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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.*



**24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**



**Fourth Sunday of  
Advent  
Year B**

- 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:** Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
- Psalm:** Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
- 2nd Reading:** St Paul to the Romans 16: 25-27
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; He sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia.  
Alleluia!
- Gospel:** Luke 1: 26-38
- Communion Antiphon:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

**Next Week's Readings The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

- 1st Reading:** Genesis 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3
- Psalm:** The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.
- 2nd Reading:** Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19
- Gospel:** Luke 2: 22-40

**WEEKDAY SERVICES - THIS WEEK**

- Tuesday** 26 7.30 am - Communion Service
- Wednesday** 27 7.30 am - Mass
- Thursday** 28 7.30am - Mass
- Friday** 29 9.00am - Mass & Anointing of the sick
- Saturday** 30 9.00am - Mass

**WEEKEND MASSES - NEXT WEEK**

- Saturday Vigil** 30 5.00pm - Mass
- Sunday** 31 7.00am / 8.30am / 10.00am

**Our website: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/terrigan](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/terrigan)**

*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.

### Anointing 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.

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## Celebrants for Sunday Masses

**This Weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> December / 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

### Saturday

5.00pm Fr Vince

### Sunday

7.00am Fr Vince

8.30am Fr Paul

10.00am Fr Jack



**Next Weekend 30/31 December 2023**

### Saturday

5.00pm Fr Vince

### Sunday

7.00am Fr Jack

8.30am Fr Vince

10.00am Fr Vince



## 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.*

## COVID

Sadly there is a number of cases of COVID in the area.

Over the past few years we have learnt how to respond for the safety of everyone.

In our parish we ask you to stay home if you have the virus; for everyone to wash or sanitise their hands regularly; and if you wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please wait till the end of the communion line.

Please speak with Fr Vince if you have any questions.

## Thank-you

Thanks to everyone who helped with all the extra activities during Advent and with all the preparations for Christmas. May your hard work come to fruition in our wonderful celebrations over Christmas.

## Advent Wreath Prayer

*Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts.*

*As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us.*

*Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.*

On the 4th Sunday of Advent the 3rd purple candle is lit. It is known as the "Love Candle" or "Angel Candle" for the angels who proclaimed the good news of Jesus' birth to the shepherds. This candle represents purity. Love is the greatest of all the virtues represented on the Advent wreath and encompasses Jesus' entire ministry here on earth. We see God's love for everyone by sending his Son for us.



## Christmas Masses

### Christmas Eve Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

6pm (Children's Mass with Pageant) - Fr Vince

9pm - Fr Ken & Fr Vince  
No Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

8am - Fr Jack & Fr Vince

10am - Fr Paul & Fr Vince

No evening Mass





## From the Diocese: Christmas Message

Bishop Anthony Randazzo has prepared a **Christmas**

**Message** for all those within the Diocese of Broken Bay. The video is available on the diocesan website at

[Bishop Anthony Christmas Message.mp4](#) and will be played at all our Masses this Sunday.

**Christmas Mass Times** for all parishes in the Dioceses are also available on the website at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/christmas-mass-times>

## 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 December for all those who are sick or preparing for surgery.

## Christmas Roster:

### Readers



9pm Jane Chris

8am **2 Required**

10am Bernie & Kathleen

### Senior Servers & Extra Ordinary Ministers of HC

Sunday 24 Christmas Eve

**6pm** Pauline, Elias, Dennis  
Louise Alison

**9pm** Blossom, Robert Z , Nour  
Nigel

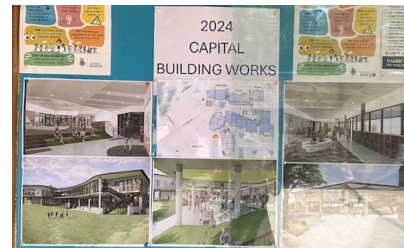
Monday 25 **8am**  
Michael, Nigel

Monday 25 **10am**  
Dennis, Pauline



## School Buildings

A revised plan for the new school buildings to replace the six demountables has been proposed. A floor plan and some 3D images of what the buildings will look like are on the notice boards. Please pass on any comment to Fr Vince.



**Mary Macs  
Thanks  
You**

James from Mary Macs picked up the donations that were brought to the parish office over the last two weeks. Thank you for these and all your generosity throughout the year.

## Bible Study and Discussion

We will be now having a break and will be back on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024. We will continue with the book of Acts. All welcome



## Catholic Women's League



God's blessing on each of you this Christmas and may 2024 be a year filled with health and happiness. Thank you for all your support throughout this year.

## Parish Office



Will be closed the week after Christmas.  
25 Dec 2023 to 2 Jan 2024

Love and Christmas Blessings  
from the Parish Staff



## Funeral Service

Geraldine Redding, member of the our Parish and Catholic Women's League for over 35 years will be farewelled from our church on **Thursday 28th at 11am**

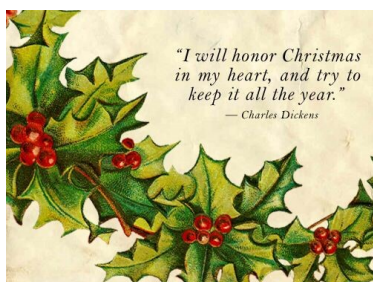
Our prayers go out to her sister Kath and their extended family at this sad time.

