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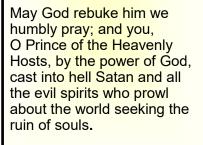
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Prayer to St Michael

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.





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.



16th February 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Entrance Antiphon:	Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.	
1st Reading:	Jeremiah 17: 5-8	
Psalm:	Happy are they who hope in the Lord.	
2nd Reading:	St Paul to the Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20	
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!	
Gospel:	Luke 6: 17, 20-26	
Communion Antiphon:	They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.	

Next Week's Readings: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

1st Reading: Psalm: 2nd Reading: Gospel: Samuel 26, 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 The Lord is kind and merciful. St Paul to the Corinthians 15: 45-49 Luke 6: 27-38

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday	18	7.30am - Communion Service
Wednesday	19	7.30am - Mass
Thursday	20	7.30am - Mass
Friday	21	9.00am - Mass
Friday Saturday	22	9.00am - Mass

WEEKEND MASSES - NEXT WEEK

Saturday Vigil	22	5
Sunday	23	7

5.00pm - Mass

23 7.30am & 9.30am - Mass

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

Amen

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 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.

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.facebook.com/OLSOSP

Reconciliation:

Before and after Saturday 9am Mass (8.30 -10am) or phone the Parish Office for an appointment.



Enquiries to the Parish Office.

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.

First Fruits Offering

This weekend is the start of the *First Fruits Offering* program which aims to ease the financial burden on the Parish through regular financial gifts from parishioners. Pope Francis has been calling on us to be a more missionary church - to renew our faith, become better stewards of what we own, and care deeply for each other.

A video from Bishop Anthony will be played at each Mass. Please take a copy of the printed material that has been created for

the program. Once you've read the material and considered your financial position, pray for God's guidance and consider joining the program by regular giving and / or leaving a gift in your will. We are grateful for your on-going generosity.



Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Nora Harman, Tommy Harman & Sadie Montgomery into our Parish family.



Congratulations and God's

Bible Study and Discussion

Where: In the Mercy Chapel, on the right-hand side of the church.

When: Every Thursday.

Times: **1pm to 2pm** We begin our study of The Gospel of Mathew & **6pm to 7pm** We continue with our study on the Book of Revelation.

All Welcome.

Bring your Bible with you.

For more information:

Call Elias 0459 220 208



Exploring the Scriptures

Join a small group to read & reflect on the Scripture reading for the following Sunday. 10.30am **Thursday** in the Parish Meeting Room.

Attend when you can. All welcome.

Enquiries to Parish 43674610 or 0414 653 146



OLSOS Craft Group (Held every second Wednesday)

Wednesday, 26th February from 12:30pm to

2:00pm.

Come and join us when you can.

To find out more, call Cath on 0432 982 622



Come join a small friendly group of lovely ladies.

St Michael Prayer Group Mass



All welcome to attend and join with the St Michael Prayer Group for Mass, Adoration, and an individual Blessing for healing.

Fr Stan will be with us on this evening.

Supper afterwards, you may like to bring a plate to share.

Sacramental Programme for 2025



Confirmation 2025

Enrolment

In the Parish Office Monday 24th to Sunday 30th March

Confirmation Date Saturday 17th May at 12 Noon and 2pm

Combined Programme: Reconciliation and Eucharist 2025

Enrolment In the Parish Office Monday 30th June to Sunday 6th July

First Reconciliation

Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th August by appointment

First Holy Communion

Saturday 13th September 5pm Sunday 14th September 7.30am & 9.30am

or Saturday 20th September 5pm Sunday 21st September 7.30am & 9.30am

Enquiries to Janette 0421416555

Book Club

Book Club for February will be discussing A Severe Mercy by Sheldon Vanauken. According to the blurb on the back it was the winner of the National Book Award. A memoir which traces the love story between Sheldon and Jean Vanauken. While studying at Oxford, the two converted to Christianity after a transformative friendship with C S Lewis. This change shook the foundation of their relationship, leading Sheldon to realise that he was no longer Jean's primary love-God was. The book includes letters written by Lewis and negotiates a narrative arc from head to heart. As Christianity today has noted- a book for anyone who has truly loved another person.

