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OLSOSParish

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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.*

22nd December 2025

**Fourth Sunday
of Advent
Year C**



Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

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 Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-44

Communion Antiphon: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son:
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

**Next Week's Readings The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Year C**

1st Reading: Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28

Psalm: How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

2nd Reading: St John 3: 1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday	24	6pm and 9pm Mass
Wednesday	25	7.30am and 9.30am Mass
Thursday	26	9.00am - Communion Service
Friday	27	9.00am - Mass
Saturday	28	9.00am - Mass

WEEKEND MASSES - NEXT WEEK

Saturday Vigil	28	5.00pm - Mass
Sunday	29	7.30am & 9.30am - Mass

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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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.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome **Mia King, Crescent Barron, Danielle Wheeler and Bobby Aho** into our Parish family.

Please keep all our newly Baptised in your prayers.



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.

Masses this Weekend

Saturday 21st 5.00pm Fr Vince
Sunday 22nd 7.30am Fr Vince
9.30am Fr Jack

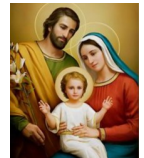


Christmas Masses

Tuesday 24 6.00pm Fr Vince
9.00pm Fr Ken (& Fr Vince)
Wednesday 25 7.30am Fr Jack (& Fr Vince)
9.30am Fr Vince

Next weekend

Saturday 28th 5.00pm Fr Ken
Sunday 29th 7.30am Fr Jack
9.30am Fr Vince



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love

We light the fourth candle as a sign of our faith in God's redeeming love. God's promised Messiah is coming. He brings good news for the poor and oppressed.

Loving God, we thank you for your gift of love - shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless us in our prayer. Help us to hear and do your word. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. Amen



Christmas Roster:

Readers

Christmas Eve
6pm Pageant

9pm Needed

Christmas Day

7.30am Betty Brown & Ivy Holly

9.30am Needed

Servers & Extra Ordinary Ministers

Christmas Eve

6pm	L George	EM A Bone
	J Tarrant	EM M Sproats
	P Maniskas	EM D Southwell

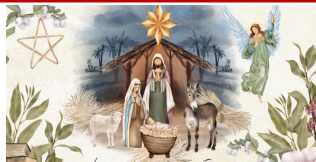
9pm	B Lobo	EM R Zadro
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Christmas Day

7.30am	E Bastoli	EM B Lobo & B Brown
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9.30am	JF & V Duverge	EM R Lentini & D Southwell
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**Collectors please let us know in the office
what Mass you will be attending**



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 6th February 2025.
Enquiries to Parish 43674610
or 0414 653 146



OLSOS Craft Group

Will resume on the 12th February 2025.

To find out more, call Cath on
0432 982 622



Book Club

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

Parish Office

Will be closed from Midday Tuesday 24th December to Wednesday 1st January. Messages and emails will be responded to.



Our prayer for you...

God grant you the light in Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is love, the radiance of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice; the belief in Christmas, which is truth; and all of Christmas, which is Christ.

Wilda English

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.

Vinnies

Thank you. The Christmas hampers that you put together have been distributed and the gratitude, happiness and tears showed how much your effort has been appreciated by those who received them.

Denis SVdP Terrigal



Unity, Hope and Light

On Thursday evening Bishop Anthony and other Christian leaders from the Diocese gathered with civic and religious leaders of the Jewish community to offer their support to our Jewish brothers and sisters and to express our opposition to the rising incidents of antisemitism in Australia.

As a concrete action that each of us can take, every Catholic home in the Broken Bay Diocese is asked to light a candle on Christmas Eve and put it in the window to be seen by all who pass by as a sign of unity, light and hope in the face of antisemitism. This symbolic action was chosen because this year Christmas Day and Chanukah (the Jewish festival of lights; see 1 Maccabees 4: 36-59) fall on the same day and this will not happen again for another hundred years.



