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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 oth-



23rd February 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.

My heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful

with me.

1st Reading: Samuel 26, 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 15: 45-49

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in

you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name,

O Most High.

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

1st Reading: Sirach 27: 2-7

Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. 2nd Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 15: 54-58

Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday 25 7.30am - Communion Service

Wednesday 26 7.30am - Mass Thursday 27 7.30am - Mass Friday 28 9.00am - Mass Saturday 1 9.00am - Mass

WEEKEND MASSES - NEXT WEEK

Saturday Vigil 1 5.00pm - Mass

Sunday 2 7.30am & 9.30am - Mass

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

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.

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.



Donations to the Parish

Donations can be made by:

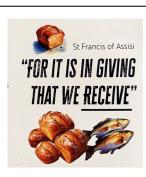
- putting **cash** in the collection bag at Mass; or
- using the **Tap'n'Go** machines at the door of the church; or
- or giving **directly** to our parish bank account:

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 Planned Giving Renewal Program was launched last Sunday. Thank you to those who have taken the time to read, reflect, pray, and become planned givers. Your ongoing support will make



a difference in the long term and allow Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish to thrive and continue its ministries in Terrigal and Erina.

First Fruits Offering has been a joint effort between our Diocese and all the parishes to build a more sustainable future. Your offering, no matter how big or small, will contribute towards the ongoing work parishes in the Diocese. You can still give at any time by filling the envelope and placing it in the collection basket or returning it to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament is celebrated during the 9am Mass on the last Friday of the month.

The anointing is for all those who are sick or preparing for surgery will be celebrated at Mass on Friday 28th February.



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.



Baptismal Preparation

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

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

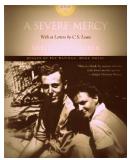
Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th August by appointment

First Holy CommunionSaturday 13th September 5pm
Sunday 14th September 7.30am & 9.30am

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

Enquiries to Janette 0421416555

Book Club



Bookclub 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 real-

ise 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. The book is the spiritual autobiography of a love rather than lovers. 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.

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.

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 gazboantonius@gmail.com

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

The Lenten program for this year commences on Friday 7th March at 6pm after the Stations of the Cross.

This is your opportunity to follow the path of Jesus in the days leading up to his arrest, his trial and his eventual crucifixion.

We will be exploring what was the attitude of the Pharisees and the Saducees?

What were the actual charges. What provoked them?

How did it bounce between Herod, the Jews and Pilate?

What was the real attitude of the Roman authorities.

How do we have a transcript of his trial before both the Jewish Authority and the Roman governor.

The apostles weren't there.....so come along. Prepare to walk in His footsteps.

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



MEN'S BUSHWALKING GROUP

Our next walk will be in the Wyrrabalong National Park near

Magenta Shores. We haven't been able to access this area for well over a year due to the Council improvement works being undertaken. The walk will start at 10am as the weather forecast looks promising at this stage. Any gentlemen interested in participating in any of our walks, please contact Stim Robinson on 0401 058 329 or stimrobinson@hotmail.com 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 Wyrrabalong National Park or lunch nearby.

World Day of Prayer

Kincumber Anglican Church, Avoca Drive, Kincumber on Friday 7th March at 10am.



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:



Memorial Plaques



Orders still being taken for the next batch of Plaques.

Please contact Janette if you are interested. Forms available at the back of the church.

Pope Francis



Please pray for the health and well -being of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. The Pope is 88 and has a long history of poor health. He is presently in hospital. Years ago part of his right lung had to be removed and the latest reports are

that he has double pneumonia.

The Vatican itself calls this "a complex situation". Please pray for his well-being and the well-being of the church in his care.

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.

Lent in our Parish

Lent begins with **Ash**

Wednesday

5th March.

Mass times 7.30am 9.30am 7.00pm

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).



On this

Ash Wednesday

we begin

a journey...

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

available at the back of the church. The reading 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.

Project Compassion

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

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 cgs.marymount@gmail.com

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

Name Badges

We have a group of Name Tags ready to pick up. Thank you for your patience I know some were ordered before Christmas.

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.

