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Bronwyn Maley Ph: (02) 4365 3222

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 September 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear

them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9

Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call him.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 1: 20-24, 27

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,

to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mathew 20:1-16

Communion Antiphon: Your have laid down your precepts to be

carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping

vour statutes.

Next Week's Readings: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25-18

Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord. **2nd Reading:** St Paul to the Philippians 2: 1-11

Gospel: Mathew 21: 28-32

WEEKDAY SERVICES - THIS WEEK

Tuesday 26 7.30 am - Communion Service

Wednesday 27 7.30 am - Mass Thursday 28 7.30 am - Mass Friday 29 9.00 am - Mass Saturday 30 9.00 am - Mass

WEEKEND MASSES - NEXT WEEK

Saturday Vigil 30 5.00pm - Mass

Sunday 1 7.00am / 8.30am / 10.00am

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 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.



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

Thank-you for your continued generosity.

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."

If you would like more information, please contact the Parish Office or go to the diocesan website.

Celebrants for Sunday Masses

This Weekend 23 / 24 September

Saturday

5.00pm Fr Vince

Sunday

7.00am Fr Vince 8.30am Fr Jack 10.00am Fr Vince

Next Weekend 30 September / 1 October

Saturday

5.00pm Fr Vince

Sunday

7.00am Fr Vince 8.30am Fr Vince 10.00am Fr Jack

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY 2023

First Holy Communion will be celebrated this weekend.

Saturday 23rd September at 5.00pm Sunday 24th September at 8.30am & 10.00am



Sacramental Co-Ordinator, Janette Merrotsy, at the Parish Office on 4367 4610 or 0421 416 555.



Parish Office will be closed on Monday the 25th September 2023.

We need assistance from the cooking angels to volunteer to do a tray of baked vegetables, potato bake, or a salad for the Parish Anniversary Dinner.



For sweets, a big mud cake has been ordered but we would like to supplement it with iced cup cakes (please use white or pale blue patti cases) or a slice cut up ready to serve. The evening will be one of a parish family coming together to listen and share stories and memories and to make some new ones.

Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament is celebrated during the 9am Mass on the last Friday of the month. The next Mass for anointing will be Friday 29th September for all those who are sick or preparing for surgery.





Parish 50th Anniversary Memorabilia available after some Masses at the weekend, Piety Stall and at the Parish Office during the week.

Mugs are \$15 each & Pens \$3.50 Bookmark & Pen Set \$5.00

Bible Study and Discussion

Get to know your Bible: The Acts of the Apostles

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.

For more information ring Elias 0459 220 408



Exploring the Scriptures

Join a small group to read and reflect on the Scripture reading for the following Sunday 10.30am on Thursday mornings in the Parish Office. Attend when you can, all welcome.

Enquiries to the Parish Office or to Bernie 0414 653 146

MEN'S BUSHWALKING GROUP

Our next walk is on Tuesday 26th September where we will be visiting the Wyrrabalong National Park, north of The Entrance. Weather forecast is looking pretty good and not too hot. (Fingers crossed).

Several of our team helped with the marshalling at the Blessing of the Pets last Sunday and enjoyed the day out despite the heat.

The walks start at 10am on a Tuesday on a fortnightly basis and take an hour and a half, followed by lunch at a nearby venue for our 'chat and chew'.

Any gentlemen interested in participating in any of our walks, please contact Stim Robinson at stimrobinson@hotmail.com or on 0401 058 329 and you can get further details including where to meet for the walk.

If you would like to join us for lunch, please contact Stim as above.

Carlingford Antioch

This Sunday evening Fr Vince will be returning to his first parish, St Gerards Carlingford, where the Antioch community he helped to start with young people and parent couples from the parish will be celebrating their 40th year. This is 40 years of prayer every Sunday evening, Mass each Wednesday morning, and at least two weekends each year.

Please give thanks to God for this significant ministry in the lives of young people in our diocese. And those from our parish who experienced Antioch in their youth may want to share some memories.

Name Badges

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.

Singing for Bibles 2023

An annual singalong run by the Bible Society with the Newcastle Fellowship Band and conductor Stan Webster.

Sunday 8th October 2023 from 2pm to 5pm at The Coast Community Church 37 Bundaleer Cresent, Bensville.