In March we will be reflecting on the divine revelations experienced by the fourteenth century mystic, Julian of Norwich as published in **Revelations of Divine Love**. "An extraordinary work of medieval mysticism, from one of the first known woman authors writing in English.

If any of these books appeal, please join us on the last Friday of every month at 1600 in the Parish Offices to share in the joy of communal reading. gazboantonius@gmail.com

Our Lady of Lourdes Celebration

The Legion of Mary invites you to a celebration on Saturday **15th February.**

The program is:

1.30pm Prayer and Rosary at the Parish Marian Shrine

2.00pm Afternoon Tea and Movie on Our Lady of Lourdes in the hall

> 4.30pm Concluding Prayers

All welcome.

A Promise of Hope

The 2025 Lenten Program from Broken Bay is currently in preparation. It will focus on the Sunday Readings and is designed to be used both individually or within a group setting.

Lenten Discussion Program

This year's small group program in the parish commences after the Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoons, starting **7**th **March** in the Parish Office.

We will follow the path of Jesus leading up to the events of his entry into Jerusalem, his arrest his trial and finally his crucifixion. To get a better understanding of what was happening 2000 years ago we will raise and most likely answer questions, such as:

- Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem.?
- What language was his trial conducted in? Pilate spoke Latin, Jesus spoke Aramaic.
- How do we have such a detailed record?
- Why were the authorities so keen to execute an itinerant carpenter from the northern province of Galilee.?

Please come along.

Catholic Women's League

Meeting on Monday the 24th February at 10.15am for 10.30am.

New members always welcome. Enquiries: Colleen Addison 0425 368 431

Marriage

Congratulations to Daniel and Gemma who are being married this week. Please keep them in your prayers.



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 by creating a community of safety and care.



Live Streaming Parish Mass

We record the Mass each Friday. To have a look go to the parish website, click on this link: <u>Live Streamed Mass</u> or use the QR code:



Requiem Mass

for Peta Smith (John's sister) next Friday at 10.30am Mass. Please keep in your prayers our deceased sister, Peta and her family.

St Michael Mission Society

Thank you to those who have updated their subscription for the upcoming year. Forms are still available at the back of the church or in the Parish Office if you wish to be a member.

As one of the benefactors you will be in the Masses and prayers of the PNG Michaelite Fathers during 2025. You are supplied with a certificate of appreciation, some choose to give these as gifts.

Enquiries to Janette 0421416555



Word of God Sunday

Is a day is devoted to the **celebration**, **study**, and **spreading** of the Word of God.

Bible Reading Plans

Here some plans and ideas which offer an opportunity to begin a new habit of reading the Bible.

The Bible in a Year Podcast with Fr Mike Schmitz Bible in a year reading plan Liturgical readings for each day An Introduction to each of the books of the Bible Lenten Challenge - Read the New Testament in 40 Days

Some Quick Links

Mass Readings this Week [universalis.com/australia] Commentary on Sunday Readings by Fr Ireneusz Czech (Pymble Parish) [https://www.youtube.com] Commentary on Daily Readings [livingspace.sacredspace.ie] Catholic Daily Reflections [catholic-daily-reflections.com] Commentary for Children and Families [loyolapress.com] Weekly Lectio Divina Guide [carmelites.org.au] Audio Divina Podcast with Fr Francis Moloney sdb [salesians.org.au/podcast]



MEN'S

BUSHWALKING GROUP

We enjoyed great conditions for our walk on Tuesday atop Kincumba Mountain. The 8.30 start worked well and was appreciated all round. Coffee and refreshments in

Kincumber village gave us a good chance to continue our chats. Any gentlemen interested in participating in any of our walks, please contact Stim Robinson on 0401 058 329 or <u>stimrobinson@hotmail.com</u> to get further details including where to meet for the walk. Our walks usually take an hour or so and then we head off for coffee or lunch nearby.

