PARISH OFFICE:

Next to the church 165 Serpentine Rd, Terrigal PO Box 4, Terrigal NSW 2260

Phone: (02) 4367 4610

Email: starsea@bigpond.net.au

Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/ terrigal

www.facebook.com OLSOS Parish

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Parish Priest: Fr Vince Casey vince.casey@bbcatholic.org.au

Pastoral Associate / Parish Secretary: Mrs Janette Merrotsy 0421 416 555

Assistant Parish Secretary: Mrs Nellie Sheridan

Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School. Principal: Maria Kennedy Ph: (02) 72562119 Email:

olss@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Early Learning Centre. Co-ordinator: Bronwyn Maley Ph: (02) 4365 3222

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.



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 March 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent Year C

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is you face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

St Paul to the Philippians 3: 17-4:1

1st Reading: Genesis 15: 5-12,17-18

Psalm:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel:

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well

Luke 9: 28-36

pleased; listen to him.

Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year C

1st Reading: Psalm: 2nd Reading: Gospel:

Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15 The Lord is kind and merciful. St Paul to the Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12 Luke 13: 1-9

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday	18	7.30am - Communion Service		
Wednesday	19	7.30am - Mass		
Thursday	20	7.30am - Mass		
Friday	21	9.00am - Mass		
Saturday	22	9.00am - Mass		
WEEKEND MASSES - NEXT WEEK				
Saturday Vigil	22			
Sunday	23	7.30am & 9.30am - Mass		

Amen

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

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.

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.



LIKE US ON

FACEBOOK

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.

St Michael Prayer Group Mass

5:30pm Thursday 20th March 2025



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

Adoration, and an individual blessing for healing. This is an opportunity to pray for friends and family who are in need of our prayers especially for healing.

Fr Stan will be with us on this evening.

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

Catholic Women's League Coffee morning at Breakers on Monday

17th March at 10.30.



Our next meeting is on Monday 24th March at 10.15 for 10.30am. In the Parish meeting room. New members always welcome. Colleen Addison 0425 368 431

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Annabelle Bladon, Leo Strong and Arlo & Edan Curry into our Parish family.



Congratulations and God's blessing.

Bible Study and Discussion

Will be back on the 27th March 2025.

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



Rest in Peace

This coming week we will have two funerals held in the church.

Bernie Introna - Tuesday the 18th March at 1pm. Robbie Lamont - Friday the 21st March at 10am.

Please keep these families in your prayers at this sad time.

EASTER SERVERS ROSTER

We have a few gaps in our Easter Servers roster. Please contact the Parish office if you are able to help with the following.

Palm Sunday we need an extra server for the 5pm Saturday night and 7.30am Sunday morning. *These Masses will starts from outside of church.*

Easter Sunday we need a thurifer for the 7.30am Mass.

OLSOS Craft Group

(Held every second Wednesday, unless stated)

Wednesday, 26th March from 12:30pm to 2:00pm.



To find out more, call Cath on 0432 982 622

Come join a small friendly group of lovely ladies. Dates to June on noticeboard

Lent in our Parish

Stations of the Cross

will be every Friday during Lent at 5.30pm. *If you would like to lead the Stations on one evening, please contact Janette*



Lenten Discussion Program

will be every Friday during Lent at 6pm, straight after the Stations of the Cross. Share the journey together.



Lenten Books - Metanoia

The readings for the Sundays in Lent are included and beautifully set out for personal or group discussion.

They are available for \$10 in the Parish Office and Piety Stall.

A Promise of Hope

The Lenten Program from Broken Bay focuses on the Sunday Readings and is designed to be used both individually or within a group setting. Copies are available at the back of the Church.



A digital e-book is available on the <u>Diocesan</u> <u>website</u>. There is also a <u>PDF version</u>.

Project Compassion

Boxes and envelopes are available at the back of the church.



"Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer. Above all it is a time of grace." - Pope Francis





This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your support this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges.

Fast and Abstinence

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, (18th April 2025) the Church calls us to abstain from meat and to fast as acts of penance and self-denial. All those who have completed their fourteenth year of age are to abstain from meat on these days, and those between the ages of 18 and 60 are urged to fast.