For more information contact Sam Collins samuel.collins@biblesociety.org.au or 0412 813 163

Blessing of the Pets

There was a pet python, rabbits, chickens, baby goats and dozens of dogs. And of course, there were lots of children with their favourite pet.

Last Sunday – the closest convenient Sunday to the feast day of St Francis, the patron saint of animals – our parish held its first blessing of the animals. A tradition that goes back over 800 years in honour of Saint Francis and his love and admiration for all God's creation.

Fr Vince, ably assisted by Jacob, blessed each individual pet with holy water after first telling the story of Saint Francis and a reading about God's creation of the animals from the book of Genesis.

From 1.30pm families assembled on the oval finding shade and waiting for the liturgy. The animals were all surprisingly well-behaved – the python stayed away from the rabbits – and in addition to our parishioners and their families there were visitors from other parishes and from the third order of St Francis.

The Parish Pastoral Council, working with Fr Vince, is conscious of our common obligation to spread the message of the Catholic faith as broadly as possible, to meet new circumstances we need new presentations. This year we have held two very innovative and successful sessions of "Church in the Café" for the Ascension of Christ and the Assumption of Our Lady. The blessing of the animals – an ancient practice at the church - was another attempt to make Church liturgy more family friendly. By all accounts it was a great success. St Francis was honoured, the animals and pets were honoured, and above all Almighty God was honoured in the glory of His creation.

Special thanks to Stim (our go-to man) Sandrea, Paul, Christiane, Alan, Dennis, the Goodworth family and to Janette, Nellie, Robyn and the stalwarts from the Parish Office.

So many parishioners complain that their children are not interested in the church and of course following on from that neither are their grandchildren. We need to make our Church practices more user-friendly. This is and remains a challenge for all of us.



Catholic Women's League



25th September Branch meeting 10.15am for 10.30am start in Parish Board Room.

Wednesday 4th October Reflection day 10.00am in Parish Hall.

New members always welcome. Enquiries: Ruth Robinson 0414434856

Visiting Nursing Homes

We have a number of parishioners who visit the nursing homes in the parish each week to take Holy Communion to Catholics who can no longer attend Mass.

We would like to have **more people involved in this ministry** - the more people going to each home means less visits for each volunteer and more time can be spent with each resident.

Are you interested in this important ministry?

Please contact Janette or Fr Vince at the Parish Office for more details.

Parish Piety Shop - New Stock

Come and take a look we have some lovely gift ideas for the upcoming celebrations of First Holy Communion and other occasions.

Our sales support the Parish, St Vinnies Winter & Christmas appeals and Missions.

Book Club

At the end of this month, bookclub will be discussing St John of the Cross and his insights into contemplative prayer. It is clear from contemporary use of the term "Dark Night of the Soul" that the concept is misunderstood. This book explains the psychological process of passing from one form of prayer to a more contemplative prayer and the destabilising effect this can have. Those interested in prayer might find this useful. Those not feeling inclined to read could listen to the audiobook of "Dark Night" which is on YouTube.

October is Chesterton's month. We will be discussing "Heretics", one of his early books. In this book he is engaging with modernism and critics of faith. Chesterton is known as the apostle of common sense. He is hugely entertaining. Join us for what will be an interesting discussion. It is also the month of The Chesterton's society's annual lecture series at Campion College. Google it.

Gazbo2@ozemail.com.au

Women of the Well

November Retreat on 17th-19th November 2023 at St Josephs Spirituality and Education Centre, Kincumber South. Cost for the weekend is:

- One-off subsidised rate of \$125 per woman (due to a partnership with the Sisters of St Joseph).
- Returning participants rate (for those who have already claimed the subsidised rate) of \$350 per woman

We do not want cost to be a barrier for anyone. If the subsidised rate is not affordable for you, please complete the <u>contact us</u> on our website with your details and one of the Soul Sisters will be in touch for a confidential discussion.

REGISTER FOR THE NOVEMBER RETREAT

One-Day Gathering on Sunday 15th October 2023 from 9:30am - 3:30pm (arrive from 9am) at Mary McKillop Place in North Sydney. The theme of the Gathering is "Leaning into God".

Come along to explore ways we "lean into" each other and how we "lean into" God. Spend the day with other women, reflecting on this theme in *our* lives and unpacking it through journaling, reflection, song and sharing story. We suggest **contribution of \$20** for this gathering.

