bird Rate: \$300 (paid by 5 September)

Subsidised Rate: \$350

Important Notice regarding Monthly Credit Card Giving.

Firstly thank you to all who have chosen to be part of this mode of giving.

We use B Point through the Commonwealth Bank which is for your safety. We have a new Diocesan system called Pacem which uses the updated B Point platform.

Because of this change we need to reconfirm all your Credit Card details. What we require is:

Name on Card:

Credit Card Number:

CVC: 3 digit no on back

Expiry date:

Amount per month:

Thank you to all who got in touch with the Parish Office with the up date of your Credit Cards. I still have a number to be confirmed.

Please contact me as soon as you can.

Many thanks. Janette 0421416555

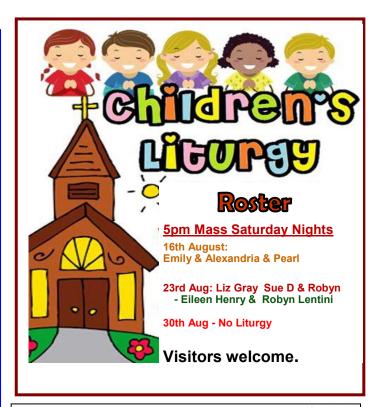
Missionaries of God's Love Sisters Retreat for 2025

Delight Creative Retreat | Friday 10-Sunday 12 October

Spend time with the God who delights in you and be transformed and restored through a range of creative prayer experiences. Enjoy creativity, play and rest and allow God to recreate you. trybooking.com/CZPWS

Immerse Silent Retreat | Friday 31 October - Sunday 2 November

Dive deep into the graces of silence and contemplation. Immerse yourself in the love of God who waits for us to abide in Him. Join with the Saints and complete the Jubilee Year with a retreat focused on redemption, rest and refreshment. trybooking.com/



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Thanking you once again for showing your love by donating groceries at the parish office door, which is then collected by Mary Mac's volunteers. Poppers, mini water bottles, snacks, tin food, always welcome.

Jubilee Year 2025

Website

A dedicated Jubilee site bbjubilee.com.au within the diocesan website contains a myriad of resources, Calendar of Diocesan celebrations, detailed information for parishes and resources from the Holy See.

OLSS Movie Night

is coming up! Friday, 12th September. Gates Open at 5:00pm.



The Parish will be doing the sausage sizzle. Please contact Stim through the Parish Office if you would like to assist.

The movie is still to be decided and you purchase tickets through trybooking the link is https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1449427

ROSTERS FOR SERVERS & EM



Saturday - 5.00pm

23/8/2025 Server L George (EM) V & J Duverge 30/8/2025 Server P Proust (EM) G Cantanzariti J Costello 06/9/2025 Server J Tarrant (EM) L'O Donnell & M Perry

Sunday - 7.30am

24/8/2025 Server M Slattery (EM) B Brown & E Katselas 30/8/2025 Server P Maniskas (EM) J Sheean P Clayton 07/9/2025 Server P Clayton (EM) B Brown E Katselas

Sunday - 9.30am

24/8/2025 Server P Maniskas (EM) C Addison & K Curtis 30/8/2025 Server B Lobo (EM) R Ayres & R Lentini 07/9/2025 Server P Maniskas (EM) A Bone M Sproats

> **EM** = Eucharistic Minister or correctly Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

ROSTERS FOR READERS OF THE WORD



Saturday - 5.00pm

23/8/2025 (1) Mc Cuddans (2) Dudley Smith 30/8/2025 (1) J McManus (2) Lynches (6/9/2025 (1) M Reynolds (2) Georges

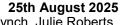
Sunday - 7.30am

24/8/2025 (1) Jeanette Rogers (2) Robyn Wild 31/08/2025 (1) C Hartcher (2) A Strong 06/9/2025 (1) J Hayes (2) P Clayton

Sunday - 9.30am

24/8/2025 (1) Graham Sproats (2) Jane Watt 31/8/2025 (1) J Merrotsy (2) S De - Brincatt 7/9/2025 (1) C Addison 2) Vic Wilmot

Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster



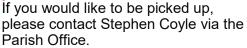
Wanita Lynch, Julie Roberts, Linda Lee

1st September 2025

Nigel Carter Pina Maisano Robyn Lentini Chris Hartcher

Bus to Mass

The Parish bus collects parishioners for 9.30am Mass.



Thank you to the people who volunteered to drive the Parish bus.

Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased

Mac Ellicot
David Burgeyne
Les Carr
Paul Summerhayes
Jacky Worthington

Bette Townsend
Jean Draper
Fr Chris Riley
Bishop Peter Elliot
Simon Heesh

Bob Leitch Asuncion Medina Jan Terkildsen Peter Watton

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Mary Lavelle Michael Kokegei Bob Clarke Jacqui Maher Bernie Introna John Lentini Ralph Goss Anne Cuthbert Rosa Gorgi

Sick

Marie Campbell Fr Pat Keenan Bernadette Kennedy Joan Kearney Kate Terry Patricia Cooper Simon Heesh Nita Mc Guinness Ruby Gornall Jackson Howard Maureen Smith Lucy & Pia Favetta Sue Warren-Smith Leonard Gay Suzanne Russo Sylvia Mann
Daniella Galla
Debbie Bell
Vic Burnham
Mary Smith
Matthew Cooper
Elizabeth D'Souza

MORNING TEA ROSTER



Please stay and join us After 9.30am Mass

Group 8 June Carpenter, Carmel Peek & Anne-Marie McCarthy – 24.8.2025

Group 1 Wanita Lynch, Mary Howes, Robyn Lentini & Julie Tarrant - 31.8.2025

Group 2 Robyn Lentini, Ina Kite, Scott Dunn, Robyn & Vic Wilmot - 7.9.2025

Group 3 Barbara Clarke, Sue O'Connor & Eileen Dodds - 14.9.2025

Group 4 Anne Strong, Eileen Dodds, Mary Portelli & Mary Jones - 21.9.2025

Group 5 Margaret Brown & Robyn Ayers, Juliet

Mathew & Kate Curtis - 28.9.2025
Group 6 Chris Whalan, Viv Ball & Alison Bone

- 06.10.2025

Group 7 Ian & Pat Rimes, Linda & Isabel Lee - 13.9.2025

Everyone is welcome, but we also invite you to bring along something to share together to eat. It may be a packet of biscuits, but more interesting is something to share that you have cooked.



Fallen Tree

During the week a tree fell near the western side of the church. It is mainly on council land which has been reserved to extend Helena Pde in the future, so we will be asking the council to remove it from the site.



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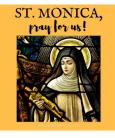
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