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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.



29th November 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Year B

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

1st Reading: Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64:1,3-8

Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Next Week's Readings: Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

1st Reading:	Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11
Psalm:	Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
2nd Reading:	2 Peter 3: 8-14
Gospel:	Mark 1: 1-8

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday	01	7.30 am Mass
Wednesday	02	7.30 am Mass
Thursday	03	7.30 am Mass
Friday	04	9.00 am Mass
Saturday	05	9.00 am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES - Next Weekend

Saturday Vigil:	05	5.00 pm Mass
Sunday:	06	7.30 am & 9.30 am 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.

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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
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- using planned giving **envelopes**, available at the back of the church; or
- regular (monthly) **credit card** donations, arranged through the Parish Office; or
-using the parish QR Code:

Thank-you for your continued generosity.

Farewell

Thank you Fr John for your faithful service over the past 5 months as our Parish Administrator and previously as Assistant Priest since December last year.

Our Parish Community wishes you well as you begin your new ministry as a hospital chaplain. May God bless you Fr. John, guide you, and keep you always in His care.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome
Eli and George Fiedler, Bobby and Winnie Shave, Arthur Price, Sadie Pace-Price & Jasper Calkins.

Congratulations and God's blessings to you and your families.



CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT MASS
Thursday 24th December 2026

The 6pm Christmas Eve family Mass is a Parish tradition and an opportunity for the primary school age children of our parish to get actively involved in the retelling of the Christmas story. There are a number of ways your child can be involved this year:

Acting Roles: Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men, angels, inn keeper and animals.

Reading Roles: We need clear strong readers for narrating and prayers of the faithful.

Choir

Liturgical Movement

Star and Offertory Procession



No child will be turned away and we usually find a role for those who want to participate. Please discuss with your child if they would like to be involved and what they would like to do.

I will be at OLSOS during lunchtime on Thursday 3rd December. If your child would like to be involved in the Mass please get them to come and see me.

If your child is attending one of our state schools they are welcome to take part. Please email me at melissa.boffo@gmail.com by Friday 27th November, so I can include them.

This year we will have 2 full dress rehearsals in the church to ensure things run smoothly on the night.

If your child would like to be involved they need to be able to attend BOTH of these rehearsals:

Friday 18th December: 10.30 - 12.30
Saturday 19th December: 10.30 - 12.30

Thursday 24th December: All Pageant participants need to be at the church at 5pm for 6pm start.

We are always looking for parent helpers who can dress children and help out with crowd control at the mass and at the rehearsal times. I would love to hear from anyone who is able to be of assistance.

Thanks Mel Boffo 0410156963

A Message from Fr. John

Advent - A time to stay awake

Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year and means “coming” or “arrival”. It is a special season of preparation as we remember the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, recognise his presence among us today, and look forward to his coming again in glory. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us, “Be on your guard, stay awake” (Mark 13:33). Advent reminds us that preparing for Christ is not simply about decorating our homes or getting ready for Christmas; it is about preparing our hearts. We are called to renew our prayer, seek reconciliation, forgive one another, care for those who are lonely and suffering, and share God's love through our daily actions. Let us use this Advent season meaningfully, remaining faithful, hopeful and watchful as we welcome Christ into our lives. Come, Lord Jesus!

Congratulations on your Golden Wedding Anniversary!

We warmly congratulate Eileen Henry and Peter as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Fifty years of marriage is a beautiful testimony to their enduring love, commitment, faithfulness and dedication to one another. We thank God for the gift of their married life and the wonderful example they give to our parish community. May the Lord continue to bless them with good health, happiness, peace and many more years together. Congratulations and every blessing!

Dive deeper into Advent with the 2026 Advent Booklet

The Diocese of Broken Bay has prepared a booklet to help people go deeper into the Mystery of God this Advent Season.

The booklet features reflections on each Gospel reading for the four Sundays of Advent, with additional reflections for the Christmas Octave and New Year’s Eve.

The People of God are invited to make a sacred space for Jesus this Advent and awaken more fully to the quiet signs of God’s presence among us, as we await the Nativity of Our Lord.