Thank-you *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107* Dear Fr Vince and the blessed people of the Lord and all the supporters,

my family and I are writing to express our deepest gratitude for your generous donation to our family. Your spiritual and material support is invaluable to us and helps us greatly to continue living safely here in Australia. Your support is more than just a gift; it is hope, comfort and assistance to us in facing the difficult times we are going through after having to leave our country due to the war and its horrors. We appreciate all the efforts made to help us and contributed to providing an amount to help us pay the rent and daily living, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your encouragement and generous assistance. The Lord has used you to bless our lives and your lives. We are all one body in Christ. To Him be all the glory. Please accept our sincere thanks for your concern and assistance as it has made a difference in our lives and made us see Christ through you.

Shady & Raghda

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

This is a program of religious education for young children in Montessori methodology 3-6yrs and 6-9 yrs. An Atrium exists at the Entrance Parish and another has opened in the Caroline Chisholm Centre at Pennant Hills.

The Catechesis is authentically Catholic, and as well as helping the child to understand the beauty of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, the power of scripture, and includes presentations on major feast days of the year.

A version call "Godly Play" is used in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 in our schools

For all enquiries and bookings, please contact Mary Clare: 0435 496 624 or via email cqs.marymount@qmail.com

CatholicCare:

Do you have a problem you can't solve on your own? When feelings become overwhelming or confusing, counselling can be very helpful. We work with you to overcome challenges and stress. We work with you, assisting you to face challenges and stressors, coming up with suggestions to tackle or resolve these challenges. We listen, talk through experiences and help you think about ways forward. Common issues addressed in counselling include family transitions, communication issues, work/life balance, conflict, parenting after separation, grief and loss and decision making. We offer a welcoming, inclusive environment and a safe space for all ages.

CatholicCare offers Government funded, fee for service and NDIS approved therapy options for yourself, your children and as a family unit. To access this service please call 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au.

Retreat Experience – St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre, Kincumber.

These three days provide you with an opportunity to understand & invoke mindfulness. There will be space to paying attention in the present moment to this wisdom just below your conscious awareness. You will come to be more grateful for the wisdom awareness your body sensations provide. Soul collage, poetry & being drawn into the beauty of the Centre, is bound to enhance your appreciation of nature.

Start	– Saturday March 29 th at 9.30am
Finish	– Monday March 31 st at 3.30pm
Silent Retreat	– No
What to bring	– Journal, yoga mat optional.
Price	– \$700 exc. GST/\$770 inc. GST
	includes facilitation, accommoda-
tion &	catering.
Facilitator	– Vicki Hancock
Bookings	– 02) 4368 2805 or email
	reception.sjr@sosjspirit.org.au

Liturgical Formation Series

Throughout the year the diocese is hosting a number of formation opportunities on Saturdays for those interested and engaged in Liturgical Ministries.

- 15th March The Art of Celebrating Holy Week
- 10th May Back to Basics
- 16th August RCIA
- 25th October Rekindle Our Wonder

For more information, or to register your interest, please email mission@bbcatholic.org.au

Women of the Well

exist to help any woman seeking to make time and space to find refreshment and revitalisation in the loving presence of God. But not alone in community with other like-minded women. We want you to feel authentically heard & fully alive in the Spirit, to be transformed by "Living Water" (John 4:6-10).

Events for 2025 are:

- One Day Gathering on Sunday 23rd February
- Corcoran Centre, Morpeth Retreat on Friday 11th Sunday 13th April 2025 The Hermitage, Mittagong
- One Day Gathering on Sunday 27th July TBC (in Sydney region)
- Retreat on Friday 17th Sunday 19th October 2025* -The Hermitage, Mittagong

Register for a gathering <u>here</u>

How to Invite Others to Pray

Many people would welcome an opportunity to pray with others; they just need someone to invite them!

If you would like to invite others to pray with you, but would benefit from some guidance or ideas or encouragement, join one of our online workshops.

Tuesday 18th February 2025, 3:00pm - 3:45pm

Workshop includes: tips for practical preparation, invitation, promotion, and leading people in prayer.

Register here.

