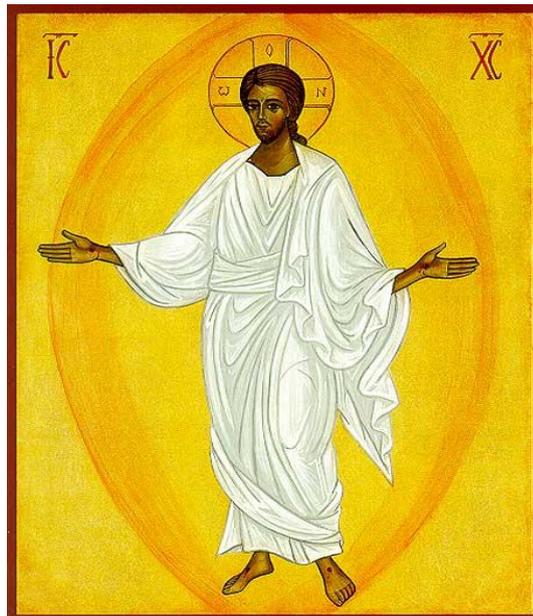


**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
Fourth Sunday of Easter
12th May, 2019**



7.30am - Sung Eucharist - Presiding & Preaching – Rev Dr Richard Harvey

Baroque Organ Postlude - Prelude in C Minor (J S Bach).

Organist – Chris Sillince

Hymns: TIS 237, 385, 521, 361.

Baroque Organ Postlude: *Chorale Prelude on 'Christ lay in Todesbanden'*

(Christ lay in death's bonds) - J S Bach

9.30am - Holy Eucharist - Presiding & Preaching – Fr Roy Hazlewood

Trinity Band and Singers

Hymns: TIS 732, 659, 239, 658.

[All hymns are from Together in Song unless otherwise specified.]

Prayer and anointing for healing are available at each Eucharist. If you would like prayer and anointing, please move in front of the step, at the left side of the altar, after receiving communion and a priest will come and minister to you.

Sentence

The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 7.17

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
you sent Jesus, the good shepherd,
to gather us together:
may we not wander from his flock,
but follow wherever he leads us,
listening for his voice and staying near him,
until we are safely in your fold,
to live with you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
chapter 9, verses 36 – 43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.

**He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.**

He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for you are with me,
your rod and your staff comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

**Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**A reading from the Book of Revelation
Chapter 7, verses 9 – 17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep and mine know me.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,
Chapter 10, verses 22 – 30

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch

them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Please pray for

Barbara Matthews, Maureen H, Joan and Norman Williams, Bill Howard, Joel, Paul C, Pat Jessup, Jean Easy, Paul Naylor, Sue Wilkinson, Isabel Horsley, Ken Hope, Carmen McGee, Bill Moss, David Franklin, Emma Horton, Margaret Willard
Tony Cronin, Lyn Cooke, Enid Marvin

'Whispers of Love' Meditation

10:00am Meditation Reflection

Meditation is the missing contemplative dimension of much Christian life today.

It does not exclude other types of prayer and indeed deepens one's reverence for the sacraments and one's reading of scriptures

Laurence Freeman

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

Postponed till August 'Community Hymnfest'

At this time we do not have a date, however, start looking for your favourite hymns to add to the list once we have put it out.

Market Day Saturday 18 May 2019

Once again, we will need all the help we can get when setting up on Friday and especially with packing away and clearing up on Saturday. Your help is always appreciated. If you can come at 12.30pm for an hour on Saturday to pack up, we would love to see you.



Sunday 19th May 2019

Please join us next Sunday for Messy Church and invite a family with young children to come along with you!

3:30PM TO 5:30PM

A HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY TO ALL MOTHERS



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Our next meeting is Monday 13th May (tomorrow) at 1.00pm in the meeting room.

As Mother's Day is the day prior, we decided we would bring along a photo of our Mothers and those who felt they were able, will talk about the photo.

The Women's Fellowship will be organising a luncheon for Sunday 16th June which is Trinity Sunday. Notices will go on the board next week. Tickets will be available from next Sunday and we need to know the number of people coming as soon as possible for catering purposes.

If you have not been to a Fellowship meeting before, or if you have not been for some time we would really love to have you join us. New members are always welcome, and we provide a great afternoon tea. Don't sit at home on your own, come and have a cuppa and some laughs.

Bev Broadley

AN EASTER POSTSCRIPT

Some Reflections on Easter 2019

For Christians, Easter is filled with deep feelings of joy and solemnity. The sense of belonging to a worldwide family of believers in Jesus Christ and celebrating together the events of his death and resurrection is especially powerful at Easter time.

The liturgies that have been devised through the centuries and have been handed down to us, evoke that sense of continuity with the church catholic that reminds us of the connectedness of the Church of today with the Church through the ages. The way worshippers at our services over Easter entered into the experience with prayerfulness and expectancy was moving and profound. Feedback from many of you indicated how touched and moved you were.

