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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.

29th December 2025

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
Year C**

Entrance Antiphon: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

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 Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

Communion Antiphon: Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Next Week's Readings The EPIPHANY of the LORD Year C

1st Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

2nd Reading: Ephesian 3: 2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday	31	7.30am - Communion Service
Wednesday	1	9.00am - Mass Fr Jack
Thursday	2	7.30am - Mass Fr Jack
Friday	3	9.00am - Mass Fr Jack
Saturday	4	9.00am - Mass Fr Vince

WEEKEND MASSES - NEXT WEEK

Saturday Vigil	4	5.00pm - Mass
Sunday	5	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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Masses this Weekend

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



Next weekend

Saturday 4th 5.00pm Fr Vince
Sunday 5th 7.30am Fr Vince
9.30am Fr Jack



*Congratulations and thank you
to all who contributed in making our
Christmas celebrations so
memorable.
We have much to be grateful for.*

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 **Ellie & Lucy Harrison and Johnny Ellis** into our Parish family.

Please keep all our newly Baptised in your prayers.



Parish Office

Office will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week and will re open on Thursday 2nd January.
Messages and emails will be responded to.

Christmas Special Appeal Envelopes for Gaza Family) still available at the back of the church.

**Solemnity of
Mary,
The Holy
Mother of God
Wednesday 1st
January 2025
Mass 9am**



**On this special
Feast of Mary the
Mother of God you
may choose to say
this ancient prayer.**

The Memorare

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of thy Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy clemency hear and answer me.

Amen.

Christmas is a Season not just a day.

When we think of Christmas, we're tempted to think of it as just one day, or a small holiday period at the end of the year characterised by Mass, presents and family get togethers.

But Christmas is far more than just a day, it's a liturgical season, dedicated to the Birth of our Lord, beginning with the Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concluding with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.



Parish Christmas Raffle Winners

First Prize: 2 course dinner for 2 at l'sle de France & Hamper - **Robyn Lentini**

Second Prize: Multi Function Oven & Johnny Walker Whiskey (Black) - **Mary Howes**

Third Prize: Slow Cooker & Nutrimetics Gift Pack - **Anne Sanford**

Fourth Prize: Soda Fountain - **Melbourne Visitor**

Thank you to all who supported by buying a ticket and to the wonderful sponsors.

School Building

The scaffolding has been taken off the new school building and it is on track to be completed in February 2025, but the hand-over will not be till later in the year. More work will continue to improve some of the other classrooms and build more toilets etc.

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

Memorial Plaques



Take a look at the newest Plaques.

We are collecting orders for a new batch that will be ready after January.

Payment can be made on completion.



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.

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.



\$25

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)*

Thank "YOU"!

Please lodge:

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

A wonderful way to start the year helping others and knowing our loved ones (and us) are being prayed for.
Forms at the back of the church or in the parish office.
Enquiries to Janette 0421416555

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.

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.

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.

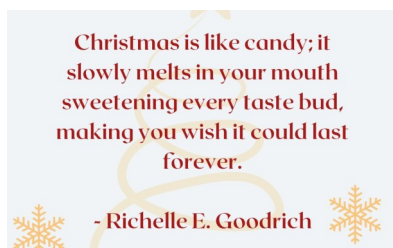


Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples

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.

Smart Loving 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>



Live Streaming

Our technology in the church is finally working, and we can live stream Masses from the church.

We recorded the Mass on Friday. To have a look go to our parish website, click on "Mass times", then "Mass Live", then "Please visit the Mass live page here" which will take you to the *vimeo* site for Terrigal Parish. Then click on the date of the last Mass. It might sound complicated, but is easy when you have done it once.

Alternatively, click on this link: [Live Streamed Mass](#) or use the QR code:



Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased

Javier Cabarrus	Rita Anderson	John McPhee
Helen Milne	Rodolfo Torzani	Judith Kersten
John Lentini		

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Moyna O'Donnell	Terrence Bastia	Colin Robson
James Dodds	Ellen Dodds	Francis Stephens
Smith & O'Neill families	Michael Vesper	
Gwen & George Grove	Michael Kokegei	
Elizabeth O'Shannassy	Bruce Cameron	Anne Develin
Silvana & Mario Favetta	John Mooney	

Sick

Steve Forte	Joe Zarb	SallyAnne Gillan
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



May Your Year be Filled
with the Blessings of the
Lord, and may
He Guide You Every Step
of The Way

CATHOLIC SYMBOLISM OF THE SONG 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Catholics in England during the period 1558 to 1829, were prohibited from ANY practice of their faith by law - private OR public. It was a crime to BE a Catholic. "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in England as one of the "Catechism songs" to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith.

Puts a fresh meaning on an old Christmas Carol



PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE
Jesus Christ, Son of God



TURTLE DOVES
The Old & New Testaments



FRENCH HENS
Faith, Hope and Charity,
the Theological Virtues



CALLING BIRDS
The Four Gospels and/or
The Four Evangelists



GOLDEN RINGS
The First Five Books of the Old
Testament, the "Pentateuch"



GEESE A-LAYING
The six days of creation



SWANS A-SWIMMING
The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit
The 7 Sacraments



MAIDS A-MILKING
The Eight Beatitudes



LADIES DANCING
The Nine Fruits of
the Holy Spirit



LORDS A-LEAPING
The Ten Commandments



PIPERS PIPING
The Eleven Faithful Apostles



DRUMMERS DRUMMING
The Twelve Points of Doctrine
in the Apostle's Creed

ROSTERS FOR SERVERS & EM



Saturday - 5.00pm

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
18/1/2025	Server D Southwell	(EM) L O'Donnell & G Catanzariti

Sunday - 7.30am

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
19/1/2025	Server E Bastoli	(EM) E Katselas

Sunday - 9.30am

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
19/1/2025	Server B Lobo	(EM) A Bone & M Sproat

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

28/12/2024	(1) Maureen Reynolds	(2) Dudley Smith
4/1/2025	(1) Connie Attard	(2) McCuddens
11/1/2025	(1) Lynches	(2) Dudley Smith
18/1/2025	(1) Julie Mc Manus	(2) Georges

Sunday - 7.30am

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
19/1/2025	(1) John Sheehan	(2) Ivy Holly

Sunday - 9.30am

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
19/1/2025	(1) Anne Mackson	(2) Colleen Addison

Weekly Cleaning Angels Roster

30th December 2024

Matt Riley, Felicity Riley, Heidi Bridger & Anna Fabri

6th January 2025

Mary Bryant, Fiona Bush, Evelyn Lazzarini & Kerry Oliver



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.



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 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
- Group 6 Chris Whalan, Viv Ball & Alison Bone - 16.2.2025

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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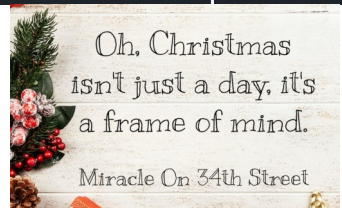
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