PARISH OFFICE:

Next to the church 165 Serpentine Rd, Terrigal PO Box 4, Terrigal NSW 2260

Phone: (02) 4367 4610

email: starsea@bigpond.net.au

NEW WEBSITE www.bbcatholic.org.au/terrigal

www.facebook.com/ OLSOSParish

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Parish Priest:

Fr Vince Casey vince.casey@bbcatholic.org.au

Parish Pastoral Associate / Parish Secretary:

Mrs Janette Merrotsy **0421416555**

Assistant Parish Secretary:

Mrs Nellie Sheridan

Pastoral Associate:

Ms Alison Ryan **0476 005 574**

Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School. Principal:

John Barton Ph: (02) 4365 6229

email: olss@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Early Learning Centre. Co-ordinator:

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



" May we Love one Another, so that all experience a Sense of Belonging "

> 26 December 2021 YEAR C

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Entrance Antiphon: The shepherds went in haste,

and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying

in a manger..

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Psalm: How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia

Open our heart, O Lord,

to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel: St Luke 2:41-52

Communion Antiphon: Our God has appeared on the earth,

and lived among us.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

 Monday
 27
 9.00 am

 Tuesday
 28
 9.00 am

 Wednesday
 29
 7.30 am

 Thursday
 30
 7.30 pm

 Friday
 31
 9.00 am

Saturday 1 NEW YEARS DAY 9.00am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 2 January Vigil 5pm

Sunday 3 January 7am 8.30am 10am



RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament will be available immediately after each morning weekday Mass or by appointment

New 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. Enquiries to our Parish Office to enrol.

Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick:

Please ring the Parish Office if you have a loved one who is ill or dying.

Reconciliation: Before and after the normal Saturday Mass (8.30–10am) or by appointment. Ring the Parish Office.

Weddings and Funerals: Enquiries to the Parish Office.

FOLLOW YOUR PARISH ON FACEBOOK OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA TERRIGAL PARISH COMMUNITY

www.facebook.com/OLSOSParish

Celebrants for Sunday Masses

This weekend 26 December

No 5pm Vigil Mass on Sat. 7.00am Fr Vince 8.30am Fr Vince 10.00am Fr Vince



Next Weekend 1/2 January

Saturday

5.00pm Fr Jack

Sunday

7.00am Fr Vince 8.30am Fr Vince 10.00 Fr Vince



COVID-19 Requirements as at 23 December

There are **no limits** to the number of people that can attend services in the church.

Registration is required each time you come to the church. Use the QR code (preferred) or write your name and contact details at the door.

Sanitize your hands before entry to and exit from the church.

Social distancing of 1.5 metres between people from other family groups is **required**, **where possible**. Please spread out through the whole church.

Masks must be worn.

Singing by the choir and congregation is **permitted**, however the congregation is required to **wear a mask**.

Communion on the hand is preferred. If you want to receive communion on the tongue, please wait until the end of the communion line.

All parishioners are now able to visit the **parish office or hall**. Registration is required.

Please take care when you come to the church. As an act of love and a sign of welcome, let's make it as safe as possible for everyone. If you are unwell please take care and stay at home.

Happy Christmas

This is my first Christmas at *Our Lady Star of the Sea* and it is almost the end of my first year here. I thank you all for the welcome and support I have received. Thank-you to everyone who has taken responsibility for ministries in the parish and

responsibility for ministries in the parish and to all who have helped us in any way during this difficult year.

Welcome to all our visitors. Thanks for choosing to celebrate Christmas with us and enjoy your holiday.

May you all have a happy and a Holy Christmas.

And stay safe as we learn to live with COVID in the community.

Fr Vince

Michaelites

Fr Stan Kluk, superior of the Michaelite Fathers, has asked me to pass on Christmas greetings to all our parishioners and to offer his thanks for all our support during the year.

Fr Vince

Vox Episcopi – The Voice of the Bishop

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, In a few days we will celebrate the Birth of our Savior when God entered the world in human form, giving us His only begotten Son.

Born in a darkened stable and placed in a humble manger, the birth of Jesus is the wonderous reminder God's love for us is so great He became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him. The Christmas story is also one of joy and hope. For all of us, in varying degrees, it has been another challenging year. However, during the Holy Season let us not forget this overriding message of hope which started with the miraculous, hidden and vulnerable act of a baby born for all people.

I pray you and your family all have a peaceful and blessed Christmas and are filled with the hope of the Christ Child.

Bishop's Christmas Message 2021



The Advent Retreat is on the notice board.

