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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.

5th May 2024



Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B

Entrance Antiphon:	Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people. alleluia.
1st Reading:	Acts of the Apostles 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Psalm:	The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
2nd Reading:	St John 4: 7-10
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!
Gospel:	John 15: 9-17
Communion Antiphon:	If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord and I will ask the Father and He will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.
Next Week's Readings	The Ascension of the Lord
1st Reading: Psalm:	Acts of the Apostles 1-11 God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord
2nd Reading: Gospel:	St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-13 Mark 16: 15-20

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday	7 7.30am - Communion Service
Wednesday	8 7.30am - Mass
Thursday	9 7.30am - Mass
Friday	10 9.00am - Mass
Saturday	11 9.00am - Mass
WEEKEND MASSES -	NEXT WEEK
Saturday Vigil	11 5.00pm - Mass

Sunday

Our website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/terrigal

12 7.30am & 9.30am NEW TIMES

Welcome to all our vísítors! 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.

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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.

Baptism

This weekend we welcome Ava Allingham-McKinnon and Mable Halliday into our Parish family.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Wedding

Congratulations to Rebecca McKinnon and Jack Allingham who are being married in our Church this Saturday 4th May.

Ministers at Sunday Mass

I would ask that each minister rostered on for a Sunday Mass (Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Collectors) let the Senior Server know that you have arrived and are ready to do your ministry before the Mass begins.

If the server believes that a minister has not arrived, it is his or her job to find a replacement.

Thanks for your help with this.

Fr Vince

Our Lady of Fatima Night



St Patrick's East Gosford, 11th May, Saturday Vigil @ 5:00 pm Main Celebrant: Bishop Randazzo After Mass multi-lingual rosary & candle procession.

Celebrants for Sunday Masses This Weekend 4/5 May 2024

Saturday 5.00pm Fr Vince

5.00pm **Sunday**

7.30amFr Vince9.30amFr Vince

Next Weekend 11/12 May 2024

Saturday

5.00pm Fr Vince

Sunday 7.30am Fr Vince 9.30am Fr Vince



CONFIRMATION 2024

The Sacrament of Confirmation is offered to baptised children in Year 3 and older. Confirmation is usually the next Sacrament after Baptism, and before Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Input session with Parents and Children 18th May at 3.30pm in the Church

Please arrive 15 minutes before to allow time to check in. We will also have Confirmation gifts and cards available for sale.

Parish Presentations 18th / 19th May

Children receiving Confirmation will be presented to the Parish at all the Masses over this weekend. Mass times are Saturday 18th May at 5.00pm, or Sunday 19th May at 7.30am and 9.30am

Confirmation Day 1st June

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Bob McGuckan **at 12 pm and 2pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend. Enquiries to Janette Merrotsy, at the Parish Office on

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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

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.

Catholic Women's League



8th May Delegates' Meeting at Toukley at 10.00am.

20th May 10.30am. Coffee Morning at Breakers Country Club.

26th May 9.30am. Blessing Mass followed by morning tea for parishioners.

27th May Branch meeting 10.15am for 10.30am start Guest Speaker Maria Kennedy Principal OLSOS Parish School.

New members always welcome. Enquiries: Ruth Robinson 0414434856

Pope's Prayer Intention for May

That men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual, and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

Exploring the Scriptures

Join a small group to read and reflect on the Scripture reading for the following Sunday.

10.30am Thursday mornings in the Parish Office. Attend when you can. All welcome.

Enquiries to the Parish Office or to Bernie 0414 653 146

Retreat

I will be away from the Parish from Monday 2nd June to Friday 19th July to experience the Full Ignatian Spiritual Exercises at Sevenhill Retreat Centre in South Australia. The retreat goes from Monday 10th June to Sunday 14th July, and I will be driving there and back as a way of entering into and leaving the retreat.

In my absence the three priests from Wyong Parish will be providing Masses and priestly ministry for the Parish.

Why am I doing such a long retreat? I had seven years of initial formation to prepare for ordination, and after 22 years as a priest I experienced a thirty-day retreat which has helped me and my ministry since then. That was 20 years ago and now, with maybe 20 years of active ministry ahead of me, it seems like a good time to do another long retreat to draw closer to the Lord and to discern how best to minister as I get older.

Please pray for me and my director as I prepare for the retreat.

Fr Vince

New Tap'n'Go Machines



These new machines give us an option of donating \$5, \$10, \$20 or any other amount. Please give them a try.

Thanks to everyone who uses this facility to donate to the parish.

