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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.*

**15<sup>th</sup> December 2025**



**Third Sunday  
of Advent  
Year C**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**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 Acclamation:** Alleluia, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 3: 10-18

**Communion Antiphon:** Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

**Next Week's Readings Fourth of Advent - Year C**

**1st Reading:** Micah 5:1- 4

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

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 10:5-10

**Gospel:** Luke 1:38

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7.30am - Communion Service</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7.30am - Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7.30am - Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9.00am - Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9.00am - Mass</b>

**WEEKEND MASSES - NEXT WEEK**

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5.00pm - Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7.30am &amp; 9.30am - Mass</b>

**Our website: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/terrigan](http://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 14<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm Fr Vince  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30am Fr Jack  
9.30am Fr Vince



### Next weekend

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 5.00pm Fr Vince  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.30am Fr Vince  
9.30am Fr Jack



### Baptisms

This weekend we welcome  
Dean Stanley, Rose Bowers, Addison  
Brook, Remi & Camille Wilkinson into  
our Parish family.



Please keep all our newly Baptised 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**  
**Acc: 100001660 or**
- using planned giving **envelopes**, available at the back of the church; or
- **regular (monthly) credit card donations**, as arranged through the Parish Office.

### Graduation

Congratulations to the Year Six students at our school who will be graduating this Tuesday after seven years of primary school education. Well done.

### End of School

The last day of school is Wednesday 18 December for students and Thursday 19 December for staff. Have a wonderful Christmas and a restful holiday.

### School Building

The scaffolding has been taken off the new school building and it is on track to be completed in February 2025, but the hand-over will not be till later in the year. More work will continue to improve some of the other classrooms and build more toilets etc.

**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA  
CATHOLIC PARISH - TERRIGAL**

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

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**6pm- Children's Mass & Pageant**  
**9pm- Mass during the Night**

**Christmas Day - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**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.

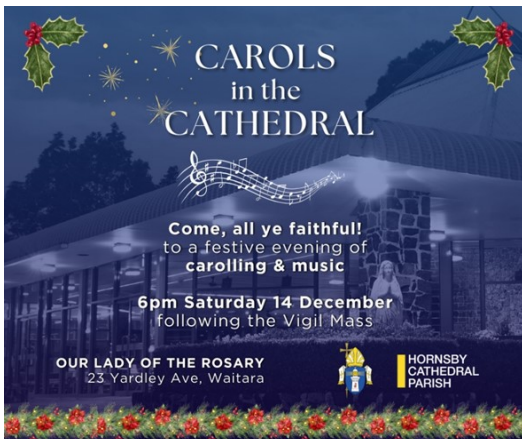
We will gather again on  
**Thursday 6 February 2025.**  
Enquiries to Parish 43674610  
or 0414 653 146



## Third Sunday of Advent: (Gaudette Sunday) We light the Joy Candle

O God, As we faithfully await the birth of your son, Jesus, Let us be glad and rejoice. In our families and our schools and in our lives, help us to share the joy of Christ's love with others. Amen.

The third Sunday of Advent we are invited to reflect on the **joy** we have access to because of our faith in Jesus. One of the defining characteristics of Christ-followers is their *joyful demeanor*. Let's not allow the struggles of this year steal from the **great joy** we have because of Jesus.



### Opening of the 2025 Year of Jubilee

Bishop Anthony invites 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 mark the beginning of the 2025 Holy Jubilee.

### Piety Shop

Great collection of Christmas items, including essential oils (Gold Frankincense and myrrh) and others. Also available - St Vinnies Christmas Cards, Columban and Divine Mercy Calendars, diaries, nativity sets— large and small.

**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](#).

### Memorial Plaques



Take a look at the newest Plaques.

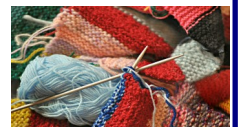
We are collecting orders for a new batch that will be ready now during January.

Payment can be made on completion.

### OLSOS Craft Group

Will resume on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

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



### Connections Term 4 issue

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

[Connections Term 4, 2024](#)

### MEN'S BUSHWALKING GROUP

With several of our regular walkers unavailable and the forecast high temperatures next week, we have decided to cancel our next scheduled outing. We hope to resume walks towards the end of January when life is bit more settled and hopefully pleasant temperatures.

Wishing all fellow parishioners a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.— *Stim*

## Congratulations to our Catechists



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

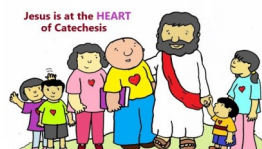


Last weekend we had Service Awards to some of our Catechists in recognition of their dedication in spreading the Good News by teaching the children in our local State Schools. Thank you to those who responded to call of teaching and assisting in 2025

### A note from Cheryl Ryan

After 10 years I have decided to retire from being the Parish Primary Catechist Coordinator. Elias Bastoli has generously agreed to take over the role as of 1 January 2025, however I will be continuing as a Catechist for our Parish. Please join me in wishing Elias every blessing as he takes on this important Ministry.

Thank you Cheryl for your hard work and dedication over ten years.



## Reconciliation



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 17th **East Gosford** on Wednesday 18th and **Woy Woy** on Thursday 19th December.