As I reflect on the Holy Week and Easter period, I cannot help wishing more people could share the same experience as those who were in church. On Easter Eve, I went to Erina Fair to buy a few provisions. Parking is usually a challenge on that day. Several shoppers were annoyed that the stores seemed to have run out of Easter eggs. As I looked at the faces of the people, most looked more harassed than happy.

On Sunday, still coming down from a high, as I drove home after lunch, I was struck by the contrast with the previous day. The place was deserted! A few cars were in the carpark, and only a handful of people were around. The thing that impressed me most as I pondered this contrast was the dichotomy between the Church and the surrounding culture. On Good Friday and Easter Eve (or Holy Saturday *not* Easter Saturday as it is popularly called – Easter Saturday is the Saturday *after* Easter) the atmosphere at the Church was quiet and reflective, whereas on Easter Day when all else was quiet, the Church was filled with the sound of

joyful praise. The complete opposite to the surrounding neighbourhood!

This dichotomy is disturbing to many Christians. It raises the question, "How can the church relate to a culture which is so ignorant of the true meaning of Easter? What sense does what we do, sing and say in church make to people for whom Easter is mainly about eggs and rabbits and a long weekend?" There are many ways of approaching this question. However one approaches it, I believe simplistic answers are deceptive. Theologian Stanley Hauerwas, noted for his bluntness, is quite direct in saying the church's role is *not* to relate to the culture at all. Our culture is marked by consumerism, materialism, greed, racism, violence, sexism, and selfishness of every kind. Why would we want to relate to *that* culture? He argues that the Church's aim is not to relate to the culture but to **convert** it!

There's much to be said for that. We must constantly be reminded of the fact that, no matter how many or how few are to be found in church at Easter or any other time, God's love is still real; Jesus is still the way, the truth and the life; the gospel is still true. I reflect on what Thomas Merton said about visible results:

"Do not depend on the hope of results.

When you are doing the sort of work you have taken on, essentially an apostolic work, you may have to face the fact that your work will be apparently worthless and even achieve no result at all, even perhaps results opposite to what you expect.

As you get used to this idea, you start more and more to concentrate not on the results but on the value, the truth of the work itself.

The range tends to narrow down, but it gets more real.

In the end, it is the reality of personal relationships that saves everything.

...the big results are not in your hands or mine,

but they suddenly happen, and we can share in them; but there is no point in building our lives on this personal satisfaction which may be denied us and which, after all, is not that important.”

At the Great Vigil of Easter on Easter Eve, the main liturgy of the Easter triduum, indeed the climax of the whole church year, numbers compared to the other liturgies are quite small. The service is full of drama and rich symbolism. People who attend it for the first time invariably comment on what a moving and enjoyable experience it has been for them. I yearn for more people to share that experience. I always go home afterwards with a feeling of deep joy and serenity and satisfaction. There is a powerful sense of the completion of the Lenten fast and the emergence into new life in the resurrection of Christ. No matter how many or how few are present, it doesn't alter the reality that Jesus is alive!

Our attendance and attentiveness during this wonderful festival of the liturgical year is a powerful witness, especially to our families and friends and neighbours whose faith may have waned. London journalist Peter Hitchens commented ten years ago that Easter is “the story we no longer teach our children.” Like many of you, I have members of my family who didn't go to church this Easter. That didn't stop those who do go from going. I remember reading somewhere that the Church is to be **a sign of contradiction** in the world. We need not be surprised or concerned that there is a dissonance between the church and the world.

The main threat to the Christian faith in our culture is not Islam or gay marriage but consumerism! Consumerism offers everything religion offers: answers to the questions, “Why am I here?” “How can I be happy?” “How do I gain eternal life?”

Consumerism is harmful – it kills! It is seductive and deceptive because it takes what is good, namely, the need for material goods in life which are gifts of God to be enjoyed, and turns them into gods, objects of worship, the very purpose of life itself. We need to consume to stay alive, e.g., eating food. Jesus said, “One does not live by bread alone.” Consumerism says we *can* live by bread alone.

When the Jews were in exile in Babylon, they refused to conform to the surrounding culture. They maintained their identity as the people of God despite the pressure to be absorbed into the predominant society. They adapted and developed new forms of religious expression that sustained them during their exile.

The position of the mainline churches in our society, with declining and aging congregations, has been compared to a kind of exile. We have been pushed to the margins. While that may be seen as negative, it gives us the opportunity to re-examine our theological roots, to re-ground us in our identity as disciples of Jesus. To be sure, there are still those, even in Anglican congregations on a Sunday, who see the church as a guardian of moral values, as some kind of chaplain to the state. This view makes it easy to be captivated by the false aspirations of consumerism and the empty promises it offers.

Australian professor David Tacey, who has written a number of books on spirituality, says the church does not have to be modernised so much as **monasticised**. Among other things, this means a shift in seeing the church as primarily some kind of social club that does a few “nice things to help people” to seeing it as the body of Christ in the world, a sign and sacrament of the living Christ in the world.

