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#### MASSES:

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5.00pm Sunday: 7am, 8.30am, 10am

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Thursday: 7.30 am Friday 7.30am & 12 Noon Saturday: 9am Public Holiday: 9.00am

Reconciliation:

Friday: 11.15am -11.45am Saturday: 8.15am - 8.45am **Prior to weekday Mass** 

Anointing of the Sick:

First Fridays of the month: 12 Noon Mass

**Exposition:** Friday At 10.45am (Holy Hour)

**Baptisms:** 11.30am on appointed Sundays. Also Saturdays by appointment

Ring the Parish Office for bookings or enquiries.



## OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA TERRIGAL

"May we Love one Another, so that all experience a Sense of Belonging"

# 16 DECEMBER 2018 Third 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 if His voice heard in the joy of your heart.



" I Baptise you with water but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of His sandals."

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY	
1st Reading:	Zephaniah 3: 14-18	Micah 5:1-4	
Psalm:	"Cry out with joy and goodness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."		
2nd Reading:	St Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7	Hebrews 10: 5-10	
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, 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	Luke 1: 39-44	

Sunday 16 December	Monday 17 December	Tuesday 18 December	Wednesday 19 December
Masses: 7.00am, 8.30am, 10.00am	5am Devotional Dawn Mass Preparation for Christmas	5am Devotional Dawn Mass Preparation for Christmas	5am Devotional Dawn Mass Preparation for Christmas
Third Sunday of	Mass: 7.30am (Rosary at 7.00am)	Mass: 7.30am (Rosary at 7.00am)	Mass: 7.30am (Rosary at 7.00am) School breaks up
Thursday 20 December	Friday 21 December	Saturday 22 December	Sunday 23 December
5am Dawn Devotional Mass Preparation for Christmas  Mass: 7.30am (Rosary at 7.00am)  10.30 am Lectio Divina in the Parish Office	5am Dawn Devotional Mass  Mass 7.30am Rosary at 7.00am) Holy Hour from 10.45am  Reconciliation 11.15 to 11.45am  12 Noon Mass	Mass at 5am  Masses: 9.00am (Rosary at 8.30am)  16 year Anniversary of our church on this site.  Vigil Mass 5.00pm	Masses: 7.00am, 8.30am & 10.00am

#### A message from Fr Jacek

Dear parishioners and visitors, welcome to our beautiful Parish on this the Third Sunday of Advent.

Please read about the extra Novena of Masses at 5am from the 17th December including Monday 24th (not on Sunday).

I will be available for Reconciliation before and after each morning Weekday Mass (Not Friday 12 noon). As I am on my own - please don't leave to the last minute. Also we have printed the times of Reconciliation in the other parishes.

Our Catechists are making an appeal this weekend for more teachers and helpers. Thank you to all who have given of their time to share their faith with the children in the State Schools, please consider joining them.

Next Saturday it will be the 16th Anniversary of the re location of the Parish Church. Join us at 5am or 9am for Mass. Have you noticed the new lights in the church, nice and bright for Christmas. God Bless you on the week ahead.

#### **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

Monday DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

6pm Children's 3 Vigil Masses:

Mass (with pageant))

9pm Mass

MIDNIGHT MASS 12am (Carols from 11.30pm)



Tuesday DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

8am

10am

**Dec 26 BOXING DAY** 

(St Stephen) 9am Mass



Wednesday

#### St Vincent de Paul Society

St Vincent de Paul Society will continue its Christmas appeal. The Hampers are due back today (Sunday). Please support where possible

#### From the Diocese:

NAPPA (NSW Association of Pastors, Pastoral Associates and Pastoral Workers) is holding its annual Conference "Drawing & Giving Life" on 26 February 2019 at Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe. This day is a good way to renew and strengthen our Parish pastoral ministries.

Kevnote: Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO Topics include: Alpha – Encountering Jesus; Parish Pastoral Councils – Best Practice; Enriching Family Faith & Evangelisation: Young People and the Church: Justice and the Eucharist: National Support for Lay Pastoral Ministries; What next for Plenary 2020?; Supporting Muslim-Christian Dialogue; Listening Circles.

#### Christmas Novena - copies at the back of the church, starts Monday 17 December.

An invitation to say a novena as a gift for those you love and care about. Give them and (yourself) wrapped in love to the infant Jesus this Christmas.

#### Calling all Catholics: Animators Report

Your Church wants to hear your voice. Plenary Council 2020. Listen to what the Spirit is saying...( Revelations 2:7).

Any one who wishes to still make a submission can still do so. There is still time. Simply put your story or views in a sealed envelope marked" Plenary Council" and place on the collection plate at Mass or hand in to the parish office. Alternatively they can be posted direct to PO Box 747 North Sydney NSW 2059. 2019 is designated as the year of discernment. Our parish will have, towards the end of the year, a meeting to receive a report on the submissions and a further opportunity for discussion.