Bible Study and Discussion

Where:	In the Divine Mercy Chapel, on the right-hand side of the church.	
When:	Thursday Nights	
Time:	6pm to 7pm. Bring your Bible with you. All Welcome	

Voluntary Assisted Dying

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2022 came into effect in NSW in November 2023. This means eligible people in NSW will be able to request medical assistance to end their life. This is also known as euthanasia.

Catholic teaching says that assisted suicide is a completely unacceptable solution to the problem of suffering and a genuinely human society does not eliminate those who suffer, but cares for them.

Advocates for VAD insist they are the compassionate ones, while VAD opponents insist it is not "compassionate" to inject someone with lethal drugs, and that VAD doctor-assisted suicide puts the medical profession, who have a duty to care for the ill, elderly and vulnerable, in an impossible situation.

The church's position on VAD flows from our understanding of the human person. VAD contradicts the goodness and dignity of each human person, created in the image of God – a unique, irreplaceable individual. The Diocese has published a Pastoral Guideline on Voluntary Assisted Dying for clergy and parishioners. It can be <u>read</u> or downloaded <u>here</u>.

Alpha

The Australian Edition of the Alpha Film Series featuring Nicky Gumbel is now available on MyAlpha. There are new guides and resources available. Visit <u>alpha.org.au/run</u> to download this brand-new edition and get started.

Please give generously to

Pastoral Works Broken Bay May 2024 Appeal



There will be a diocesan-PASTORAL wide Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) Appeal in May.

PWBB supports two key charitable works in the Diocese – the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine or CCD and our Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program.

Asking for donations is never taken for granted, especially in challenging economic times. However, parishioners have been extremely generous in supporting the charitable works of the Diocese.

Our Pastoral Works appeal connects everyone to the mission of Jesus Christ in our Diocese. Every gift or donation brings comfort, friendship, or security, and often opens the doorway to a faith-filled life.

Donations can be made at any time, not only during May.

The PWBB May appeal is the last one for the financial year 2023/2024 and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Expressions of Interest

We are seeking dedicated committee members who are passionate about contributing to the success of *Fair by* the Sea 2024.



Committee members will play a vital role in planning, organizing, and executing various aspects of the fair, ensuring a memorable experience for OLSOS community.

Whether you have experience in event management, logistics, or simply a willingness to lend a helping hand, we welcome your expression of interest.

Please email your interest to: rachel.way@dbb.catholic.edu.au or starsea@bigpond.net.au

Funds raised by previous Fairs have paid for the recent updates in the audio-visual equipment in the church and hall. Thanks.



MEN'S BUSHWALKING GROUP

In the light of the extensive rain this week plus what is forecast, it is highly improbable that we will be able to find a suitable track to safely enjoy and not get drenched. A final call on any activity will be only made over the weekend.

The next walk will be on Tuesday 21st May. Venue will be decided closer to the date. 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. Our walks usually take an hour and a half or so and then we head off for lunch nearby.

St Michael Prayer Group Mass



5:30pm Thursday 16th May 2024

All welcome to attend and join with the St Michael Prayer Group for Mass and Adoration.

Fr Stan will be with us on this evening.

2024 Mass Attendance Count

During May all the people attending Sunday Masses through-out the Diocese will be counted. This will commence with the Vigil Mass on Saturday 4 May and conclude on Sunday 26 May 2024. The count has been done for almost 20 years now and provides us with valuable data about changing patterns in our Parish and Diocese.

Mother's Day Raffle



This weekend we will be selling tickets for our Parish raffle which will be drawn after the 9.30am Mass on 12th May. There will also be a few little gifts to buy.

School Building Up-date With the rain this week there has been minimal progress made in preparing the foundations.

MARY MAC'S WOY WOY Terrigal Parish proud to support

Thanks to all who continue to support Mary Macs and contribute regularly. Non perishable food items like tin fruit, tinned meals, soups, tuna, tinned ham, poppers, packet noodles are always needed. Items can be left at the Parish Office.

Thank you to many making a difference to many in hardship.



Confirmations News

We are delighted to say we have 103 students in our Confirmation Programme that

started on Wednesday with the parent information evening. The parents placed their childrens' names in the small gold basket on the sanctuary asking for prayer. Please support them in prayer for them and their families.

CatholicCare Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) services

We assist separating and divorcing couples and their children to resolve disputes without needing to take action in the Family Court. With the assistance of an impartial third party, family dispute resolution helps identify issues and together we develop a range of options and alternatives, with the goal to reach a settlement that is suitable to all.