The Church also encourages us to embrace each Friday throughout the year as a special day of penance and prayer, as well as a day to accompany others, through charitable works of mercy.

The Bishop's full Lent/Easter letter in on the notice board.

Lenten Program

6pm Friday in the parish office immediately after Stations of the Cross.

This week we continue to trace Christ's journey in the last week of his life.

We are walking day by day in his footsteps.

Did you know he was careful not to stay in Jerusalem but left each night? Where to?

Last week we uncovered the meaning behind the curse on the figtree - why would Jesus curse a tree?

We worked out how he and Pilate spoke - since neither spoke the other's language - no, it wasn't a miracle!

We are looking behind the story - so come along and share his journey.

Special for this week - the Transfiguration - what is it all about?

24 Hours for the Lord

The Holy Father, Pope Francis has invited us into a time of prayer and Reconciliation during Lent. In this Jubilee year, Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral will be available from **9am Friday 28th March to 9am Saturday 29th March**. During this time there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please register via this <u>link</u> to ensure all 24 Hours are covered. Please register for a one-hour timeslot. If your preferred timeslot is taken, you can still come at that time, but perhaps consider a timeslot that still has vacancy.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 15th April** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral.

Sacramental Programme for 2025

Confirmation 2025

Enrolment for Year 3 and over 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 for Year 4 and over In the Parish Office Monday 30th June to Sunday 6th July

> Sacramental Preparation

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

Adult Sacraments

We have a number of adults who have, for various reasons, missed out on receiving some of the sacraments and we are hoping to form an adult group to prepare for and receive Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion with the children of the parish during the year.

If you are interested, please speak with Fr Vince

The Safeguarding Broken Bay Microsite

is a public site that has multiple resources that can be used to raise awareness within our communities. As well as having multiple resources, including Diocese Policy and Guidelines, through the website we are able to promote and create awareness of Key Safeguarding events throughout the year. More information can be accessed via the following link Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

Baptismal Preparation

Will be held in the Church next Tuesday night the 25th March starting at 6pm.

Save the date

Our famous annual Italian Night with entertainment from award winning tenor Graeme



Wright and home cooked Italian food. Will be held this year on the 12th July at 6pm.

More details closer to the event.

Live Streaming Parish Mass

We record the Mass each Friday. To have a look go to the parish website, click on this link:



Development Application

Many of you may be aware that a DA has been lodged to build a childcare centre for 113 children and 38 space carpark at167 Serpentine Rd. This is the block behind the church with two houses, a horse and two cows. Central Coast Council has received a number of submissions expressing concerns, especially about traffic, stormwater and sewage. At the PPC meeting during the week it was agreed to engage professional consultants to assess our concerns and assist us in a way forward. We will keep you informed of any developments. There are some more details on the notice board outside the church.

Ordination

Rosan Mathew will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Anthony Randazzo on Wednesday, 19th March, at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. His Mass of Thanksgiving will be at the Entrance on Thursday 20th March at 11am.

Rosan has been serving the people of The Entrance since he was ordained a deacon in September. He has served in various parishes on placement since joining the Diocese in early 2021. He completed his studies at Vianney College, Wagga Wagga.

It has been a long journey for Deacon Rosan, who began his discernment to the priesthood in India with a religious order. Now, more than a decade later and on the other side of the world, he will finally receive ordination to the priesthood and serve the People of God in Broken Bay. It will also be a joyful experience for Rosan's parents who will travel from India for the occasion.

Shayne D'Cunha, Tân Nguyen and Huy Tran are in their final year of study and were recently admitted as Candidates for Holy Orders and there are three other men in various stages of seminary formation for the Diocese.

Book Club

In April we will be reading "A Rabbi Talks With Jesus" by Jacob Neusner.

In May, we will reflect on David Bentley Hart's argument "That all Shall be Saved", a book about Heaven Hell and Universal salvation.

In June we will discuss Brant Pitre's book "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist".

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

MEN'S BUSHWALKING GROUP

Sadly, we had to cancel the walk in the Rumbalara Reserve area in Springfield due to the poor weather conditions.

Our next walk is on Tuesday 25th March when we will try again on this track. Fingers crossed the weather is okay.

Any gentleman 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.