After Ash Wednesday 2019 a parish report will be made through the Bulletin on the views expressed by our parishioners. There are no right or wrong views- all will go forward.

The scriptural theme for the Council is from Revelation Chapter 2 -To the Church in Ephesus.

Though written 2000 years ago its' message still echoes

"Whoever has ears let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

#### What Is Gaudete Sunday?

Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. (See the Liturgical Calendar for Advent to find the date of Gaudete Sunday this year.) ("Rejoice in the Lord always").

JOY SUNDAY The third Candle on the Advent wreath is called the "Shepherd's Candle." Its light is a symbol of the Joy that filled the world in the past at the birth of Jesusthe joy that first came upon the shepherds at night watch in the fields when the Angel of the Lord appeared to them

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." – Luke 2:10 This Candle is rose in color to remind everyone that the very joyful occasion of the Lord's birth is truly at the heart of our Advent preparation of prayer and penitence, represented by the liturgical color purple.

#### Advent reflection

Remember, in the midst of this season that we need to include Jesus in our preparations. Although Christmas comes "but once a year," Christ's love is with us always and He's counting on us to share it with others! What have I done for Advent so far! No worries we still have time see 5am Special Dawn Mass.

NOVENA of DAWN Masses - 5am Monday 17th to Monday 24th December at TERRIGAL (No 5am Sunday).

Simbáng Gabi is a devotional nine-day series of Masses practiced by Roman Catholics in the Philippines and other Catholic Countries

Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. The NOVENA OF DAWN MASSES is a spiritual preparation for the birth of Jesus. It is an expression of our faith and thanksgiving for our blessings. This beautiful tradition originated from the Philippines. This Mass will not replace the 7.30am CATHOLIC WEEKLY \$2.00 Money in the poor box please

## Catholic Women's League

\$40 membership for 2019 now due. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME** 

Christmas Blessings to all members and their families.

Enquiries: Ruth Robinson (President) M: 0414 434 856

Walk in the Catholic Faith Classes. For those interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith a gentle and nonthreatening series of talks are currently being held. Monday 17 **December at 7pm.** The program we will be using is entitled "At Home with God's People". If you are seeking Baptism or, just wish to know more about our faith family, please join us.

#### THE EUCHARIST BY CANDLELIGHT

An initiative of the youth and other ministries this Advent. 2018. St Patrick's Parish East Gosford will

continue to celebrate the four Sunday nights of Advent with 8pm Masses. This is open to all parishioners on the Central Coast. The Masses will be preceded by an hour of Adoration from 7pm, with light supper provided after each Mass. Reminiscent of the early Church that would celebrate the Mass underground, St Patrick's Parish would like to welcome all parishioners to attend what will be a beautiful celebration of the Eucharist by candlelight.

> For more information, please contact Matthew French on 0411792587.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER for 8.30am Mass

9/12/18 Danni Fenton & Shannon Devorsine

#### **ROSTER - SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER 2018**

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Safeguarding message: During this Advent Season let us be reminded that childhood itself has a direct relationship with God. In their openness to God, children communicate that divine love to all whose hearts and minds are open (Karl Rahner).

PIETY STALL - Something for Christmas? Please come and have a look at the Christmas Stock in our Piety Shop.

Columban Calendars , St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards & Magellan Cards now available.

RECONCILIATION IN NEIGHBOURING PARISHES Preparing your hearts for Christmas

Gosford 7.30pm Woy Woy 7pm Wyoming 28th 7.30pm

ALTAR SOCIETY	ROSARY STATUE	CHURCH CLEANING from Monday 17/12/18	BUS DRIVERS
Helen Farmer (More helpers needed)	This week: L & E Tamayo Next week: Blossom Lobo	Mary Bryant Nigel Carter, Pina Maisano Kerry Oliver	23.12.18 Peter 30 .12.18 Adrian (we need more drivers on our roster-, please help if you can )

	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS & Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	VISUAL DISPLAY
5.00pm	Georges Maureen Reynolds	L George John Smith D Smith F Kane R Zadro Juniors: Please volunteer	Alex
7.00am	P Clayton J Hayes King	P Malone G Justin S Imbruglia B Brown J Hayes	
8.30am	A Strong E Goodworth B Tutill	F Sammut E Bastoli R Lentini R Koffke R Ayers  Juniors: Please volunteer	Peter
10.00am	Dam J Merrotsy V Wilmot B Hunter P Quinn B Lobo F Wessel I Kite A Brooks Juniors: Please volunteer		Choir



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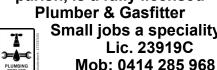
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