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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.

8th December 2025



Second Sunday of Advent Year C

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

1st Reading: Baruch 5: 1-9

Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Next Week's Readings Third Sunday of Advent - Year C

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Psalm: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great Holy One of Israel.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 4: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday	10	7.30am - Communion Service
Wednesday	11	7.30am - Mass
Thursday	12	7.30am - Mass
Friday	13	9.00am - Mass
Saturday	14	9.00am - Mass

WEEKEND MASSES - NEXT WEEK

Saturday Vigil	14	5.00pm - Mass
Sunday	15	7.30am & 9.30am

Our website: 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 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.

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Masses this Weekend

Saturday 7th 5.00pm Fr Vince
Sunday 8th 7.30am Fr Vince
9.30am Fr Jack



Next weekend

Saturday 14th 5.00pm Fr Vince
Sunday 15th 7.30am Fr Jack
9.30am Fr Vince



Baptisms

This weekend we welcome **Sullivan Andrews** into our Parish family.



Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

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
- 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**, as arranged through the Parish Office.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay

PWBB supports scripture in our state schools and pastoral care in our hospitals, as well as assisting students with disabilities and the deaf community.

Donations can be made at any time and some parishioners are using the PWBB envelopes to make regular tax-deductible donations, while others have contacted the parish office to make a credit card deduction every month.

Thank you for your on-going generosity!

PASTORAL
WORKS Broken Bay

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC PARISH - TERRIGAL

We warmly welcome you to
celebrate **CHRISTmas** with us!

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24th
6pm- Children's Mass & Pageant
9pm- Mass during the Night

Christmas Day - Wednesday 25th
7.30am Mass at Dawn
and 9.30am Mass during the Day

Exploring the Scriptures

Join a small group to read & reflect on the Scripture reading for the following Sunday.
10.30am Thursday in the Parish Office. Attend when you can. All welcome.

This week is our last gathering for this year.
We will begin again on Thursday 6 February 2025.

Enquiries to Parish 43674610 or 0414 653 146

Second Sunday of Advent:

We light the Peace Candle

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

“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

Reflection:

The second candle on the Advent wreath represents **Peace**. the **“Bethlehem Candle,”** the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph’s journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. Building on the meaning of the Prophecy Candle, this second candle recalls that after all of the division, destruction, and dispersion of the kingdom in the Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth – Jesus is coming, and so is His Kingdom of Peace. As we read in the quote from Pope Francis, this light of peace shone forth from Bethlehem for all the world.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Opening of the 2025 Year of Jubilee

Bishop Anthony invites the clergy and the People of God in Broken Bay to join him on the Feast of the Holy Family, **Sunday 29 December for 9.30am Mass** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara and to officially

Connections Term 4 issue

Connections is the quarterly newsletter for Broken Bay Catechists. Please click the link below to enjoy this edition.

Piety Shop

A big thank you to all who support the Piety Shop buying gifts, cards, Baptism Candles etc Small gifts for Catechists to buy under \$4

We have some new Christmas items including essential oils (Gold Frankincense and myrrh) small items for gifts, Our **Christmas cards** have also arrived, also diaries, Columban calendars, Divine Mercy calendars, many items.

Come and take a look

Advent Program 2024 | A Journey of Hope

Copies of the Broken Bay Diocese' Advent program are available at the door of the church. These are free, provided by the Diocese. An e-flip book is also available to download on the [Diocesan website](#).

Exploring the Scriptures

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Memorial Plaques



Take a look at the newest Plaques.

We are collecting orders for a new batch that will be ready now for January.

Payment can be made on completion.

OLSOS Craft Group

Will resume on the 12th February 2025.

To find out more, call Cath on **0432 982 622**



Catholic Women's League

Wishing our members and parish family a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

New members always welcome.

Enquiries: Colleen Addison 0425 368 431



CATECHIST OPPORTUNITY

For a person who likes working with children



What does a Catechist do?

- We listen to the children and encourage them in prayer to know Jesus' unconditional love for them.
- Anyone can do it - no experience necessary and it only involves an hour or two per week!
- Training and lesson materials provided
- Come and check it out! Yes! Come into the classroom as an assistant.

Phone - Cheryl Ryan, Primary Catechist Coordinator

The Children Need You and Me!