REGISTER FOR THE ONE-DAY RETREAT

To find out more about other upcoming dates, please visit the "Gatherings at the Well" section of our website.

Synodality

Fr Ormond Rush, who served on the Synod of Bishops' theological commission, and has been appointed as one of the experts to advise at the upcoming Synod, has recorded a video (8 ½ minutes) explaining what Synodality is and what his hopes for the Synod are. The video can be found here.

Other Resources Many other resources and links to useful information can also be found on the Australian Synodal Church webpage: https://catholic.org.au/



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Kelvin Lovegrove Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish Wahroonga will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 28th September 2023. Our recently ordained deacon, Deacon Richard Houwing will be assisting.

The evening commences with Mass at <u>6.00 PM</u> followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Kelvin and Deacon Richard will be speaking to us about their vocation journey's.

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.

MORNING TEA ROSTER Please join us



After 8.30 am Mass

Group 5 Chris Whalan, Viv Ball & Alison Bone

- 24.9.23

Group 6 Nancy Carey-Berryman & Susan Connor

- 1.10.23

Group 1 Kaye Parker, Wanita Lynch & **Robyn Lentini - 8.10.2023**

Group 2 Geraldine Czerkesow & Anne

Cogglan - 15.10.23

Group 3 Margaret Brown & Robyn Ayers

& Juliet Mathew - 22.10.23

Group 4 Lee & Kerry Oliver - 29.10.2023

After 10.00 am Mass

Group 1 Joan Kearney, Claudia Hainey &

Robyn Wilmot - 24.9.23

Group 2 Ina Kite & Mary Portelli

- 1.10.2023

Group 3 Anne Strong, Eileen Dodds & Mary Jones

Group 4 Ian & Pat Rimes, Eleonora - 15.10.23

Group 5 June Carpenter, Carmel Peek & Anne-Marie

McCarthy - 22.10.2023

If you cannot attend your rostered weekend *please* arrange your own replacement.

If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Robyn or Janette after 8.30 or 10am Masses.

How can I support the morning teas if unable to serve on a roster? Bring a packet of biscuits or small cakes that can be used for the next week. There is also a thank you (donation) box on the table.

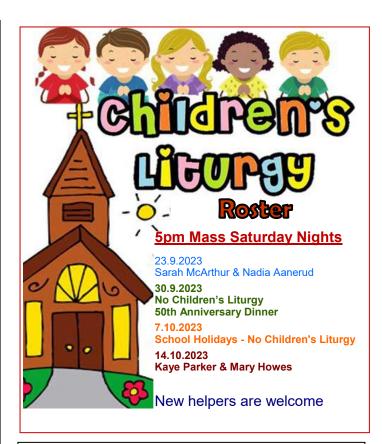
A new document produced by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry encourages Catholics to "preach all the Gospel, to all the world, all the time".



The document reflects on the proclamation of the Gospel, drawing on recent Papal teaching and referring to well-known Gospel parables.

This document offers good formation for parish leaders, ministers and all parishioners in better understanding the key concepts of evangelisation, discipleship and mission in a clear and relevant way. Access the document here (PDF)

Found A ladies ring has been found in the church area. Call Janette 0421416555 to give a description.



Glimmers of Grace

Enter the heart of Mary through the heart of St Ignatius each day this October. Why was Mary so important to St Ignatius? What face of Mary did he kneel before?

In a unique offering for the Marian month of October, we have over 31 images of Mary that were important in Ignatius' life. Never gathered together before, they tell the story of Ignatius. And they show who Mary can be for us.

Would you like to meet the beautiful, strong and tender faces of Mary? Register here

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE FAMILY CONNECT & SUPPORT SERVICE?

Family Connect and Support (FCS) is a statewide voluntary service for children, young people and families who need support to maintain a safe and



positive family environment. It helps families who may be experiencing vulnerability or who require some level of support before issues escalate. It works on a networking model, connecting families with local services with expertise in areas such as parenting challenges, financial stress, substance use, family breakdown, housing issues, mental health, domestic and family violence ... and more. We stay connected with you until you're matched to the right services or support.

To access this service please call 1800 066 757 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au.