## Book Club

Last Friday our bookclub wrapped up for another year. Rather than read a book each contributed in their own unique way. We listened to Monteverdi's Gloria from Vespers as well as the Hymn to Mary. We pondered the lyrics to Jerusalem and even reflected on "I have come to bury Caesar" from Shakespeare, if only because any passage from the Bard elevates the tone of any gathering. We had a prayer presented as part of a family recollection as well as a disquisition on the real meaning of Robert Frost's poem The Road Not Taken. We listened to Helen Sjöholm's English version of Du Maste Finnas from Kristina Fran Duvemala- You Have to be There- an anguished prayer to the Lord in a time of hardship. We imagined along with Les Murray what advent would have been like in the southern hemisphere with his poem The Barranong Angel Case. We listened to a story by Dr Frank Brennan, a palliative care physician about an experience in Ireland- The Women from County Meath, and we listened to a small passage about love from The Ragamuffin Gospel. Maybe the highlight was the recital of a haiku composed by one of the members specifically for the meeting. That took everyone by surprise.

In January we will be reading "Death Comes for the Archbishop" by Willa Cather. In February we are returning to C S Lewis with his "Reflections on the Psalms". In March we will be reading an historian's account of the influence of Original Sin on Western culture called "Born Bad" by James Boyce. If any of these appeal please join us every last Friday of the month in the parish offices at 1600.

[Gazboantonius@gmail.com](mailto:Gazboantonius@gmail.com)



*"Who can add to Christmas?  
The perfect motive is that God  
so loved the world. The perfect  
gift is that He gave His only  
Son. The only requirement is to  
believe in Him. The reward  
of faith is that you shall have  
everlasting life."*

—CORRIE TEN BOOM



## New Memorial Plaques



As promised the memorial plaques are ready placed for Christmas. The next group will be placed for Easter. Forms are at the back of the church if you wish to arrange to purchase a plaque for family or friend. Phone Janette 0421416555 for enquiries.


Thank you to Joe Mc Pherson for putting them up in this busy week.

## New School Buildings

During this last week the piers were put in place to hold the three demountable classrooms in their temporary (15 months) location during the construction of the new building. The demountables will be moved onto the piers after 3 January 2024.



# 12 The Hidden Meaning of the Days of Christmas

December **25** 

**A Partridge in a Pear Tree**  
The One true God revealed  
in the person of Jesus Christ

December **26** 

**Two Turtledoves**  
The Old and  
New Testaments

December **27** 

**Three French hens**  
Faith, Hope and Love

December **28** 

**The Four Calling Birds**  
Four Gospels

December **29** 

**The Five Gold Rings**  
Recall the Torah (Law) the First  
Five Books of the Old Testament

December **30** 

**Six Geese A-Laying**  
Six Days of Creation

December **31** 

**Seven Swans A-Swimming**  
Sevenfold Gifts of the Spirit

January **1** 


**Eight Maids A-Milking**  
Eight Beatitudes

January **2** 

**Nine Ladies Dancing**  
Nine Fruits of the Spirit  
(See Galatians 5)

January **3** 

**Ten Lords A-Leaping**  
Ten Commandments

January **4** 

**Eleven Pipers Piping**  
Eleven Faithful Disciples

January **5** 

**Twelve Drummers Drumming**  
12 Points of Belief in the  
Apostles Creed

The 12 days of Christmas are the 12 days that separate Christmas Day on December 25 and ends on January 5, with the next day being Epiphany, which is celebrated January 6. Depending on the church, January 6 may mark Christ's baptism (in the Catholic tradition), or it may mark the day that the wise men (or the Magi) visited Jesus with their gifts. The Day of Epiphany is when the church celebrates the revelation of Christ as the light of the world and recalls the journey of the Magi. Magi means wise men. From 1558 until 1829 Roman Catholics in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. During that era someone wrote 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' as a kind of secret catechism that could be sung in public without risk of persecution. The song has two levels of interpretation: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the church. Each element in the carol is a code word for a religious reality. Some beliefs believe that the day after Christmas started the 12 Days of Christmas. You also hear some people think its the 12 days that lead up to Christmas. But reality, it starts on December 25, that is the first day.

Read more & download your copy: [www.courageouschristianfather.com/the-12-days-of-christmas/](http://www.courageouschristianfather.com/the-12-days-of-christmas/)

## MORNING TEA ROSTER

Please join us



### After 8.30 am Mass

- Group 6 Nancy Carey-Berryman & Susan Connor  
- No morning tea (Christmas Eve)
- Group 1 Kaye Parker, Wanita Lynch & Robyn Lentini - 7.1.2024
- Group 2 Geraldine Czerkesow & Anne Cogglan - 14.1.2024
- Group 3 Margaret Brown & Robyn Ayers & Juliet Mathew - 21.1.2024
- Group 5 Chris Whalan, Viv Ball & Alison Bone - 28.1.2024

### After 10.00 am Mass

- Group 4 Ian & Pat Rimes, Eleonora  
- No morning tea (Christmas Eve)
- Group 5 June Carpenter, Carmel Peek & Anne-Marie McCarthy - 7.1.2024
- Group 1 Joan Kearney, Claudia Hainey & Robyn Wilmot - 14.1.2024
- Group 3 Anne Strong, Eileen Dodds & Mary Jones - 21.1.2024

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.



