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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.

18th JANUARY 2026**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

Psalm: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

2nd Reading: Corinthians 1: 1-3

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accept him to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1: 29-34

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Next Week's Readings: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Isaiah 8: 23-9: 3

Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd Reading: Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23

WEEKDAY SERVICES January

Tuesday	20	7.30am Mass
Wednesday	21	7.30am Mass
Thursday	22	7.30am Mass
Friday	23	9.00am Mass
Saturday	24	9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES - NEXT WEEK

Saturday Vigil: 24 5.00pm Mass

Sunday: 25 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.

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.



Baptisms

This weekend we welcome

**Darcy Michael, Callie Bellifemine,
Julia & Patrick Corral Ondrekova.**



Congratulations and God's blessing to each of
you and your families.

Celebrants for Masses

Sat 17 / Sun 18 Jan

5pm Fr John;
7.30am Fr John; 9.30am Fr John

Sat 24 / Sun 25 Jan

5pm Fr Vince
7.30am Fr John; 9.30am Fr Vince

Note: These arrangements may change without
notice.

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.

Thank-you for your continued generosity.

Communion from the Chalice

We are now able to receive Holy Communion from the chalice. You can choose to receive Communion under the form of bread or wine, or both. There will be one chalice available at weekday Masses and two chalices at Sunday Masses. When the chalice is empty, the minister will return it to the altar, so if it is important for you to receive from the chalice, do not wait till the end of communion.

Collections

As all the restrictions in the Church due to COVID have been lifted, we are no longer using the 2 metre poles to take up the collections. These are too dangerous and do not reach the middle of the pew. There has been some confusion about what to do, so here is the suggestion about what will work best. Thank-you for your assistance in this.

The collectors move to begin the first collection as soon as we sit after the Prayers of the Faithful, and the second collection as soon as the communion line is finished. (Do not wait for the tabernacle to be closed.) They take two bags down the side isles (the ones we use to walk back to our seats after Holy Communion) and hand a bag to the person in each of the front pews.

Those in the pews take the bag and pass it to the next person in the pew and when it reaches the last person in the pew you turn and hand it to the person in the pew behind you. (You may need to stand and move to reach the person beside or behind you.)

The collector will follow the bags as they move towards the back of the church and retrieve each bag when it has been passed along the back pew. He or she will then take one of the bags to the pews in front of the statues of Mary and St Michael; and then take both the bags to the servers' sacristy.

Donate to our Parish with our QR code.

A prompt will come up that
says:

My payment is for ..
Parish Giving, 2nd collection
Baptisms, Sacraments etc
Thank you



Young Adults Group (Ages 18 - 35)



Looking for connection, purpose, and faith that speaks to real life?

You're not alone and you don't have to walk the journey alone.

Why a Young Adults Group?

Life between **18-35** is full of big questions: study, work, relationships, faith, decisions, and direction. This group is a welcoming space to:

- ◆ Connect with other young adults
- ◆ Explore faith in a real and relevant way
- ◆ Share life, questions, and experiences

What to Expect

- ◆ Open and honest discussion
- ◆ Friendship, Prayer, support, and belonging

First Gathering

You're warmly invited!

Friends, we are excited to begin a **Young Adults Group** at our parish – a space to connect, grow in faith, and build friendships.

Date: Sunday, 15th February

Time: After the 9:30am Mass

Venue: Parish Office – Conference Room

If you are a young adult (18–35) and looking for community, meaningful conversation, companionship and faith shared in a relaxed and welcoming environment, this group is for you.

Come as you are – bring a friend if you like!

All are most welcome.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office or Fr John Puli.

We look forward to journeying together.

Australia Day

**Mass 9am Monday 26th January
Followed by Morning tea.**



Let us come together in prayer and thanksgiving to celebrate the spirit of unity, diversity, and the vibrant culture that makes Australia.

**"We are one
but we are many
... we are Australian "**

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.

Adopt a Garden

We are inviting individuals, couples, or small groups to consider adopting one of the gardens beds on the church grounds. By "adopting" a garden, you would take responsibility of maintaining that section of garden by helping to weed, care for, and beautify that space throughout the season!



If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office.

Sacramental Programme for 2026



Combined Programme: Reconciliation and Eucharist 2026 for year 4 students

Enrolment

In the Parish Office Monday 29th June to Sunday 5th July

Reconciliation Input for Parents

Wednesday 22nd July at 7pm

Parent/Child Support Class

Saturday 1st August at 3.30pm

Presentation

5pm Mass on the 1st August or at the 7.30am or 9.30am Masses Sunday 2nd August

First Reconciliation

Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th August by appointment

Communion Input for Parents

Wednesday 19th August at 7pm

Parent/Child Support Class

Saturday 29th August at 3.30pm

Presentation

5pm 29th August or any of the Sunday Masses 30th August Masses

First Holy Communion

Saturday 12th September 5pm

Sunday 13th September 7.30am, 9.30am and 2pm

Confirmation 2026 for year 3 students

Enrolment

In the Parish Office Monday 21st to Sunday 27th September

Input for Parents

Wednesday 14th October at 7pm

Parent/Child Support Class

Saturday 24th October at 3.30pm

Presentation

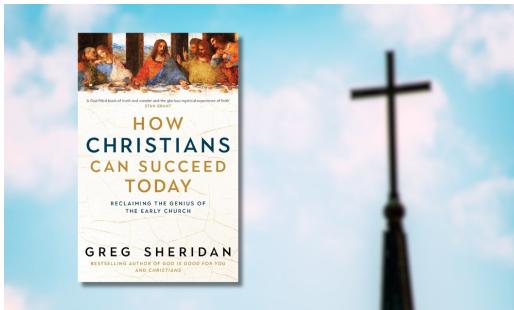
5pm Mass on the 24th October or at the 7.30am or 9.30am Masses Sunday 25th October