Robyn Lentini	20 years of service (Papal Blessing)
Maria Sproats	45 years of service
Ivy Holly	Diploma of SRE Level 3 Certificate
Veronique Duverge	10 years of service
Joan Kearney	10 years of service
Tim Kearney	10 years of service

At the 9.30am Mass this weekend we will be presenting the following.
Service Awards to some of our Catechists in recognition of their dedication in spreading the Good News

"And this is the job of the catechist: constantly to go forth to others out of love to bear witness and to talk about Jesus, to proclaim Jesus. This is important because the Lord does it; it is the Lord that impels us to go forth."

~ Pope Francis

The Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation or Confession) has four essential elements: confession of sins, act of contrition, penance, and prayer of absolution. And depending on whether these elements are celebrated individually or communally, we have three forms for celebrating the sacrament. In the parish during Advent we will celebrate both the first and second form.



The **first form** of Reconciliation is available from 8.30 to 10am each **Saturday morning**. A communal celebration of the first form is being celebrated at 7pm at **Kincumber** on Tuesday 17 December; **East Gosford** on Wednesday 18 December; and **Woy Woy** on Thursday 19 December.

The **second form** will be celebrated in our parish at **7pm on Friday evenings** 6th, 13th and 20th December. We will have a brief penitential liturgy which will include the act of contrition together; then each person will come to the priest and say: "I am sorry for ..." and the priest will pray the prayer of absolution: "I absolve you from your sins ..." ; then we will say our penance together. The priest will be standing near the sanctuary and penitents will line up to confess. Unless we have large numbers attending, there will only be one priest. All are welcome to attend.

For more information read a short article by Elizabeth Harrington

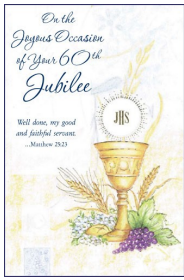
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MEN'S BUSHWALKING GROUP

This week we walked a stretch of the Putty Beach to Maitland Bay track in the Bouddi National Park. We started earlier than usual to avoid the heat of the day and will likely do so for the rest of summer. Our next walk is on Tuesday 17 December starting at 8.30 when we plan to explore the Katandra Reserve area. Any gentlemen interested in participating in any of our walks, please contact Stim Robinson at stimrobinson@hotmail.com to 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.



Sixty Years of Ministry



Fr Ken Hagan, who regularly assists at Masses here at Terrigal, will be keeping the 60th anniversary of his Ordination to Christian Ministry on Thursday, 19th December.

A Mass to celebrate the occasion will be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea at 11am that morning, followed by refreshments. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Parish Commitment to **SafeGuarding**



Our Lady Star of the Sea Terrigal is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Social Inclusion Week

Our hope at **CatholicCare** is that everyone, regardless of their age, nationality, gender or ability realises their dignity and worth. May we use this week as an opportunity to celebrate all the beautiful, fun, interesting and quirky traits that make us all unique. Click [here](#) to read some reflections from staff and clients at Boonah Creative Arts Centre about the importance of inclusion.

Bequests

In writing your will, where you can and after looking after your family, please also consider our Parish. Suggested wording is:

"I give to the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Broken Bay, (ABN 79 031 652 544) as Trustee for the Catholic Parish of Terrigal in the State of New South Wales for its general purposes, the sum of \$ _____ or _____ percent of my estate, or the property at _____, or _____

(other specific items), free of all duties, taxes and other deductions of whatever kind.

I declare that the receipt for the same signed by the Bishop of the Diocese, or other designated officer, shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors and Trustees."

If you would like more information, please contact the Parish Office or go to the diocesan website.

Let Us Pray

We pray for the many who live under oppressive authoritarian regimes. May this week's **United Nations Day for Human Rights** (10th December) renew their hope for freedom and justice. Lord, hear us.

We pray for the church in France and Europe. May the reopening of the **Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris** be a joyful celebration of faith, beauty and shared humanity. Lord, hear us.

We pray for our parish community. May tomorrow's solemn festival of Mary's **Immaculate Conception** deepen our faith in God's saving grace for us all. Lord, hear us.

Synod on Synodality

The Final Document **For a Synodal Church; Communion, Participation and Mission** is available in [English](#).