ROSTERS FOR SERVERS and EM



Saturday - 5.00pm

23/9/2023	Server P Proust	(EM) L O'Donnell & M Perry
30/9/2023	Server J Sheridan	(EM) M Perry & N Carter
7/10/2023	Server L George	(EM) R Zadro & L O'Donnell
14/10/2023	Server J Sheridan	(EM) L O'Donnell & M Perry

Sunday - 7.00am

24/9/2023	Server E Katselas	(EM) M Slatery
1/10/2023	Server M Slattery	(EM) G Justin
8/10/2023	Server P Clayton	(EM) B Brown
15/10/2023	Server G Justin	(EM) E Katselas

Sunday - 8.30am

24/9/2023	Server V & J Duverge	(EM) A Bone & N Barcha
1/10/2023	Server P Quinn	(EM) R Lentini & A Bone
8/10/2023	Server P Maniskas	(EM) N Barcha & R Lentini
15/10/2023	Server N Carter	(EM) A Bone & R Avers

Sunday - 10.00am

l	27/8/2023	Server N Carter	(EM) J Merrotsy
	1/102023	Server B Lobo	(EM) C Addison & N Carter
	8/10/2023	Server P Quinn	(EM) J Merrotsy & C Addison
	15/10/2023	Server P Maniskas	(EM) 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

23/9/2023	(1) Dudley Smith	(2) Goodworths
30/9/2023	(1) Maureen Reynolds	(2) McCuddens
7/10/2023	(1)	(2)
14/10/2023	(1)	(2)

Sunday - 7.00am

24/9/2023	(1) Robyn Wild	(2) Justine Hayes
1/10/2023	(1) John Sheehan	(2) Sandrea Petith
8/10/2023	(1) B Brown	(2) J Rogers
15/10/2023	3 (1) J Rogers	(2)

Sunday - 8.30am

24/9/2023	(1) Anne Strong	(2) Chris Hartcher
1/10/2023	(1) Jane Watt	(2) Graham Sproat
8/10/2023	(1) Christine Lovatt	(2) Sue Southwell
15/10/2023	(1) Chris Hartcher	(2) Anne Strong

Sunday - 10.00am

24/9/2023	(1) Joan Kearney	(2) Joan Kearney
1/10/2023	(1) June Carlson	(2) Maddie Conroy
8/10/2023	(1) Joan Kearney	(2) June Carlson
15/10/2023	(1) Maddie Conroy	(2) Joan Kearney

Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster



25th September 2023 Viv Ball, Ann Vidler, Chris Whalan, Marg Brown & Alison Bone

2nd October 2023

Matt Riley, Felicity Riley, Heidi Bridger & Anna Fabri

Prayer Requests

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

Recently Deceased

Judy Dever Peter Kilganon Jonathan Wheatley Elizabeth Methanath John O'Rourke Yvonne Russo Michael Morris Sylvia Little

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Patrick Fardy	Josep
Robert & Anne Smith	Clare
Margaret Dolye	Maure
Cliff Shaw	Mario
James Dodds	Franc
Aniela Hofsteter	Maria
Michael Kokegei	John (

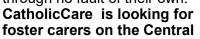
Joseph Baildon Ted Hayes
Clare & James Vella John Nolan
Maureen & Bernie Mellare
Mario & Silvana Favetta
Francesco & Concetta Gemellaro
Maria Czannecki Kevin Brown
John O'DonneSam Attardll

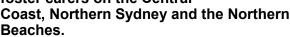
Sick

Sr Maureena Fritz Peta Smith Michael Murphy Bob Clarke Pedro Luis Tamayo Jr Zac William John & Sue Madigan Josh Reid Jack Addams Neville Squire
Brian Connell
Michael Gilbert
Pauline Walsh
Stewart McLean
Bill Moore
Peter Gaffey
Maryanne Paterson
Terri Marshall

Sandra Hassan Doreen Cullen Mary Sofia Pat Dodds Claire Hastings Anna Smith Mary Smith Joy Rawson Carlos Martinez

Tragically, there are 1300 children and young people across our Diocese who are unable to live with their families through no fault of their own.





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Can you help? Please reach out on (02) 9481 2600 or visit www.fostering.org.au.

Together 2023 Prayer Meetings

A local Diocesan **Together 2023 Prayer Vigil** will be held on Friday 29th September, and all are invited to join the Hornsby Cathedral Parish at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 18 Stuart Avenue, Normanhurst.

Time: 7:00pm



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