The booklet is available at the back of the church. The People of God are invited to make a sacred space for Jesus this Advent and awaken more fully to the quiet signs of God’s presence among us, as we await the Nativity of Our Lord.

The booklet is available in parishes and online.

Piety Stall

Stocked with St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards, Columban and Divine Mercy calenders. Also Christmas gifts and good stocking fillers.

Advent Reflection : "Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush." — Anonymous

Bible Study & Discussion

We are having a break
From 3rd December to 28th of January 2027
We start back on the 4th of February 2027

On February the 4th we will begin with
Teachings by Costandi Bastoli in Person
"Are the Charismatic Gifts For You?"
Every Thursday evening at 7pm. In the Church

We start with Praise & Worship followed at 7.30pm with Teachings on the Charismatic gifts

All welcome to attend.
Enquiries to Elias 0459 220 408





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Will restart April 2027

Thank you to Nour and Team for their generosity in setting up each time and making such a beautiful space.

OLSOS Craft Group

The craft group meets fortnightly on a Wednesday, from 12:30 to 2:00pm in the Parish Office. **Next meeting is the 2nd December.**

Communication via text and email.
Group: Cath - 0432 982 622
Office: 4367 4610
Email: starsea@bigpond.net.au



Our Lady Star of the Sea Playgroup

Looking for connection, friendship and fun? Join us at Playgroup each week for a relaxed morning of play, conversation and community.

Parents, carers and children ages 3+ are all welcome.
The group meets on Wednesdays at 9.00am

Please register your interest to the Parish Office via telephone or email.

Come and join the fun !

Enquiries to Sarah via the Parish Office

St Vincent de Paul

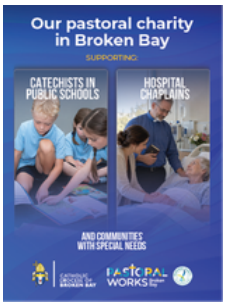
The Vinnies Shop at Erina Heights needs Clothing Accessories and Bric a Brac and would be grateful for items to be brought into shop when possible MONDAY - SATURDAY 9 AM - 4PM.
Loading Zone in car park can be used and we are happy to help with items. Thank you

Prayer for the Advent Wreath



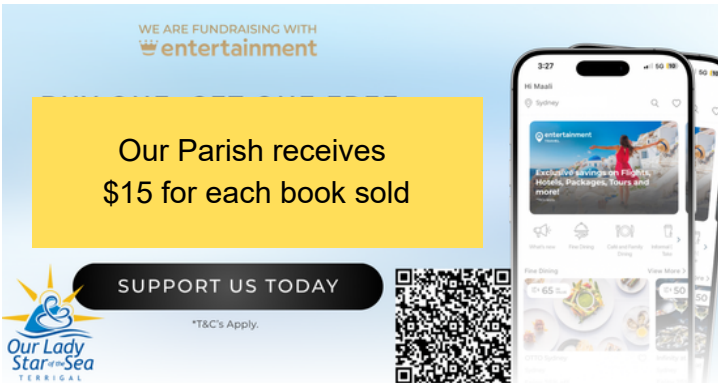
Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.
He is the Saviour of us all.
O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.
May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this in His holy name.
Amen.

PWBB 2026/27 Campaign Launching in November



A heartfelt thank you to all parish teams for your continued support of Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB). Your efforts in promoting previous PWBB appeals have helped make a real difference across our Diocese, supporting ministries that bring care, hope and practical assistance to people in our communities.

As we prepare for the PWBB 2026/27 campaign, we are pleased to share that the next phase will commence in **November**. With your support, we can continue to build awareness of the important impact PWBB has across areas such as pastoral care, outreach, chaplaincy, faith formation and support for those most in need.



Enquries to Janette 0421416555



MEN'S BUSHWALKING GROUP

This week we will be walking in the Strickland State Forest. Beautiful trail down through the rain forest and stunning range of trees in the lower section of the valley. Let's hope the weather gods smile on us this time around.

Our following walk is planned for 15 December. Any gentleman interested in participating in the walks, please contact Stim Robinson on 0401 058 329 or email stimrobinson@hotmail.com to get further details including where to meet for the walk. Our walks usually take an hour and half or so and then we head off for lunch nearby.