Pope Francis has written a note to accompany the document which captures the results of the two-year-long Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Read Pope Francis's note [HERE](#)

Thanksgiving and Gratitude: The Heartbeat of Married Love

We all love to be around joy-filled couples. Their good humour and welcoming generosity make their homes places of hospitality for all their visitors and friends. People leave their presence refreshed and uplifted by their joyous delight in each other.

So how do you become that kind of couple?

A well-developed sense of gratitude is one of the distinguishing characteristics of happy couples. Gratitude leads spouses to look for the good in each other rather than the faults. They have found ways to embrace their differences with good humour rather than argue about them. And they are motivated to serve each other, because they each feel blessed and privileged to be loved by the other.

Ahead of the Christmas holidays Smart Loving is gifting subscribers our Gratitude EBook in the hopes it supports you in your marriage journey.

[Download the Gratitude eBook](#)

Alpha Youth Series

It's all about proclaiming the Gospel in a way that is engaging, authentic. This new series is available via accessing the link [HERE!](#)

It is made for this generation, by this generation — packed with fresh content that speaks to the real questions young people are asking. It is relatable while sparking real conversations about life, faith, and purpose.

Bookclub

Last Friday we held the last Book Club meeting for 2024. A fitting end to a year of great authors ranging from the fiction of Willa Catha's *Death Comes for the Archbishop* to Graham Greene's *The Power and the Glory* and George Bernanos' *Diary of a Country Priest*. We read John Paul II's collection of essays, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope* and his theology of the body distilled through the writing of Christopher West. We spent time in 2024 with Jacques Philippe whose books have become classics of catholic spirituality. A member of the community of the Beatitudes, his book *Time for God* is a reminder of the priority of the internal life in the search for peace and happiness. The trappist community of the Abbey of Gethsemani was the home of Thomas Merton and where he wrote his autobiography *The Seven Storey Mountain*. We spent two whole months in his company reading of his conversion from agnosticism to catholic mysticism. Merton is a reminder that fame can be fleeting.

As in previous years we also dipped into C S Lewis. So our last meeting capped off a great year of reading. We had poetry readings and music and some retreat recollections along with a reading of Einstein's letter to his daughter- the universal force of love. We had Elvis singing *Miracle of the Rosary* (check it out on YouTube) alongside Couperin's *Les barricades mystérieuses* and a modern version of Marietta's lied. And whenever two or three catholics are gathered, it is not long before the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins descends like the Holy Spirit. This meeting was no exception. We reflected on the lyrics of two hymns: *God Beyond all Praising* and *How Can I Keep from Singing*. We had a Leunig cartoon sharing a space with Khalil Gibran and a poem by Georgiana Fullerton on Latin as "the tongue of one unchanging creed." Fr Vince shared some recollections of a recent retreat. "In the cross we are embraced by the Trinity of love, who love us with the same love with which the persons of the Trinity love one another." With these eclectic sharings our reading for 2024 came to an end. We start next year with a reflection on the Trinity with Richard Rohr's book *Divine Dance*. As in previous years our book club meets on the last Friday of every month at 1600 in the parish offices. Join us if you can.

Gazboantonius@gmail.com

Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased

Carmen Bouchet	Dallas Reichel	Jonah McPhee
Tilla Hurner	Bob Jackson	Martha Hanna
Marie Allman	Helen Milne	Rodolfo Torzani
Judith Kersten	John Lentini	

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Ellen Dodds	John Rogers	John Mooney
Michael Vesper	John Macken	Michael Kokegei
Bruce Cameron	Mary Lavelle	Silvana Favetta
Martha Stephens		

Sick

Pia Favetta	Sivec McMenamie	Margaret Ayres
Philomena Pannell	Christine Dormer	Phillip O'Rourke
Mary Smith	Kate Terry	Michael Murphy
Bernie Introna	Judy Saunders	Patricia Cooper
Marie Campbell		



**Market Stalls
Family Fun Day
Food and drink!**

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WEBPAGE FOR
PRE-BOOKINGS
AND MORE INFO



When and where:

8 Humphreys Rd, Kincumber South, 2251
December 14, 2024 from 4pm - 8pm

[https://www.stjosephskincumber.org.au/
event/christmas-twilight-market/](https://www.stjosephskincumber.org.au/event/christmas-twilight-market/)