Let us boldly witness to that love in the power of the risen Christ who goes with us as we declare that love to the world.

Fr Mark



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Pew Reflections

The Fourth Sunday of Easter – Sunday 12 May 2019

- Acts 9.36-43; Psalm 23;
Revelation 7.9-17; John 10.22-30

Love: Today Jesus tells us: 'My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.' He, the shepherd, loves those who recognise his voice and follow. Out of his great love for us, when he 'overcame the sharpness of death [he] opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.'

- Lord, we have trusted in you: may we never be confounded.
- Give thanks for the work of the Al-Ahli Arab hospital's child nutrition project, which aims to help babies and toddlers thrive.

Text: Robert McLean,
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For those waiting on May-August New daylights, these have been delayed by supplier – watch this space!



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Mission Report 12th May 2019.

Mission to Seafarers

The Flying Angel Centre: Port of Newcastle

More than a charity: Our aim is to be a warm, loving "home away from home" We are committed to serving Seafarer's by providing excellent services where they feel wanted, accepted, and well looked after.

We desire to make each person who comes to us, feel like they belong. We seek to do all that we can to make a real difference in their life.

Beanie Kit Bags

Sea Sunday is held in mid July, so as the days become colder, it provides the perfect opportunity, and ample time to knit a beanie for a seafarer.

The woollen beanie bags are now available to take home and knit. Please support the Mission and take home a bag, as The beanies are really appreciated by the seafarers. The beanies will help provide extra warmth for the Seafarers while ashore, and especially on the chilly days and nights at sea. The beanies will also be a reminder of the **"home away from home"** feeling that they **experience while at the Flying Angle Centre in Newcastle.**

Coralie Taylor - Mission Secretary.



Margaret MacLachlan – our Samaritans link person – requests you consider bringing food donations with winter approaching supplies are low. Samaritans are also conducting their annual winter appeal, a notice is on our board.

Rosters for next week

19th May – 5th Sunday of Easter

7.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
	Ulla Finlay	Carmen McGee Kath Connor- Brown	

9.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
	Julie Rowe Terry Rowe	Anna Holt John Holt	
Morning Tea	Counting Roster		Flowers
Julie Rowe Terry Rowe	Terry Rowe Trica Gray		Robyn Smith

Next Sunday – 19th May 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Fifth Sunday of Easter

7.30am – Sung Eucharist - Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson

Organist – Chris Sillince

9.30am – Holy Eucharist - Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson

Organist – Libby Harvey

Readings: Acts 11. 1 - 18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21. 1 – 16

Gospel: John 13. 31 - 35

3:30pm – Messy Church

This Week

There will be no Morning Prayer this week due to Fr Mark on retreat.

Monday 13th May

10.00am – Meditation – Whispers of Love – *Rev Ann*

1:00pm - Women's Fellowship

Tuesday 14th May

7.00pm - Trinity Band and Singers

Wednesday 15th May

5.00pm - Holy Eucharist (*Fr Roy*)

5.30pm - Sacred Reading (*Fr Roy*)

Thursday 16th May

Friday 17th May

10.30am - Holy Eucharist [*Fr Bruce McAteer*] and morning tea
Readings – Acts 13. 26-33, Psalm 2. 6 -11 ; John 14. 1-6.

Saturday 18th May

8:00am - Gardening

The Parish of Terrigal warmly welcomes you.

We offer many opportunities for meeting together ...

to worship and pray; to study Scripture and theology; to share fellowship, caring and support; and to celebrate real relationships which are divinely life-giving.

These opportunities normally include ...

Sunday Worship at Holy Trinity

7.30am - Sung Eucharist and 9.30am – Holy Eucharist

3rd Sunday in the month - Messy Church

between 3.30pm and 5.30pm

Weekly Worship at Holy Trinity

Tues to Friday - 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Friday at 10.30am – Eucharist

1st Monday at 3.00pm Monday Tarragal Manor & Tarragal Glen Eucharist

Every Wednesday at 5.00 pm - Eucharist

3rd Thursday at 10.30am - Eucharist at The Pod [Aurrum]

4th Friday – 11.00am – Eucharist at Woodport Aged Care

VARIOUS PARISH MINISTRIES

‘Whispers of Love’ - a meditation (Monday at 10.00am); Women’s Fellowship (2nd Monday at 1.00pm); Parish Council (2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm); Trinity Band (Rehearsal - Tuesday at 7.00pm) (Playing at the 9.30am Service - 2nd and 4th Sundays); Sacred Reading (Wednesday at 5.30pm); Pastoral Care (2nd Thursday at 10.00am); Bible Study (Friday at 11.45am); Messy Church Planning Meeting (as arranged) ; Gardening (2nd Saturday from 8.00am); Market Day (3rd Saturday from 8.00am)

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