School Holidays

The parish school has begun their Christmas break. Please be attentive to any unusual activity and contact the Parish Office (4367 4610) or Knightguard Protection Group (1300 655 009) if you have any concerns.

Christmas Masses

Friday 24 December

6pm Children's Mass, with pageant during Mass

9pm Youth Mass (and young at heart)

11pm Mass during the Night, with carols before

Mass

Saturday 25 December

8am Dawn Mass

10am Mass during the Day

Sunday 26 December

7am Mass (No music) 8.30am Children's Mass

10am Mass



Online raffle winners

FAIR BY THE SEA SUPPORTING PARISH AND SCHOOL

Just a quick rundown at the end of the raffle.

Winners are:

1st Marguerite Pulham \$5000

2nd Danielle Anderson \$300 gift voucher

3rd Barbara Clarke \$200 gift voucher

4th Gab Ellis \$100 gift voucher

Positions Vacant

The Diocese has four jobs being advertised.

Graphic Designer Permanent, full-time Based in Pennant Hills

Events and School Engagement Coordinator, Catholic Youth Broken Bay

Permanent, full-time Based in Pennant Hills

Personal Assistant to the Vicar General, Office of the Bishop

Permanent, part-time position (4 days per week, 9:00am to 5:00pm)

Role split between Pennant Hills and Chatswood locations

Sacramental Coordinator - Pittwater Permanent, part-time role

Up to 18 hours per week (must have availability for after-hours and weekends).

To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

My Catholic Advent and Christmas



This beautiful card with Advent and Christmas activities was send to all our students in public schools in the diocese that attend SRE. Click on the link below to see the Christmas card, a variety of craft and cooking activities, as well as links to Advent and Christmas songs, family prayers and lots more.

An Advent & Christmas Message from Catholic SRE Scripture Teachers



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



All Primary School age children are welcome to join us for an engaging celebration of God's Word!

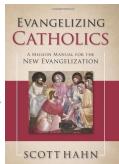


Bookclub

Our bookclub met last Friday with a discussion of Sally Read's conversion story Night's Bright Darkness. It's an intriguing cultural phenomenon that while so many seem to be leaving the church there are others who pass them on the way in. For a considerable portion of her life she believed 'that man had invented both God and heaven because he could not bear the weight of his own mortality'. The absence of God in her life however created an unfillable void for which she paradoxably saw as proof of God's existence. As a poet though she was learning not only how to listen to the possibility of God in the 'amniotic roar of traffic in London or the summer of sea in Santa Marinella where she lived, but she was also learning how to recognise the ultimate Poet and the ultimate Poem. The world is charged with the grandeur of God, and at one moment Sally Read placed her hand through the metaphoric fabric of life she'd been riffling with, and realised she was no longer an atheist like her dad. It is a story beautifully written and worth reading.

The book for the next bookclub meeting on Friday 28th January will be Scott Hahn's book *Evangelizing Catholics: A Mission Manual for the New*

Evangelization. For those who are unfamiliar with Scott Hahn, he and his wife Kimberley are converts and have told of that conversion process in their wonderful book Rome Sweet Home. In February the group will be tackling Gilbert Keith Chesterton's Orthodoxy. We shall follow the feet where All souls meet at the inn at the end of the world. Join us. Garry



gazbo2@ozemail.com.au



ROSTERS FOR SERVERS and EM

(Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)

Sunday 25 Christmas Day

8am

S Imbruglia G Justin M Slattery P Clayton

EM E Katselas

10am if able to assist ring (Pauline Maniskas)

Sunday 26 Dec

7am

M Slattery (EM) B Brown

8.30am P Maniskas (EM) R Lentini **10.00am** B Lobo (EM) J Merrotsy

Saturday 1/2 Jan 2022 5pm J Sheridan (EM) R Zadro 7am G Justin (EM P Clayton 8.30 P Quinn (EM) R Ayers 10.00am P Maniskas (EM) C Addison

EM = Eucharistic Minister or correctly Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion



ROSTERS FOR READERS OF THE WORD

Saturday - 5.00pm

01/01/22 Mary Schlager 8/1 Maureen Reynolds & Georges

Sunday - 7.00am

26/12/21 R Wild J Hayes 02/01/22 H Arena B McMahon

Sunday - 8.30am

26/12/21 A Strong 02/01/22 C Hartcher

Sunday - 10.00am

26/12/21 J Merrotsy J Kearney 02/01/22 J Carlson M Ellicott



Cleaning Angels Roster From the

27/12/21 Mary Bryant Janine Evelyn Lazzarini Kerry Oliver 03/01/22 Wanita Lynch, Linda Lee

Donations to the Parish

Thank-you to everyone who has been so generous to us during the year.