MGL Sisters Carmel House Retreats

Banquet Pentecost Intensive Friday 17th May - Wednesday 22nd May

Discover the depths of God's love as we accept the invitation to radical intimacy with the Trinity. Feast on God's powerful love for you, open up to the gifts of the Spirit, savour times of powerful input, prayer, and practical workshops, and find the charismatic generosity of God unleashed in your own life of mission and discipleship.

trybooking.com/CNSXA

Awake Day Retreat

Awaken to a renewed experience of God's love and rediscover the joy of your life with the Risen Jesus during this retreat on Saturday 15th June with the MGL Sisters. <u>trybooking.com/</u> <u>CNTCH</u>

Engaged Encounter

provides couples with deeper insights into each other and into married life. It is an opportunity for couples to spend time together to strengthen and enrich their relationship. For further information visit:

<u>www.engagedencounter.org.au</u> Upcoming weekends: May 18-19, Aug 17-18, Nov 09-10.

'Awakening to Oneness' Retreat

Friday 24th - Friday 31st May, at St Joseph's Spirituality Centre, Kincumber South.

A six day guided retreat inviting us to open ourselves to raising our consciousness of love, through quiet, stillness, process, poetry & music. Cost \$800.

At the same time there are two directed retreats with limited spaces. Cost \$850.

Book now at <u>reception@stjosephsretreat.org.au</u> or call 4368 2805.

Journey into Truth

At Our Lady of Dolour's Chatswood commencing 14 May. <u>Journey into Truth</u> is a 24-week course that presents a deep teaching of the Catholic faith. Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and presented by Fr John Flader, the course explains the principal teachings of the Catechism in a way anyone can understand and shows how these teachings can be lived out in ordinary life. The course features 24 half-hour videos enhanced by beautiful high-definition film clips, images, and quotations.

To register please contact Catharine at JOURNEY_TRUTH@YAHOO.COM

Book Club

On the last Friday of May, our book club will be discussing James Boyce's book Born Bad. Boyce shows how the idea of original sin has shaped the western view of human nature.

In June we will discuss Time for God by Jacques Philippe.

In July we will discuss Graham Greene's novel about the whiskey priest in The Power and the Glory.

In August we will read George Bernano's Diary of a Country Priest.

In September we will read Theology of the Body for beginners by Christopher West.

If any of these books interest you please join us on the last Friday of every month @ 1600 in the parish offices.

gazboantonius@gmail.com

What is an Invisible Disability?

When you think of the word, 'disability' what do you see? Perhaps you envision someone in a wheelchair, or a person walking with a cane. The reality is that for <u>90%</u> of people living with a disability in Australia, their disability is invisible.

If you have close friends and family members living with an invisible disability, you may suggest that they apply for an <u>Invisible Disability</u> <u>Access Card</u> and lanyard. This is worn when in public to explain the assistance that they may need.

Click <u>here</u> for more information about Invisible Disabilities.

For more information about CatholicCare's disability and NDIS supports visit our <u>website</u>, email <u>info@catholiccaredbb.org.au</u> or call us today on <u>1800 324 924</u>.



Finding Your Soulmate Without Losing Your Soul The Diocese of Broken Bay invites this to hear renowned speaker Jason Everet on Wednesday, 22nd May

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2024, at The Light of Christ Centre, Yardley Ave, Waitara. Festivities and foodtrucks will be available from 6.00 pm, with Jason's talk at 7:00 pm.

This is a **free** event, but **registration is essential**. No ticket means no entry. To register, please visit https://www.trybooking.com/CRFMV

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MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

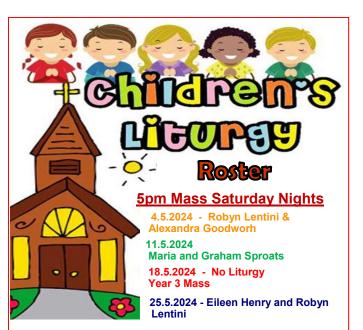
May is traditionally the month we honour our Heavenly Mother.

There are many ways to do this; Rosary or a special prayer, even a small sacred space in your home with her picture or statue.

You are welcome to say the Rosary in our parish 30 minutes before the morning Mass, (Wednesday to Saturday).

The school will be praying he Angelus, starting this month, in the classrooms.

Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.