Online Workshop - How to Invite Others to Pray - Lent 2025 Tickets | TryBooking Australia

The Synod and the Australian **Church: Where to now?**



You are invited to participate in a webinar (via Zoom) that will discuss the Synod and its implications for the Australian Church. Bishop Shane Mackinlay and Dr Sandie Cornish will be presenting.

Their presentations will focus on the final session and its report and highlight issues such as the role of women in the Church, the diversity of opinions across the global Church, and the scope for local autonomy. A key question is how the Australian Church will implement the results of the Synod and address unresolved issues.

When: Wednesday 19 February at 7:30 pm (AEDT)* Cost: FREE

Registration: To register, please click HERE

Jubilee Year 2025



Website

A dedicated Jubilee site

bbjubilee.com.au within the diocesan website contains a myriad of resources, Calendar of Diocesan celebrations, detailed information for parishes and resources from the Holy See.

Jubilee of Artists | 15-18 February 2025

The Jubilee of Artists rejoices with gratitude at the creative insights artists bring to human life. The service of beauty is a pathway into the divine and helps us dream of new horizons for the common good. The Jubilee invites artists to contribute to the work of the Church in bringing about a New Creation where people can live in peace and justice.

Jubilee of the World of Volunteering | 21-23 February 2025

The Jubilee of the World of Volunteering is an opportunity to thank, affirm and encourage the many lay people who contribute to the world through volunteering

Pilgrimage Information Night

at 6:30pm on Thursday 27th February. To register, click <u>Pilgrimage Information Night</u> Enquiries <u>mission@bbcatholic.org.au</u>

Broken Bay Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome

with Chaplain, Fr Hien Vu on 1-10th October 2025. Included in this pilgrimage will be Mass with Bishop Anthony in Rome, visits to the Holy Doors and participation in the Vatican celebrations for the Jubilee of Consecrated Life.

Jubilee Shrines of Hope

We have three diocesan shrines at:

- The Parish of **Gosford** with a relic of Saint John Paul II is a Shrine of Hope for families.

- The Parish of Chatswood with a relic

of Blessed Carlo Acutis is a Shrine of Hope for young people.

- The Parish of **Manly Freshwater** with a relic of Saint John Vianney is a Shrine of Hope for priests and vocations.

Vox Episcopi

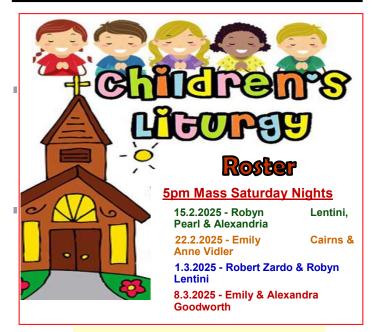
As Bishop of Broken Bay, I feel compelled once more to speak out in the strongest terms against the recent surge of anti-Semitic speech and violence in Australia....

As Catholics, we are called to love our neighbours as ourselves, and this includes standing in solidarity with the Jewish faith community, with whom we share a profound spiritual bond. The Church condemns anti-Semitism in all its forms, and I reaffirm this position unequivocally....

Jesus Christ Himself was Jewish, as was His blessed Mother, and the Church has affirmed the continuing and irreplaceable role of the Jewish people in God's plan of salvation. Any act of anti-Semitic violence or discrimination is a grave offense against both God and our fellow human beings....

+Anthony <u>View this email in your browser</u>

Volunteers are needed to work the visual display at Mass (especially on Saturday evenings).
 Contact the Parish Office if you can help.



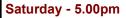
Volunteers are needed for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Please consider joining this Ministry.