Donations can be made at each Mass by putting cash on the plate or by using the Tap'n'Go machines at the door of the church. Donations can also be made directly to our parish bank account:

Terrigal Parish BSB: 062 784 Acc: 100001660

To arrange for regular (monthly) donations please contact the Parish Office.

Here is the link https://www.facebook.com/ OLSOSParish/videos/3189480261329359



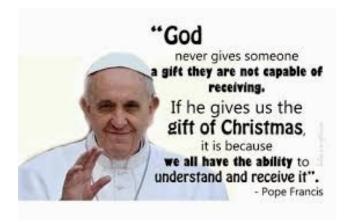
You're welcome to join us this Christmas >>



"May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women."

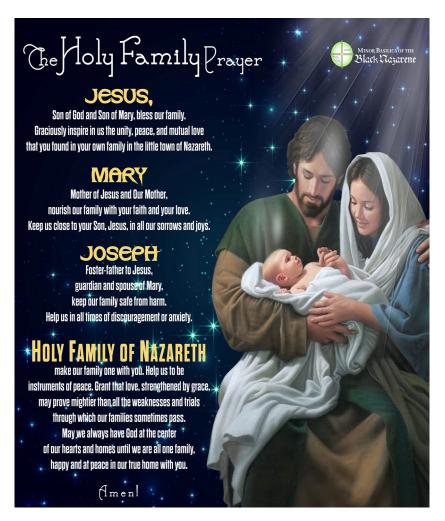
POPE FRANCIS

"Merry Christmas





Has provided us with a services guide for Parishes. Copies are at the back of the church. Please take one home.



CHRISTMAS LOVE AND BLESSINGS TO ALL OUR PARISH FAMILY, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.

ALL ARE WELCOME
IN THE FATHERS'S HOUSE



Pastoral Discernment Central Coast

Bishop Anthony has identified the Central Coast as a particular context for a renewed proclamation of the Gospel, for evangelisation and catechesis and for innovative pastoral creativity.

He has invited each of us to journey forward as pilgrims and missionaries in a process of pastoral discernment. The project involves both listening and dialogue and will provide opportunities to share our wisdom, experiences, and insights so we understand better how to ensure a sustainable and thriving community.

To enter into this process, we will be meeting as a Parish on **Saturday 12 February 2022 from 2pm to 4pm** in the parish hall.

Six themes have been identified for pastoral discernment. We will break into groups to discuss all six at our meeting on the 12th. The themes are:

- 1. Walking together Guided by the Holy Spirit helping us to discover and share the variety of gifts, charism, and ministries of our communities.
- 2. Listening Having an open heart and mind to hear what others are saying.
- 3. Sharing the story Allowing all to express themselves, to be heard, and to speak with authentic courage.
- 4. Participation in mission An invitation to participate and journey together as pilgrims and missionary people of God.
- 5. Dialogue with others Dialogue requires perseverance and patience to enable mutual understanding.

 Moving forward Allowing for participation in mission, formation for all, and opportunities to engage in dialogue.

 On **Saturday 26**th **February** we plan to meet again to have feedback and discussion about all the themes.

More details as the meetings get closer.

When you give up yourself, that's when you will feel the true spirit of Christmas. And that's giving that's serving others and that's when you feel fulfilled.

Joel Osteen

R.C.I.A. (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Have you ever thought "I may want to be a Catholic", or heard someone else say that? If you, or someone you know, would like to know more about the Catholic faith, then the R.C.I.A. program may be for you, or someone you know. This program is a gentle, non-threatening, series of talks with no obligation. For those, who may be interested, a meeting will be arranged to address any inquiries. We will make sure that we strictly observe Covid 19 safe procedures. If you, or a relative or friend, is interested and would like further information, ring Janette at the parish office 43764610 or Betty 43843756.



Parish Christmas Raffle

FIRST PRIZE: L'isle de France & hamper-Deidre Macken

SECOND PRIZE: Hamper Wanita Lynch THIRD PRIZE: Hamper McCudden Family FOURTH PRIZE: Noelene Hickey

We raised over \$800 to go towards our sound system.

Also our Christmas market raised \$970.00 for the PNG Missions.

Thank you for your support.