Live Streaming

Our technology in the church is finally working, and we can live stream Masses from the church. We recorded the Mass on Friday. To have a look go to our parish website, click on "Mass times", then "Mass Live", then "Please visit the Mass live page here" which will take you to the *vimeo* site for Terrigal Parish. Then click on the date of the last Mass. It might sound complicated, but is easy when you have done it once. Alternatively, click on this link: [Live Streamed Mass](#) or use the QR code:



ROSTERS FOR SERVERS & EM



Saturday - 5.00pm

7/12/2024	Server J Sheridan	(EM) L O'Donnell & V Duverge
14/12/2024	Server L George	(EM) J Tarrant & L O'Donnell
21/12/2024	Server J Tarrant	(EM) R Zadro & M Perry
28/12/2024	Server P Proust	(EM) G Catanzariti & L George

Sunday - 7.30am

8/12/2024	Server E Bastoli	(EM) A Hanson & J Sheehan
15/12/2024	Server M Slattery	(EM) B Brown
22/12/2024	Server P Clayton	(EM) John Sheehan
29/12/2024	Server E Katselas	(EM) M Slattery

Sunday - 9.30am

8/12/2024	Server P Maniskas	(EM) A Bone & R Ayers
15/12/2024	Server P Quinn	(EM) M Sproats & R Ayers
22/12/2024	Server B Lobo	(EM) R Ayers & A Bone
29/12/2024	Server P Maniskas	(EM) Kate Curtis & Sproat

EM = Eucharistic Minister or correctly Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

ROSTERS FOR READERS OF THE WORD

Saturday - 5.00pm

7/12/2024	(1) Lynches	(2) McCuddens
14/12/2024	(1) Goodworth's	(2) Connie Attard
21/12/2024	(1) George's	(2) Julie McManus
28/12/2024	(1) Maureen Reynolds	(2) Dudley Smith



Sunday - 7.30am

8/12/2024	(1) Justine Hayes	(2) Peter Clayton
15/12/2024	(1) Robyn Wild	(2) John Sheehan
22/12/2024	(1) Ivy Holly	(2) Betty Brown
29/12/2024	(1) Sandra Petith	(2) Jeanette Rogers

Sunday - 9.30am

8/12/2024	(1) Colleen Addison	(2) Joan Kearney
15/12/2024	(1) Jayne Robinson	(2) Anne Mackson
22/12/2024	(1) Susan de Brincatt-Moffatt	(2) Colleen Addison
29/12/2024	(1) Jane Watt	(2) Janette Merrotsy

Christmas Roster

Readers

Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to read at any of the Christmas Masses;
9pm - Christmas Eve Mass
7.30am or 9.30am - Christmas Day

Servers & Extra Ordinary Ministers

Please contact Pauline 0416 332 166 with your availability for Christmas Eve (Tuesday night) and on Christmas Day (Wednesday)

Children's Liturgy Roster

5pm Mass Saturday Nights

7.12.2024 - Robyn Lentini
14.12.2024 - Robyn Lentini
21.12.2024 - No Liturgy
School Holidays

New helpers are welcome

MORNING TEA ROSTER

Please stay and join us After 9.30am Mass

- Group 4 Anne Strong, Eileen Dodds, Mary Portelli & Mary Jones - 8.12.2024
- Group 5 Margaret Brown & Robyn Ayers, Juliet Mathew & Kate Curtis - 15.12.2024
- Group 6 Chris Whalan, Viv Ball & Alison Bone - 22.12.2024
- Group 7 Ian & Pat Rimes, Linda & Isabel Lee - 29.12.2024
- Group 8 June Carpenter, Carmel Peek & Anne-Marie McCarthy - 5.1.2025
- Group 1 Wanita Lynch, Mary Howes, Robyn Lentini & Julie Tarrant - 12.1.2025
- Group 2 Joan Kearney, Ina Kite, Robyn Wilmot & Viv Coleman - 19.1.2025
- Group 3 Geraldine Czerkesow, Anne Coggan, & Susan Connor **Volunteer needed** - 26.1.2025

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.

Safety warning - Please do not walk behind the tables that the volunteers are serving from. Thank you.



Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster



9th December 2024

Anna Camilleri, James Ferguson & Anne-Marie Finn

16th December 2024

Eileen Dodds, Sor Morales, Pamela Price & John Donnelly





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