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. A gentle experience.

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.

Parish Family and Friends Christmas Dinner NEXT WEEKEND

To help with the success of the evening you may wish to prepare a dish for the evening perhaps one of these on our wish list: potato bake, roast vegies, crumbed chicken, salad, a yummy sweet, slice or your choice please let Janette or Robyn know.

This is always a lovely evening to get together at the end of the year and celebrate Christmas together. We will have a Christmas Raffle which will be drawn on the evening to help our Parish.

We also have a table of Christmas Goods for sale most of which was prepared by Robyn and the other "Christmas Elves".

$10 fun packs of tickets available on the night to win tombola prizes and chocolate wheel.





Parish Book Club

For January we will be reading Converts by Melanie McDonagh. There is no meeting in December and we will resume book club on the last Friday of January 2027 at 1600 in the parish offices. gazboantonius@gmail.com

We finished the year in Christmas style at Janette's home as we each shared a special reflection on a reading, art work or poem. You are warmly welcomed next year to join the parish book club every month or when you can.



Arete Class of 2026 Graduation

Fr Vince, Stephen Coyle, Tania Farmer and Janette Merrotsy graduated last week in Sydney from their nine-month Arete Leadership Course. Stephen, Tania and Janette are all members of Parish Council and felt this would help them in their leadership. It was an amazing course that they wish to share with you over time -A course that is highly recommended for personal faith enrichment.



Children's Liturgy
5pm Mass Saturday Nights

Roster

28.11.2026 - Year 5 & 2027 Kindy Mass - No Liturgy
05.12.2026 - Parish Christmas Dinner - No Liturgy
12.12.2026 - Robyn Lentini (Last one for the year)



Messages from Gosford Parish

Position available at Gosford Parish: Administration & Pastoral Support Coordinator Applications close this Sunday November 29th

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Would you like to be a volunteer hospital visitor? We are looking for more volunteers to visit patients at Gosford Hospital on a Friday morning.

What's involved?

* Spend 30-60 mins visiting various patients. We give you a list of who to visit to ask them if they would like communion on the following Sunday.
* Volunteer once or twice a month.

For more information on both please contact Gosford Parish Office (02) 4325 1042 or patsgos@acs.net.au

Catholic Parish Gosford
Saint Patrick's Church
Shrine of Saint John Paul II

St Michael Mission Society Subscriptions for 2027
Forms at the back of the church or see Janette
A special gift for someone or for your own family.
Helping the seminarians and missions in PNG





ROSTERS FOR SERVERS & EM



Saturday - 5.00pm

28/11/2026 Server R Zadro	(EM) A Vilder, T Gorman, P Ross & L O'Donell
05/12/2026 Server R Zadro	(EM) J Costello, S Dunn, L Gray & T Gorman
12/12/2026 Server L George	(EM) L O'Donnell, M Perry, P Ross & A Vidler
19/12/2026 Server P Proust	(EM) J Costello, S Dunn, L Grey & G Catanzariti

Sunday - 7.30am

29/11/2026 Server B Lobo	(EM) J Rogers, A Richards, N Barcha & B Reid
06/12/2026 Server P Maniskas	(EM) A Richards, B Brown, J Rogers & B Reid
13/12/2026 Server M Slatery	(EM) N Baracha, J Roger, B Reid & B Brown
20/12/2026 Server P Maniskas	(EM) B Brown, S Petith, B Lobo & A Richards

Sunday - 9.30am

29/11/2026 Server P Maniskas	(EM) A Bone, K Curtis & C Addison
06/12/2026 Server E Bastoli	(EM) R Ayres, A Bone, C Addison & K Curtis
13/12/2026 Server B Lobo	(EM) R Ayres, A Kopecky, J Merrotsy & R Lentini
22/11/2026 Server E Bastoli	(EM) R Ayres, A Bone, C Addison & K Curtis

EM =Eucharistic Minister, or correctly, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

ROSTERS FOR READERS OF THE WORD



Saturday - 5.00pm

28/11/2026	(1) School	(2)School
05/12/2026	(1) McCuddens	(2) Julie McManus
12/12/2026	(1) Maureen Reynol	(2) Helen Grady
19/12/2026	(1) Connie Attard	(2) Georges