30 BIBLE VERSES CHRISTMAS

Isaiah 9:6 Matthew 1:18-25 Luke 2:8-9 Proverbs 17:22 Romans 6:23 **Revelation 12:5** 1 Timothy 1:15-17 Luke 2:6-7 Isaiah 7:14 Luke 1:35 Matthew 1:21 Luke 1:30-32 Galatians 4:4-5 James 1:17 Micah 5:2 John 1:29 Luke 2:12 Acts 20:35 Iohn 1:14 Luke 2:11 Luke 1:26-33 **Romans 12:10** Acts 5:31 Matthew 2:11 John 3:16 Luke 1:37 Iohn 1:9-10 **Romans 11:29** Matthew 2:10 Matthew 1:23

Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased

Erich Schweiss, Robert Dunlop Dearie,
Glen Mills Elsie Andreazza Mark Angell
Jane Schneider Tony Papilo John Mooney
Gemma Catelyn Aitkens (4 months)
Baby Sonny Blundell Michael Hourigan Dave Proust

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Elizabeth O'Shannassy David Waters Malcom Speers (2nd Anniversary) Wright and Timms families

Deacon David Huntley Jamil Wakim Lisa McCoy Noel Harriman Selina Orton Wendy Gray Mario Favetta Brian Ayers

Síck

Lottie Babycz Susan Bonsall Ned Lines Miguel Gonzales Len Freeman Noel Nacua Sandra Tagliabue Mike Caruana Kathleen Little Noleen Sherwood Fiona Connelly Warren Smith

Neighbours Without Borders

is a cross-cultural training course on 9-13 January 2022. It is tailored to develop the awareness, knowledge and skills needed to interact appropriately and effectively within culturally diverse communities. The sessions provide a framework that can be applied to improve our understanding of work cultures, religious cultures, the cultures of different generations, or any sub-culture one needs to understand. As such, the course would be suitable for greater awareness and understanding of cultures within a parish context, for both clergy or parishioners. Download further information Download registration form



St Michael Mission Society Subscription 2022

Now available for those who wish to continue for their own families or to give as gifts for Christmas.

Annual donation still \$25.

A small card of thanks is given from the Michaelite Community.

Masses are said weekly for the benefactors especially on Saturday mornings in the Divine Mercy Chapel located in the Highlands.

Please contact Janette 0421416555 for any enquries.

The Marriage Kit

This is an enrichment course for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship as God intended for us. Accessed from the privacy of your home, on your own timetable, this online course will energise your relationship, revitalise your passion and equip you with practical tools for every day. To find out more visit: smartloving.org/marriage-kit







Contact us for your free booklet on * Starting a New Business

* Taxation and Accounting Help for Contractors

Phone: 02 4302 0899 Email: admin@howas.com.au





General Property Maintenance Rubbish Removal

O2 4385 8321
Fully Insured

THINKING REAL ESTATE?

Talk to your fellow parishioner. **Chris Lamont** 0414 345 600

chris@georgebrand.com.au



KENNEDY CROSS

STRATEGIC ADVICE | TAX | ACCOUNTING

484 The Entrance Rd Erina Heights 2260 www.kennedycross.com.au











"CHRISTMAS GIVES US

AN OPPORTUNITY

Terrigal Advanced Dental

NEW LOCATION

3/40 Oceanview Dr. Wamberal

02 4384 4933 0418 615 986

Dr. Philip Arndt & Dr. Rosemary Restifo



4325 4100

246 Manns Rd. West Gosford

mention this advertisement 20% to receive a

Construction - Building - Infrastructure

Experience is Everything

Tonkin Drysdale Partners has been providing legal advice to the Central Coast for over 60 years.

Parishioner, Paul Quinn is happy to assist with all legal

P (02) 4341 2355 E info@tdplegal.com.au tdplegal.com.au





BRYAN J REID FUNERAL SERVICES

100% Australian Owned & **Family Operated**

Serving all the Central Coast, Sydney and Newcastle areas.

Freecall 1800 032 225 Head Office: 4341 5000

Local Parishioner

23919C

Breakfast Saturday and Sunday 8.00 a.m to 9.45



Reservations www.lisledefranceterrigal.com.au

season reason

This is the

This is the

Fiona O'Dowd Cruise & Travel Specialist The Cruise & Travel Authority Shop 1/17 Church St, Terrigal NSW 2260



Call Ben 04-04 448 624 www.callawayplumbing.com.au GRACE

Specialising in Verandahs & Decks Ray Grace 0411 044 419





0414 285 968

Prepay today nothing to pay tomorrow

4/168 The Entrance Rd, Erina 4365 2333

simplicityfunerals.com.au

Simplicity Funerals



fiona.odowd@ttagroup.com.au www.ttacruiseandtravel.com.a



NOW EYE SEA OPTOMETRY Avoca

For your eyes tested or new glasses, contacts or sunglasses? Call optometrist Elizabeth Mutokoyi (nee Cubis) for expert eye care.

Ph 4382 6428 or book online at www.noweyeseaoptometry.com.

Parking available at the door.