Bishop's Christmas Message

is an invitation to open our hearts to the hope Jesus brings. His message is available on the diocesan website or [here](#)

Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament is celebrated during the 9am Mass on the last Friday of the month being the **27th December.**

The anointing is for all those who are sick or preparing for surgery.



All Year Through

*Remember while December
Brings the only Christmas Day,
In the year let there be Christmas
in the things you do and say;
Wouldn't life be worth living?
Wouldn't dreams be coming true?
If we kept the Christmas spirit
all the whole year through?*

Author Unknown

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



Saint Michael Mission Society 2025 MEMBERSHIP ENROLMENT



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

NAME:

PRAY FOR:

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

Please lodge:

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

Thank "YOU"!

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

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.

Elder Abuse Awareness

Alarming data released by the NSW Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) shows a 38 per cent increase in statutory reports about the abuse of older people, with 53 per cent of these reports relating to allegations against adult children.

The data shows:

- 67 per cent of reports about abuse related to older women.
- **Regional NSW accounted for half of reports, with the Central Coast as one of the most common areas.**
- Adult Children (29 per cent) and paid workers (28 per cent) were the main reporters.

Signs of abuse can include the older person is no longer receiving the services they need to live, they are being prevented from speaking or seeing family, friends or grandchildren, or they cannot spend or access their own money.

Addition information is available from: [Adults at Risk & General Resources – Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay \(dbbsafeguarding.com.au\)](#)

NSW Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline:
1800 628 221 (Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm) for information, support or to make a report.

Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples

Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship.

For further information, visit our [website](#). Choose any of the coming Weekends: 22-23 Feb 2025; 17-18 May 2025; 16- 17 Aug 2025.

SmartLoving Engaged is an online marriage preparation consisting of nine lessons, you progress through the course at your own pace, doing the couple activities as you go. There is an option for a married Sponsor Couple from your community to accompany you through the course. <https://smartloving.org/broken-bay>

**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.

Peace

For the people of countries in political turmoil and warfare, may the Father of all mercies strengthen resolve amongst leaders to choose peace over violence and bring comfort and hope to all in despair. We pray to the Lord.

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.

Opening of the 2025 Holy Year / Year of Jubilee

Bishop Anthony prayerfully welcomes 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 mark the beginning of the 2025 Holy Jubilee. The Bishop has asked for a representative from the parish, if you are able to attend for Our Lady Star of the Sea, please contact Fr Vince or the Parish Office.

School Building

Most of the concrete is completed and the building is on track to be completed in February 2025, but the hand-over will not be till later in the year. During the holidays work will continue around the current buildings to add a lift and a covered walkway.

Save the Date – Mass in St Joseph’s Chapel,
8 Humphreys Rd, Kincumber South – **19th**
January 2025 at 11.30am to commemorate the
30th Anniversary of the Beatification of Mary
MacKillop.

Book early as the chapel capacity is 120 places!

A light lunch will be available to purchase,
ranging from \$8-\$12 per head.

RSVP – by Wednesday 15th January.

Either ring 4368 2805 or email

Reception.SJR@sosjspirit.org.au



Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased

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

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Colin Robson David Waters James Dodds
Elizabeth O’Shannassy John Rogers Brian Ayers
Seline Orton John Macken Michael Kokegei
Bruce Cameron Mary Lavelle Silvana Favetta

Sick

Sallyanne Gillan 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

Connections Term 4 issue

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

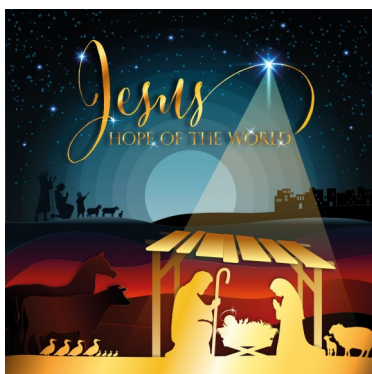
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Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

As this is the last weekend of the year we take the
opportunity to thank those that volunteer their time
over the year helping in our parish. Many go
unnoticed but we see.