The **second form** will be celebrated in our parish at **7pm** on **Friday evenings** 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

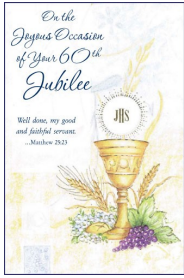
For more information go to:

<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/resources/liturgy-lines/the-second-rite-of-reconciliation/>

## Parish Family & Friends Christmas Dinner- Thank you to all who supported.



## Sixty Years of Ministry



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

**THE ONLY THING  
NECESSARY  
FOR THE  
TRIUMPH OF EVIL  
IS FOR GOOD  
MEN TO DO  
NOTHING**

*We pray for Australia, that we will remain free from antisemitism and acts of terrorism against any of our citizens.*

## Christmas Special Appeal

Some years we have had a special appeal at our Christmas Masses.

This year we will be supporting a catholic family who are refugees from Gaza and have moved to the Central Coast. Our goal is to raise \$6,110 which will pay the rent for their two-bedroom house for three months. Donations in the "Special Appeal" envelopes which are available at the doors of the church can be placed on any collection plate over the Christmas period. Thank-you for your generosity.

Fr Vince



The Saint Michael Mission Society (SMMS) was established in Sydney in 1996 to provide ongoing support to the Order of Catholic Priests known as the Congregation of Saint Michael the Archangel (Michaelites) in their missionary work in Australia and Papua New Guinea (PNG).

The Order was founded by Blessed Bronislaw Markiewicz in Poland in 1912. Michaelite priests began working in PNG in 1970. In November 2000 they were given their first parish in Australia at Holy Spirit North Ryde.

They continue to work in the highlands of Papua New Guinea within their 3 parishes. Priests working here receive little financial help and often live and minister in very difficult conditions.

The SMMS was established to provide this much needed financial assistance that helps the priests & seminarians directly and the communities they serve.

As an enrolled member & benefactor you will be given a prayer card and special masses will be held by our PNG priests at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy. (built from past donations) with prayers said, throughout the whole year.



**Saint Michael Mission Society Inc.** Subscription Fee \$25 per family or friend

**YES** I would like to join the Saint Michael Mission Society for 2025

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PRAY FOR:

\*\*\**You may wish to give a gift of a subscription to someone special*\*\*\*

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at Terrigal Parish Office 4367 4610 with Janette Merrotay (Coordinator) 0421416555 or via post at P.O. BOX 4, TERRIGAL, NSW 2260

**Thank  
"YOU"!**



We pray for World Leaders May this week's **International Migrants Day** (18th December) urge them to address the poverty and violence that drive so many from their homeland. Lord, hear us.

Forms at the back of the church or in the parish office. Enquiries to Janette 042141655

## Book Club



On the last Friday in November we held the last Book Club meeting for 2024.

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 on Friday 31st January.

[Gazboantonius@gmail.com](mailto:Gazboantonius@gmail.com)

## Prayer Requests

### *Recently Deceased*

Rita Anderson	Dallas Reichel	John McPhee
C P Philip Chirayilputhenpurayi (brother of Fr Jose Philip)		
Martha Hanna	Helen Milne	Rodolfo Torzani
Judith Kersten	John Lentini	

### *Anniversaries & Remembrance*

Elizabeth O'Shannassy	John Rogers	John Mooney
Michael Vesper	John Macken	Michael Kokegei
Bruce Cameron	Mary Lavelle	Silvana Favetta

### *Sick*

Faye Harrison	John Casey	George Vojkovic
Marie Campbell	Vic Burnham	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	

## Parish Christmas Raffle

4 great prizes

Tickets \$2 each or

3 for \$5.00

**1st Prize: 2 course dinner for 2 at l'sle de France + hamper**

**2nd: Multi Function Oven, and Johnny Walker Whiskey (Black)**

**3rd: Slow Cooker & Nutrimetics**

**Gift Pack**

**4th: Soda Fountain**



**Drawn Sunday 22nd Dec**

## CCD Connections Term 4 issue

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## 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:



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December 14, 2024 from 4pm - 8pm

<https://www.stjosephskincumber.org.au/event/christmas-twilight-market/>

## ROSTERS FOR SERVERS & EM



**Saturday - 5.00pm** 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

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

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*

*If you wish to be involved in this ministry please contact the Parish Office.*

## ROSTERS FOR READERS OF THE WORD

### Saturday - 5.00pm

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

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

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



## Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster



16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Eileen Dodds, Sor Morales, Pamela Price  
 & John Donnelly

*Thank you*

**to the Generous people who have prepared a Christmas Hamper, please return them to the church this weeken.**

**Many thanks Denis SVdp Terrigal**



## Christmas Roster

### Readers

Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to read at any of the Christmas Masses:

6pm (children's pageant)  
 9pm - Christmas Eve Mass: 2 needed  
 7.30am (we have 2 readers)  
 9.30am - Christmas Day: 2 needed

**Servers & Extra Ordinary Ministers** as per roster organised with Pauline.

## 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.*





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**From the Christian Churches of Willoughby Council Carols in the Chatswood Concourse 7.30pm Saturday 14 December**