Prayers

We pray for the human family, that **World Water Day** (22nd March) will highlight the vital importance of water in our lives and of our duty to protect and share our water resources. Lord, hear us.

We pray for **Caritas Samoa**, that its work of providing water for drinking, sanitation and hygiene at primary schools will be sustained by our support for Project Compassion. Lord, hear us.

We pray for the First Nations peoples of Australia, that this week's **Close the Gap Day** (20th March) will show progress in achieving good health outcomes for all. Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Australian community, that **Harmony Day** (21st March) this week will help strengthen our solidarity as we celebrate the diverse cultures that enrich the nation. Lord, hear us.

Name Badges

We have a group of Name Tags ready to pick up.

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.

BreakThrough Companion Training Course

Have you encountered an individual in a marriage in distress and your heart longed to help them?

If the answer is YES! Sign up to become a BreakThrough Companion. Join us for a training course which will take place via three 90 minute webinars:

17th March - Part 1 24th March - Part 2 31st March - Part 3 Time: 7:30pm (Sydney)

The Companion Track is a response to appeals for help from spouses in stressed marriages who seek someone to accompany them in their BreakThrough journey. Its launch enables you or another Companion, to pastorally accompany a participant as they progress through the BreakThrough course.

If you cannot attend but are interested in becoming a Companion, please still register for the webinar as we can send you the recordings and keep you informed of future Companion training.

REGISTER FOR THE WEBINARS

Tax Deductions Important?

For some parishioners a tax deduction is important. Contributions to *Pastoral Works Broken Bay* are 100% deductable. A regular payment can be made by using the envelopes at the back of the church or contacting Janettte in the parish office to arrange a monthly credit card deduction.

Serra

Our next vocations Mass and dinner will be held on Thursday 27th March 2025 at Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way



Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble at 6.30 pm.

Father Marek Woldan Assistant Priest at Manly Freshwater Parish will be our celebrant and guest speaker, talking about his vocation journey from Poland to Sydney.

Contact Henry or Anna on **0478 083 116** or <u>annayytleung@yahoo.com.au</u> or Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

Parish Support Officer – Full Time

There is a full-time role available for a Parish Support Officer with Clergy and Parishes Broken Bay. The role will provide essential training, guidance, and resources to clergy, parish staff, and volunteers. If you are interested, please see details <u>here.</u>

Applications close on Friday, 28th March 2025.

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 Year and CatholicCare

In Pope Francis' Jubilee message in February 2025, he described the Jubilee Year as a time for spiritual renewal and new beginnings, "The Jubilee is for people and for the Earth a new beginning; everything must be rethought within the dream of God," the Pope told pilgrims gathered for the morning audience.

Across CatholicCare, the spiritual renewal associated with Jubilee initiatives has been profound. To mark the Jubilee of Artists on 18th February, CatholicCare held an art competition where many of our Children's Services and disability clients were invited to explore the Jubilee themes of hope and renewal through art. As the Jubilee Year progresses, we pray that the Holy Spirit continues to renew, refresh and inspire.

Click here to read more.

Broken Bay Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome

with Chaplain, Fr Hien Vu on 1-10 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 on 8-9 October. For more information, please email <u>mission@bbcatholic.org.au</u>

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.

Jesus in the Gospels

Join **Dr Peter Holmes** as he guides us through the Gospels. This short course contemplate Jesus Christ through the unique perspective of each of the first three (synoptic) Gospel writers, helping participants to appreciate the unique way each Gospel introduces us to a different aspect of Jesus.

Dates: Mondays 7, 14, and 28 April 2025 Time: 7:30pm – 8:45pm Mode: Online via Zoom Cost: \$35 for individuals or \$100 per Parish Group

To find out more and to register, visit gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko

Updating Parish Records

The last information gathering in the parish was in 2017. This was in response to the bushfires then raging as we suddenly discovered there was no way of alerting parishioners of the possible closure of the Church site. Since then we have had further issues with storm damage (when a large tree fell down) which could have necessitated urgent warning to people coming to Sunday Mass.