Sunday - 7.30am

29/11/2026	(1) Betty Brown	(2) Sandrea Petith
06/12/2026	(1) Chris Hartcher	(2) Anne Strong
13/12//2026	(1) Janette Rogers	(2) Ivy Holly
20/12/2026	(1) Sandrea Petith	(2) Janette Rogers

Sunday - 9.30am

29/11/2026	(1) Anne Mackson	(2) Janette Merrotsy
06/12/2026	(1) Colleen Addison	(2) Vic Wilmot
13/12/2026	(1) Janette Merrotsy	(2) Anne Mackson
20/12/2026	(1) Graham Sproats	(2) Jane Watts

Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster

30th November 2026

Eileen Dodds, Sor Morales, Pamela Price & John Donnelly.



30th November 2026

Viv Ball, Denise Newman, Chris Whalan, Susan Connor & Alison Bone.

Please collect the updated roster from the rear of the church. Note that some dates may have changed if following old roster.

Prayer Requests:



Recently Deceased

Terry Gardner	Michael Hallet	Robyn Pengilley
Marie Dixon	Keith Wright	Bill Cornish
John Helm		

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Roger Mattias	Justin Spittles	Silvana Favetta
Ralph Goss	Michael Kokegei	Joe Fabri
Joan Kearney	All Holy Souls	Lena Wright

Sick

Sheelagh O'Rourke	June Carlson	Deanna Browning
Maryann Paterson	Adam Plummer	Jude (Khoury Family)
Laura Langan	Peter James Portelli	Jean Claude
Jaques Miniassan	David Roe	Therese George-Saad
Barbara Russ	Fred Whyte	Debbie Bell
Sandra Jackson	Lucy & Pia Favetta	Kate Terry
Julio Marquez	Donald, Xi, Susie,	Vladimir & Charles
Stephanie Empson	Suzanne Russo	Sylvia Mann
Margaret Dwyer	Baby Rosie	Baby Levi
Kye McIntosh	Eileen Clayton	
Denis Smith	Xenie Star	Marie Campbell
Mary Smith	Maeve McDonald (4yrs)	
Jose Patino	Jane Smith	Greg C
Tracey Homan	Bernadette Kennedy	Joyce Hone
Elizabeth D'Souza	Kathleen Martin	Ron McGuiness
Jackson Howard	Veronica Bishop	Claire Hey

MORNING TEA ROSTER



Please stay and join us
After 9.30am Mass

Group 2	**Robyn Lentini, Robyn Wilmot & Elaine Cooper - 29.11.2026**
Group 3	**Barbara Clarke, Sue O'Connor & Eileen Dodds - 6.12.2026**
Group 4	**Anne Strong, Eileen Dodds, Mary Portelli & Mary Jones - 13.12.2026**
Group 5	**Robyn Ayers, Juliet Mathew & Kate Curtis - 20.12.2026**
Group 6	**Chris Whalan, Viv Ball, Pat & Alison Bone - 27.12.2026**
Group 7	**Ian & Pat Rimes, Bernadette Wright, Linda & Isabel Lee - 3.1.2027**
Group 1	**Wanita Lynch, Mary Howes, Robyn Lentini & Julie Tarrant - 10.1.2027**

Everyone is welcome, and 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.

Bus to Mass



The Parish bus collects parishioners for 9.30am Mass.

If you would like to be picked up, please contact Stephen Coyle via the Parish Office.

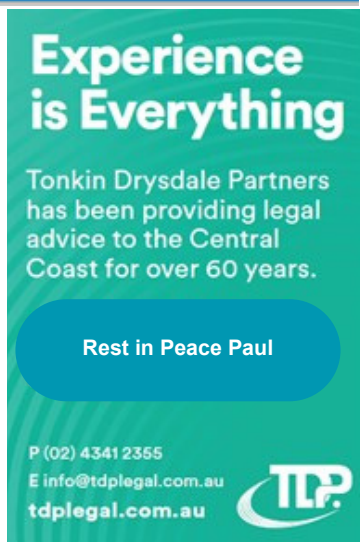
Thank you to the people who volunteered to drive the Parish bus.



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