Confirmation Date

Thursday 12th November at 6pm and

Saturday 14th November at 11am and 3pm at the **Edmund Rice Centre, East Gosford**

Parish Bookclub



Our book club will commence for 2026 at the end of this month. As has been usually the case, we meet on the last Friday of every month at 1600 in the parish offices. With a religious tradition spanning two millennia there are many potential titles to choose from spanning literary classics, history and culture, theology and catholic apologetics, conversion narratives, the writings of mystics, contemporary writers and writers ancient and medieval.

For this month we will be reading Greg Sheridan's latest book **"How Christians Can Succeed Today"**. The book is divided into two parts, the first recalls the history of persecution of the early church that yet survived and flourished. The second half of the book, through stories of modern Christians, reminds us that we have been in our present predicament before and survived. A deeply encouraging book.

In February we will be reading Rabbi Jonathon Sacks book **"A Letter in the Scroll"**.

In March we will read Tolstoy's **"A Confession"**, a book he wrote in his early fifties. Thankfully it is nowhere nearly as long as his other writings.

Join us as we enter our fifth year of reading.
gazboantonius@gmail.com

Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament is celebrated during the 9am Mass on the last Friday of the month.



The anointing is for all those who are sick or preparing for surgery will be celebrated at Mass on Friday 30th January 2026.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned Giving envelopes are now available for collection from the rear of the church. Please note that these envelopes are not numbered or dated. When using them, kindly write your existing envelope number, the date, and the amount given on each envelope.

If you would like to participate in Planned Giving and require an envelope number, please contact the Parish Office.

This year, envelopes are provided in packs of 20. If you require additional envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

If you would prefer to cancel your envelopes and instead make your contributions via a monthly credit card deduction, the Parish Office will be happy to assist you.

Once again, we sincerely thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Grandparents' Group

is meeting on Wednesday 28th January from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Office.

Our topic for this month is a "Grand Plan for Grandparents" suggested by MenALIVE. They invite all grandparents "to embrace the challenge of your Christian vocation, the call of your baptism, to share your faith with your grandchildren". Their plan is simple and we will discuss the 12 things they suggest a grandparent can do to raise their grandchildren in the faith.

The Grandparents' 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.

We meet on the last Wednesday of each month and discuss a new topic each meeting.



Baptismal Preparation

The first Baptismal Preparation for the year will be held in the Church on Tuesday night the 27th January starting at 6pm.



Name Badges

Name tags can still 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.

Engaged Encounter Weekends 2026

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship.

For further information visit our web site:
www.engagedencounter.org.au

Choose any of the coming Weekends:
**Feb 21-22, May 23-24,
Aug 8-9**



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



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.



Thank you to those who have already enrolled in the St Michael Mission Society. The membership forms are at the back of the church if you would like to join and support.

There is also a flyer on the noticeboard showing the nine seminarians presently studying in PNG, who are supported by the Mission Society.

In return our families are prayed for at the Divine Mercy Shrine and the Michaelite parishes in PNG.

You will be given a prayer card with your family name on it or for whoever you wish to gift it to.

A wonderful way to start the year helping others and knowing our loved ones (and us) are being prayed for.

Forms at the back of the church or in the parish office. Enquiries to Janette 0421416555

For your diary...

St Michael Prayer Group Mass

Will recommence;

Thursday 12th February at 5.30pm



All are welcome to attend and join with us for Mass and Adoration, with St Michael prayers.

A light supper to follow.

More information closer to the date
Enquiries to Janette 042141655

Pilgrimage to Italy May 2026:

You are invited to join the Provincial of the Michaelites, Fr Anthony Casemento, on a special Harvest pilgrimage to Italy in May.

Highlights include visits to sacred sites from Rome to Venice and include a grace filled journey to Monte Sant'Angelo, the Michaelite shrine to St Michael in Gargano.

Experience faith, fellowship, and renewal.

For more information see the poster on the noticeboard.



Diocesan Lenten Reflection Booklet 2026

The Lenten Program for 2026: **Walking in the Wilderness: A Lenten Journey of Communion, Participation, and Mission** is currently in its design phase. This resource will be delivered to parishes in the second week of February 2026.

Caritas Australia | Unite Against Poverty this Lent Project Compassion

Unite with your loved ones, workmates, school or parish this Lent. Together we can empower people to lift themselves out of poverty.