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## School Holidays

Began on 15 December. If you notice anything or have any security concerns, please contact Knightguard Protection Group on 1300 132 775.

## Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy will re-commence on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February at the 5pm Saturday Mass.

### MEN'S BUSHWALKING GROUP

In the light of the hot conditions forecast, we decided to cancel the planned walk for last Tuesday.

We have also decided to skip our scheduled walk on 2nd January and our next walk will now be on Tuesday 16 January. The start time will be decided once we have a clearer idea on the forecast weather conditions. Any gentlemen interested in participating in any of our walks, please contact Stim Robinson at [stimrobinson@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

*We wish all parishioners a holy and peaceful Christmas.*

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### St Michael Mission Society

Thank You to those who have updated their subscription for the upcoming year. Forms are still available at the back of the church if you wish to be a member.

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## **ROSTERS FOR SERVERS and EM**



### **Saturday - 5.00pm**

23/12/2023 Server L George (EM) J Tarrant & L O'Donnell  
30/12/2023 Server J Tarrant (EM) R Zadro & M Perry

### **Sunday - 7.00am**

24/12/2023 Server E Katselas (EM) B Brown  
31/12/2023 Server M Slattery (EM) B Brown

### **Sunday - 8.30am**

24/12/2023 Server N Carter (EM) R Lentini & R Ayers  
31/12/2023 Server E Bastoli (EM) R Ayers & A Bone

### **Sunday - 10.00am**

24/12/2023 Server P Quinn (EM) J Merrotsy & C Addison  
31/12/2023 Server N Carter (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.**

## ***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***

Geraldine Ann Redding	Eve McMahon	John O'Reilly
John Macken	Jim Diggins	Judy Deve
Rex Sutherland	Peter Kilgannon	Eve Mahon

### ***Anniversaries & Remembrance***

Elizabeth O'Shannassy	Moyna O'Donnell	James Dodds
Frances McInerney	John Rogers	Ellen Dodds
Keiran & Terrance Paterson	Wendy Gray	Brian Ayers
Silvana & Mario Favetta	Anne Kirkman	Jack Smith
Jess Limpio-Sandoval	Michael Kokegei	David Waters
Muriel Hayhow Walters	John Mooney	Tony Havelle
Francis Stephens	James Dodds	Judi White

### ***Sick***

Ray Doyle	Helen Hawksford	Brian Kemp
Michael Vesper	Neville Squire	Peta Smith
Brian Connell	Doreen Cullen	Michael Murphy
Michael Gilbert	Mary Sofia	Bob Clarke
Pauline Walsh	Pat Dodds	Stewart McLean
Pedro Luis Tamayo Jr	Claire Hastings	Zac William
Bill Moore	Anna Smith	Peter Gaffey
Joy Rawson	Mary Smith	Josh Reid
Ken Copper	John & Sue Madigan	Carlos Martinez
Terri Marshall	Maryanne Paterson	Jack Adams

## **ROSTERS FOR READERS OF THE WORD**



### **Saturday - 5.00pm**

23/12/2023 (1) McCuddens	(2) Julie Burris
30/12/2023 (1) Dawn Smith	(2) Connie Attard
6/1/2024 (1) Lynches	(2) McCuddens
13/1/2024 (1) Connie Attard	(2) Maureen Reynolds

### **Sunday - 7.00am**

24/12/2023 (1) Robyn Wild	(2) Justine Hayes
31/12/2023 (1) Betty Brown	(2) Sandra Petith
7/1/2024 (1) John Sheehan	(2) Sandra Petith
14/1/2024 (1) Betty Brown	(2) R Rogers

### **Sunday - 8.30am**

24/12/2023 (1) Jane Watt	(2) Graham Sproats
31/12/2023 (1) Christine Lovatt	(2) Sue Southwell
7/1/2024 (1) Chris Hartcher	(2) Anne Strong
14/1/2024 (1) Graham Sproats	(2) Jane Watt

### **Sunday - 10.00am**

24/12/2023 (1) Maddie Conroy	(2) June Carlson
31/12/2023 (1) C Addison	(2) Jane Robinson
7/1/2024 (1) Janette Merrotsy	(2) June Carlson
14/1/2024 (1) Jane Robinson	(2) C Addison

## **Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster**

**8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Anna Camilleri, James Ferguson & Ann-Marie Finn

**15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Eileen Dodds, Sor Morales, Pamela Price, John Donnelly & Robert Cross

## **Our Parish**

## **Piety Shop**

## **Christmas Gifts and Cards.**



Christmas Oils of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, made from high grade oils from Doterra and Young Living are still available as a special gift. They are all reduced for Christmas for only \$20.00 - each contains a small stone from the Galilee and are gift packed.



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- Bonnie L. Oscarson

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