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 or Janette.



Monster Garage Sale

At St Joseph's Spirituality Centre, 8 Humphreys Rd, Kincumber South.

When – Saturday 15th March 2025

Time - From 9am

We have a large range of items for sale including furniture, bedding, glassware, kitchenware & much, much more. Come along & bring your friends! You are sure to get a bargain.

Safeguarding

This year's Safeguarding Awareness Theme is "Raising mental health awareness: Encouraging hope for the future." It highlights the growing mental health crisis, particularly among young people which is largely due to higher rates of anxiety, isolation, and stress, amplified by such things as social media use.

Although this is something that is prevalent for youth in our communities, it also has a huge impact on adults, with those most vulnerable in our communities being impacted. As such we are wanting to focus on there being more education and awareness created around mental health, how to identify these concerns and what supports can be implemented to assist those most in need.

The 2025 Safeguarding Awareness theme emphasises hope, symbolising the potential for a better future. Hope is also central to this Holy Year of Jubilee.

Resources can be found to support and promote safeguarding awareness via the following link

Resources – Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

Jubilee Year 2025





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 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

Jubilee of Deacons | 21-23 February 2025

The Jubilee of Deacons has a theme: 'Deacons: Joyful Witnesses of Hope', reminding us that Deacons help bring the hope and love of Christ to a world which has lost hope.

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....

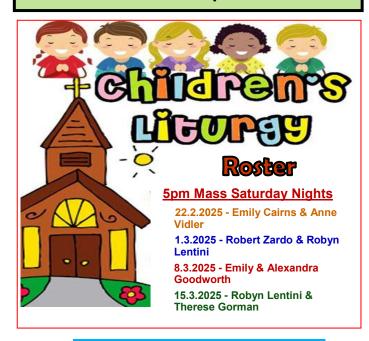
Jesus Christ Himself was Jewish, as was His blessed Mother, and the Church has affirmed the continuing and irreplaceable role of the Jewish people in God's plan of salvation. Any act of anti-Semitic violence or discrimination is a grave offense against both God and our fellow human beings....

+Anthony

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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



Saturday - 5.00pm

22/2/2025 Server L George (EM) J Costello & L O'Donnell 1/3/2025 Server J Tarrant (EM) R Zadro & M Perry 8/3/2025 Server P Proust (EM) G Catanzariti & J Costello 15/3/2025 Server J Sheridan (EM) M Perry & L O'Donnell

Sunday - 7.30am

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

Sunday - 9.30am

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

> **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

 22/2/2025
 (1) Georges
 (2) Goodworths

 1/3/2025
 (1) Lynches
 (2) Dudley Smith

 8/3/2025
 (1) Connie Attard
 (2) Dawn Smith

 15/3/2025
 (1) Julie McManus
 (2) Maureen Reynolds

Sunday - 7.30am

 23/2/2025
 (1) Jeanette Rogers
 (2) Ivy Holly

 2/3/2025
 (1) Justine Hayes
 (2) Robyn Wild

 9/3/2025
 (1) Chris Hartcher
 (2) Anne Strong

 16/3/2025
 (1) Peter Clayton
 (2) Betty Brown

Sunday - 9.30am

23/2/2025 (1) Colleen Addison (2) Susan de Brincatt-Moffat (2)3/2025 (1) Graham Sproats (2) Jane Watts (2) Colleen Addison (2) Colleen Addison (2) Anne Mackson

Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster



24th February 2025 Matt Riley, Felicity Riley

Matt Riley, Felicity Riley & Heidi Bridger

3rd March 2025

Mary Bryant, Fiona Bush, Evelyn Lazzarini & Kerry Oliver

MARY MAC'S PLACE

MARY MAC'S WOY WOY

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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 Anthony Morathy Marie Hennessy Shirley Wilson Philomena Pannell Raymond O'Grady Margaret Ayres Walter & Estelita Roberts Jeffery Thomson Mark Shelley Fr Joe Martins (Opus Dei)

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Silvana Favetta C Anne Condon

Claire Carter Michael Kokegei Selina Orton

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

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

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

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.





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