Want to change lives this Lent? Then get involved with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Join forces with your community, your loved ones, and people facing poverty – and turn your compassion into a powerful force for change. [Ways to get involved](#).

children's liturgy
Roster
5pm Mass Saturday Nights

17.1.2026 - Robyn Lentini & Alexandra Goodworth
24.1.2026 - Robyn Lentini
31.1.2026 - Robyn Lentini

Visitors Welcome

ROSTERS FOR SERVERS & EM



Saturday - 5.00pm

10/01/26	Server J Sheridan	(EM) J Costello, G Catanzariti, R Zadro, M Perry
17/01/26	Server V Duverge	(EM) R Zadro, T Gorman, P Ross, L O'Donnell
24/01/26	Server L George	(EM) J Costello, M Perry, G Catanzariti, S Dunn
31/01/26	Server P Proust	(EM) L O'Donnell, P Ross, A Vidler, T Gorman

Sunday - 7.30am

11/01/26	Server P Maniskas	(EM) M Slattery, N Barcha, J Rogers, B Reid
18/01/26	Server M Slattery	(EM) E Katselas, B Brown, N Barcha, B Reid
25/01/26	Server P Maniskas	(EM) B Reid, M Slattery, J Rogers, S Petit
01/02/26	Server M Slattery	(EM) P Maniskas, B Brown, N Barcha, J Rogers

Sunday - 9.30am

11/01/26	Server P Quinn	(EM) J Merrotsy, K Curtis, A Bone, S Dunn
18/01/26	Server B Lobo	(EM) R Ayers, A Bone, K Curtis, C Addison
25/01/26	Server B Lobo	(EM) A Kopecky, C Addison, R Ayres, A Bone
01/02/26	Server E Bastoli	(EM) S Dunn, J Merrotsy, K Curtis, R Lentini

EM = Eucharistic Minister or correctly Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

ROSTERS FOR READERS OF THE WORD



Saturday - 5.00pm

17/01/2026	(1) Connie Attard	(2) Coral Foo
24/01/2026	(1) Curtis Stephenson	(2) Julie McManus
31/01/2026	(1) Lynches	(2) Dudley Smith
07/02/2026	(1) Maureen Reynolds	(2) Goodworths

Sunday - 7.30am

18/01/2026	(1) Robyn Wild	(2) Jeanette Rogers
25/01/2026	(1) John Sheehan	(2) Betty Brown
01/02/2026	(1) Chris Hartcher	(2) Anne Strong
08/02/2026	(1) Ivy Holly	(2) Justine Hayes

Sunday - 9.30am

18/01/2026	(1) Colleen Addison	(2) Vic Wilmot
25/01/2026	(1) Jane Watts	(2) Graham Sproats
01/02/2026	(1) Vic Wilmot	(2) Susan de Brincatt-Moffatt
08/02/2026	(1) Anne Mackson	(2) Janette Merrotsy

Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster



19th January 2026

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

26th January 2026

Matt Riley, Felicity Riley and Heidi Bridger

Prayer Requests:

Recently Deceased

John Bourke	Terence Foster
Jennifer Nolan (Dawn Smiths' Daughter)	Joe Borg
Betty Theaker	John Francis Somers
Pedro Meyer	Margaret Smith

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Anne Condon	Sandra Bastoli	Victoria Introna
Mario & Silvana Favetta	William Crowther	Thomas Foster
Eva Wakim	Botrous Camilos	Selina Orton
Miichael Kokegei	Sam Attard	Brian Ayers
David Waters	Ellen Dodds	Jane Hannah
Bryan Collins	Leon Maher	Jack Nardi
Jack Costa		

Sick

Xenie Star	Ashunta	Stephanie Empson
Julio Marquez	Vic Burnham	Kye Mc Intosh
Tracey Homan	Veronica Bishop	Suzanne Russo
Joyce Hone	Sandra Jackson	Sheelagh O'Rourke
Marie Campbell	Ruby Gornall	Sylvia Mann
Jackson Howard	Bernadette Kennedy	Lucy & Pia Favetta
Kathleen Martin	Matthew Cooper	Debbie Bell
Kate Terry	Nita & Ron McGuiness	Sue Warren-Smith
Mary Smith	Andrew Humpherson	Patricia Cooper

MORNING TEA ROSTER



Please stay and join us
After 9.30am Mass

Group 6	Chris Whalan, Viv Ball, Pat & Alison Bone - 18.01.2026
Group 7	Ian & Pat Rimes, Bernadette Wright, Linda & Isabel Lee - 25.1.2026
Group 1	Wanita Lynch, Mary Howes, Robyn Lentini & Julie Tarrant - 1.2.2026
Group 2	Robyn Lentini, Ina Kite, Scott Dunn, Robyn & Vic Wilmot - 8.2.2025
Group 3	Barbara Clarke, Sue O'Connor & Eileen Dodds - 15.2.2025
Group 4	Anne Strong, Eileen Dodds, Mary Portelli & Mary Jones - 22.2.2026
Group 5	Margaret Brown & Robyn Ayers, Juliet Mathew & Kate Curtis - 1.3.2026

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



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

To pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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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