May you and your families be blessed for what you
do for the Parish Community- the Parish Family.

For all who support our beautiful parish financially,
or prayerfully- thank you.



Giving in the Parish

We have **two regular collections** in the parish
each weekend.

The First Collection

**Goes to a common fund (Pastoral Revenue)
across all diocesan parishes..**

and is used to support the Bishop and all the
priests (active and retired) in the Diocese.
Donations for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and
Easter and Christmas offerings also go to the
Pastoral Revenue.

The Second Collection

**Goes to our Church Account so stays in the
parish to meet all our expenses...**

such as rents, planned giving, regular direct debits
and other donations (unless explicitly directed
elsewhere) The growing funds are also used to
maintain the church, hall, offices, presbytery and
grounds and to pay all our running costs like-
insurance, employees, and office, church and
pastoral expenses. Donations through *Tap ‘n’*
Go in the church or *Donate Now* on website go to
this account.

All other **special collections** go to the charity
or activity advertised when we have the appeal.

**Thankyou all for your ongoing generosity to
all these collections.**

ROSTERS FOR SERVERS & EM



Saturday - 5.00pm

21/12/2024	Server J Tarrant	(EM) R Zadro & M Perry
28/12/2024	Server P Proust	(EM) G Catanzariti & L George
4/1/2025	Server J Sheridan	(EM) D Southwell
11/1/2025	Server V & J Duverge	(EM) R Zadro

Sunday - 7.30am

22/12/2024	Server P Clayton	(EM) John Sheehan
29/12/2024	Server E Katselas	(EM) M Slattery
5/1/2025	Server E Bastoli	(EM) P Clayton
12/1/2025	Server P Clayton	(EM) John Sheehan

Sunday - 9.30am

22/12/2024	Server B Lobo	(EM) R Ayers & A Bone
29/12/2024	Server P Maniskas	(EM) Kate Curtis & M Sproat
5/1/2025	Server J Tarrant	(EM) R Ayers & J Merrotsy
12/1/2025	Server P Quinn	(EM) Kate Curtis & R Lentini

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

21/12/2024	(1) George's	(2) Julie McManus
28/12/2024	(1) Maureen Reynolds	(2) Dudley Smith
4/1/2025	(1)	(2)
11/1/2025	(1)	(2)

Sunday - 7.30am

22/12/2024	(1) Ivy Holly	(2) Betty Brown
29/12/2024	(1) Sandra Petith	(2) Jeanette Rogers
5/1/2025	(1) Chris Hartcher	(2) Anne Strong
12/1/2025	(1) Robyn Wild	(2) Justine Hayes

Sunday - 9.30am

22/12/2024	(1) Susan de Brincatt-Moffatt	(2) Colleen Addison
29/12/2024	(1) Jane Watt	(2) Graham Sproats
5/1/2025	(1) Joan Kearney	(2) Janette Merrotsy
12/1/2025	(1) Susan de Brincatt-Moffatt	(2) Jayne Robinson

Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster

23rd December 2024

Viv Ball, Chris Whalan, Marg Brown & Alison Bone

30th December 2024

Matt Riley, Felicity Riley, Heidi Bridger & Anna Fabri



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.

We need a few more drivers, so please consider this valuable ministry.



Children's Liturgy

Will re-commence on the 8th February 2025 at the 5pm Saturday Mass.

Kids bulletins will still be available at the rear of church.

MORNING TEA ROSTER

Please stay and join us After 9.30am Mass

- 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
- Group 4 Anne Strong, Eileen Dodds, Mary Portelli & Mary Jones - 2.2.2025
- Group 5 Margaret Brown & Robyn Ayers, Juliet Mathew & Kate Curtis - 9.2.2025

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.



A Happy Marriage

A 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.

SmartLoving is gifting us with a Gratitude EBook in the hopes it supports you in your marriage journey.

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