Running to God

is a Collection of Prayers for Sport featuring prayers written for and by athletes, off is a Collection of Prayers for Sport featuring prayers written for and by athletes, officials, coaches, parents and spectators. Download it at http://www.nce.catholic.org.au/sport



ROSTERS FOR SERVERS & EM



15/2/2025 Server D Southwell (EM) M Perry & G Catanzariti 22/2/2025 Server L George Server J Tarrant 1/3/2025 Server P Proust 8/3/2025

Sunday - 7.30am

Server M Slatterv 16/2/2025 (EM) J Sheehan 23/2/2025 Server M Slattery (EM) B Brown 2/3/2025 Server M Slattery (EM) J Sheehan 9/3/2025 Server E Bastoli (EM) B Brown

Sunday - 9.30am

Server P Quinn 16/2/2025 (EM) A Bone & Kate Curtis Server P Maniskas (EM) M Sproats & C Addison 23/3/2025 2/32/2025 Server B Lobo (EM) R Ayers & A Bone Server P Maniskas (EM) Kate Curtis & M Sproats 9/3/2025

> **EM** = Eucharistic Minister or correctly Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

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

New roster can be collected from back of Church

ROSTERS FOR READERS OF THE WORD

Saturday - 5.00pm

15/2/2025	(1) Mc Cudden's
22/2/2025	(1) Georges
1/3/2025	(1) Lynches
8/3/2025	(1) Connie Attard

Sunday - 7.30am

23/2/2025 (2/3/2025 (Betty Brown Jeanette Rogers Justine Hayes Chris Hartcher 	
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Sunday - 9.30am

23/2/2025(1) Colleen Addison(2) Susan de Brincatt-Moffat2/3/2025(1) Graham Sproats(2) Jane Watts		
2/3/2025 (1) Graham Sproats (2) Jane Watts		
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9/3/2025 (1) Joan Kearney (2) Colleen Addison		

Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster



17th February 2025 Viv Ball, Chris Whalan, Marg Brown & Alison Bone

> 24th February 2025 Matt Riley, Felicity Riley & Heidi Bridger



MARY MAC'S WOY WOY Terrigal Parish proud to support

Thanking you once again for showing your love by donating groceries at the parish office door, which is then collected by Mary Mac's volunteers.

Poppers, mini water bottles, snacks, tin food, always welcome.

Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased

Peta Smith John Roumanous Walter & Estelita Roberts Anthony Morathy Mark Shelley David Rex Merrotsy

Philomena Pannell Margaret Ayres Marie Hennessy

Raymond O'Grady Jadwigi Skulskiej Jeffery Thomson Luca Bennett

Smith & O'Neil Families

Anne Condon

Mary Pace

Anníversaríes & Remembrance

Claire Carter Selina Orton Geoffrey Roberts David Merrotsy

Robert & Anne Smith Mario Favetta Tom & Dorothy Kelly

Síck

Ann Moore Noelene Sherood Mark & Jane Joe Zarb Vic Burnham Christine Dormer Kate Terry Patricia Cooper

Rolf Hertseil Sue Warren-Smtih Michael Murphy Sally Anne Gillan Pia Favetta Phillip O'Rourke Bernie Introna Elaine Edwards

Pat Lynch Lynne Ridgeway Steve Forte Marie Campbell Sivec McMenamie

Mary Smith Judy Saunders

MORNING TEA ROSTER

Please stay and join us After 9.30am Mass

- Chris Whalan, Viv Ball & Alison Bone Group 6 - 16.2.2025
- Group 7 Ian & Pat Rimes, Linda & Isabel Lee - 23.2.2025
- Group 8 June Carpenter, Carmel Peek & Anne-Marie McCarthy - 2.3.2025
- Group 1 Wanita Lynch, Mary Howes, Robyn Lentini & Julie Tarrant - 9.3.2025
- Group 2 Joan Kearney, Ina Kite, Robyn Wilmot & Viv Coleman - 16.3.2025
- Barbara Clarke, Sue O'Connor & Eileen Group 3 Dodds - 23.3.2025
- Group 4 Anne Strong, Eileen Dodds, Mary Portelli & Mary Jones - 30.3.2025
- Group 5 Margaret Brown & Robyn Ayers, Juliet Mathew & Kate Curtis - 6.4.2025

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.

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.



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

(2) Connie Attard

- (2) Goodworths (2) Dudley Smith
- (2) Dawn Smith

(EM) J Costello & LL O'Donnell

(EM) G Catanzariti & J Costello

(EM) R Zadro & M Perry

- 2) Jeanette Rogers
 - 2) Ivy Holly
 - 2) Robyn Wild
 - 2) Anne Strong