New helpers are welcome

Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased

Ray Hinde Kevin Milner Bridie Conclon Bishop Peter Ingham Kathleen Redding Bob Lanigan Helen Manning Gerhard Shriber Stjepan Furjanic

Anníversaríes & Remembrance

Noel Vidler Maurice Wainwright Joseph D'Almaida Leslie and Rosa Toth Michael Kokegei Josefina Herrera Mary Mifsud Maria Czannecki Helena Sawicki

Jack Kane Mary Grouse Aniela Hofsteter Selina Orton

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Barbara Turner Sue Simmons Bill Moore Robert & Gaye Badger Patricia Cooper Michael Vesper Michael Murphy Bob Clarke Joy Rawson Ken Copper Maryanne Paterson (Baby) Brooks Phillips Kerrie Collins Betty Frein Joshua Mc Carrol Len Freeman Peta Smith Michael Gilbert Pauline Walsh Mary Smith Terri Marshall Brian Kemp

Francis Stapleton Leo Ambrose Marie Campbell John Lentini Brian Connell Mary Sofia Claire Hastings Josh Reid John & Sue Madigan

Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi

Internationally renowned scripture scholar Professor Amy-Jill Levine will explore Jesus' most popular parables, revealing their hidden depths, exposing their misinterpretations, and showing how they can still challenge and provoke us 2,000 years later.

6 May / 9am-2.30pm / Doltone House, Hyde Park 181 Elizabeth St / \$120

ROSTERS FOR SERVERS and EM



Saturday - 5.00pm

Server D Southwell	(EM) R Zadro & G Catanzariti
Server J Sheridan	(EM) V Duverge & M Perry
Server L George	(EM) R Zadro & L O'Donnell
Server V & F Duverge	(EM) M Perry
	Server J Sheridan Server L George

Sunday - 7.30am

5/52024	Server N Carter	(EM) E Katselas & B Brown
12/5/2024	Server M Slattery	(EM) B Lobo & J Sheehan
19/5/2024	Server E Bastoli	(EM) N Barcha & B Brown
26/5/2024	Server N Carter	(EM) E Katselas & B Brown
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Sunday - 9.30am

Server P Maniskas	(EM) K Curtis & R Lentini
Server P Quinn	(EM) C Addison & R Ayers
Server J Tarrant	(EM) A Bone & J Merrotsy
Server P Maniskas	(EM) K Curtis & R Ayers
	Server P Quinn Server J Tarrant

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

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25/5/2024	(1) Julie McManus	(2) Goodworths
Sunday - 7	7.30am	
5/52024 12/5/2024 19/5/2024 26/5/2024		(2) Anne Strong (2) Betty Brown (2) John Sheehan (2) Jeanette Rogers
Sunday - 9).30am	
5/5/2024 12/5/2024 19/5/2024 26/5/2024	(1) Colleen Addison(1) Joan Kearney(1) Janette Merrotsy(1) Jane Watts	 (2) Susan de Brincatt-Moffatt (2) Jayne Robinson (2) Anne Mackson (2) Graham Sproats
New R	osters at the rear of t	he Church to collect.

Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster



6th May 2024 Eileen Dodds, Sor Morales, Pamela Price & John Donnelly

13th May 2024 Viv Ball, Ann Vidler, Chris Whalan, Marg Brown & Alison Bone

BUS TO MASS

The Parish bus collects parishioners for 9.30am Mass. If you would like to be picked up, please contact Peter Clayton via the Parish Office.



We need a few more drivers, so please consider this valuable ministry.

Thank you to our loyal drivers

Morning Tea after Mass

We will not be having morning teas after the 7.30am Mass since most people have not yet had breakfast!

There are a large number of people gathering after the 9.30am Mass. This is wonderful, but there are a few safety concerns. We have separated the tea and coffee from the food and cold drinks; and ask that you stay on one side of the table, so that the volunteers can serve you. Please follow the directions on the safety signs on the tables.

More volunteers are needed after the 9.30am Mass. Please contact Robyn Lentini via the Parish Office if you are able to help.

MORNING TEA ROSTER Please stay and join us

After 9.30am Mass

Group 4	Anne Strong, Eileen Dodds, Mary Portelli & Mary Jones - 28.4.2024
Group 5	Margaret Brown & Robyn Ayers, Juliet Mathew & Kate Curtis - 5.5.2024
Group 6	Chris Whalan, Viv Ball & Alison Bone - 12.5.2024
Group 7	lan & Pat Rimes, Linda & Isabel Lee - 19.5.2024
Group 8	June Carpenter, Carmel Peek & Anne-Marie McCarthy – 26.5.2024
Group 1	Kaye Parker, Wanita Lynch, Mary Howes & Robyn Lentini - 2.6.2024
Group 2	Joan Kearney, Ina Kite & Robyn Wilmot - 9.6.2024
Group 3	Geraldine Czerkesow, Anne Coggan & Susan Connor - 16.6.2024
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Everyone is welcome, but 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.



Marriage Tribunal Office

For information, please phone the Tribunal Office on <u>02 9307 8309</u> or email <u>tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au</u>