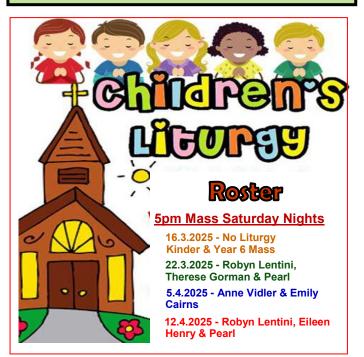
The Church site is still within the bushfire protection area and it is important that the parish be able to communicate with parishioners on this and other matters that may arise.

A new census – gathering of information will be taken at the Masses on the weekend of 22/23 March. Parishioners will be asked their name, address, phone number, email address and occupation. All information is confidential and used only for church purposes.

This information will be collected during Mass. In anticipation, thank-you for your cooperation .

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.

Thank you to the wonderful parishioners who volunteered last weekend.

ROSTERS FOR SERVERS & EM

Server M Slatterv

Server P Clayton

Server E Bastoli

Server M Slattery

Saturday - 5.00pm

15/3/2025Server J Sheridan22/3/2025Server V & J Duverge29/3/2025Server D Southwell5/4/2025Server L George

Sunday - 7.30am

16/3/2025

23/3/2025

6/4/2025

30/3/2025

(EM) P Clayton (EM) M Slattery (EM) B Brown (EM) J Sheehan

(EM) V & J Duverge

(EM) R Zadro

(EM) M Perry & L O'Donnell

(EM) L O'Donnell & G Catanzariti

Sunday - 9.30am

16/3/2025	Server J Tarrant	(EM) C Addison & R Ayers
23/3/2025	Server P Quinn	(EM) R Ayers & R Lentini
30/3/2025	Server B Lobo	(EM) A Bone & M Sproats
6/4/2025	Server P Maniskas	(EM) C Addison & K Curtis

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



15/3/2025(1) Year 6(2) Year 622/3/2025(1) Goodworths(2) Georges29/3/2025(1) Maureen Reynolds(2) Matt McCudden5/4/2025(1)(2)

Sunday - 7.30am

	(1) Peter Clayton (1) Sandra Petith	(2) Betty Brown (2) John Sheehan
30/3/2025	(1) Robyn Wild	(2) Jeanette Rogers
6/4/2025	(1) Chris Hartcher	(2) Anne Strong

Sunday - 9.30am

	(1) Janette Merrotsy	
	(1) Susan de Brincatt-Moffat	(2) Vic Wilmot
	(1) Jane Watts	(2) Graham Sproats
6/4/2025	(1) Colleen Addison	(2) Janette Merrotsy

Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster

17th March 2025

Nigel Carter, Pina Maisano, Robyn Lenitini & Chris Hartcher

24rd March 2025 Jenny Cooper, Carol Clayton, Vicki McGinness & Graham McGinness



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

Bernie Introna Robbie Lamont Blake O'Brien Lynette Ridgewell Kathleen Zammit Vince Catrupi Shirley Wilson

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Betty Fardy Selina Orton Silvana Favetta Michael Kokegei Patrick & Dudley Burgoyne

John Goodwin Bill & Fay Tobin Jack Radovic Stephen Imbruglia (Jnr) Blake Hann John Nolan Anne Condon

Síck

Carroll Schneider Ann Moore Pia Favetta Joan Kearney Steve Forte Marie Campbell Christine Dormer Judy Saunders Alexandra Wilkinson Ray Dwyer Pat Lynch Kate Terry Mark & Jane Joe Zarb Bronwyn Lohan Phillip O'Rourke Patricia Cooper



MORNING TEA ROSTER Please stay and join us After 9.30am Mass Group 2 Robyn Lentini, Ina Kite & Robyn Wilmot 16.3.2025

- Group 3 Barbara Clarke, Sue O'Connor & Eileen 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
- Group 6 Chris Whalan, Viv Ball & Alison Bone - 13.4.2025
- Group 7 Ian & Pat Rimes, Linda & Isabel Lee - No Morning Tea - Easter Sunday
- Group 8 June Carpenter, Carmel Peek & Anne-Marie McCarthy – 27.4.2025
- Group 1 Wanita Lynch, Mary Howes, Robyn Lentini & Julie Tarrant 4.5.2025

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 Stephen Coyle via the Parish Office.



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

