

Parish Directory

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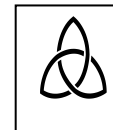
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The Op Shop is open Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm
and each Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm

The Anglican Diocese of Newcastle
The Parish of Terrigal



The Second Sunday of Lent
24th February, 2013

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity.

7.30am – Sung Eucharist [BG / BG]

9.30am Eucharist [RH / BG]

6.00pm – Evening prayer (said) [BG]

Parish Fellowship at Terrigal Bowlo!!!

Please consider coming along to our first
Sunday evening gathering at Terrigal Bowling
for 2013

tonight from 6.00pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet socially;
to enjoy some good food;
and to deepen our relationships
as Christian pilgrims.

THIS WEEK

Please note the following in your diary...

The Second Sunday in Lent

Monday to Friday – Lenten Morning Prayer at 9.00am

Monday 25th February

10.00-10.45 am - 'Whispers of Love' [AW]

7.00pm – Lenten Bible Study [BG]

Tuesday 26th February

Clergy Professional Development Day - allday

7.00pm - Trinity Band Practice

Wednesday 27th February

5.30pm – Lenten Bible Study [BG]

Thursday 28th February

7.00pm – Lenten Bible Study [BG]

Friday 1st March

10.00am – World Day of Pray - St. Patricks Church, East Gosford

10.30am - Holy Eucharist - the Founders' Chapel [BG]

Readings – Genesis 37.3-28, Psalm. 105. 16-22, Matthew 21. 33-46,

11.30am –Lenten Bible Study in Meeting Room [BG]

7.00pm – Trinity Teens at St George's Matcham

Saturday 2nd March

Garden Working Bee

The Anglican 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 - Family Eucharist

1st Sunday of the month – Evensong at 6.00pm

3rd Sunday in the month - Messy Church between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

Weekly Worship at Holy Trinity

Friday at 10.30am – Eucharist

First Tuesday at 10.00am – Tarragal Glen Eucharist

Second Wednesday at 10.00am–Tarragal House Eucharist/concert

Fourth Wednesday at 10.00am – Eucharist at Matthew John

Fourth Thursday at 10.00am – Eucharist at Maxine Louise

VARIOUS PARISH MINISTRIES

Pastoral Care (2nd Thursday at 10.00am); **Bible Study** (Friday at 11.30am); **Women's Fellowship** (2nd Monday at 1.00pm) and **Men's Fellowship** (3rd Thursday at 10.30am); **Gardening** (1st Saturday monthly); **Coffee and Craft** (3rd Tuesday at 1.00pm); **Children's Program** (9.30am Sunday), **Trinity Band** (rehearsal Tues. 7.00pm), **Trinity Teens** (Friday at 7.00pm in school terms at St George's Matcham); 'Whispers of Love' – a meditation (Monday at 10.00am); **Messy Church** (3rd Sunday 3.30-5.30pm); **The Candle House**; **Parish Council** (2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm)

Parish contact - (02) 4365 1115 or mobile 0427 161150

Holy Trinity Opportunity Shop ... contact (02) 4365 1280

Parish Website - www.terrigalanglican.org.au

**PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday, 17TH March, 2013**

It would be appreciated if reports for this meeting could be handed into the office by 25th February so that they can be collated for distribution before the AGM.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES FOR 2013

6th - 9th May - Stipendiary Clergy Retreat, Myall Lakes
9th May - Ascension Day
13th - 17th May - Stipendiary Clergy Retreat, Kincumber
19th May - Pentecost
26th May - Trinity
8th August - Samaritan's Links Meeting at Holy Trinity 12.00 - 2.00pm
17th August - Diocesan Convention, BTAC
25th - 27th October - Diocesan Synod, Location to be Confirmed

Worship throughout Lent will include...

Sunday Morning Eucharist at 7.30am and 9.30am
Wednesday Eucharist at 5.00pm
Friday Eucharist at 10.30am
Evensong on the first Sunday of the month at 6.00pm
Evening Prayer on Sundays at 6.00pm (weeks 2, 3 and 4)
Morning Prayer each week day morning at 9.00am

BCA BOXES

Could parishioners who are holding BCA boxes please return them to Kath Connor-Brown for collection and counting.
Thank you.

Next Week – Third Sunday in Lent

3rd March, 2013 – 7.30am [BG/BG]; **9.30am** - [RH/BG]

Eucharistic Readings

Isaiah 55. 1 – 9, Psalm 63. 1 – 9, 1 Corinthians 10. 1 - 13

Luke 13. 31 -35

6.00pm – Evening Prayer

Forward Planning

Tuesday 5th March - 10.00am – Tarragal Glen Eucharist-Barbara Flood
Monday 11th March – 1.00pm – Women's Fellowship Meeting
Tuesday 12th March – 7.00pm – Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 14th March – 10.00am – Pastoral Care Meeting
Sunday 17th March – Parish Annual General Meeting
Sunday 17th March – 3.30-5.30pm - Messy Church
March 19th 1.00-3.00pm – Craft & Coffee
Thursday 21st March – 10.30am - Men's Fellowship Meeting
Sunday 24th March – Palm Sunday
Wednesday 27th March – Eucharist at Matthew John
Thursday 28st March – 10.00am – Eucharist at Maxine Louise
Friday 29th March – Good Friday
Sunday 31st March –Easter Day
Friday 12th April – Election Synod Eucharist, Cathedral
Saturday, 13th April, 2013 - Election Synod at BTAC

ANGLICAN PARISH OF TERRIGAL

BSB 032-545 ... Parish Westpac Account Number 16-9152

WEEKLY GIVING BY DIRECT DEPOSIT REALLY HELPS TO SECURE OUR VIABILITY.

**A Reading from Genesis
Chapter 15, verses 1-12,17-18**

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt

'Whispers of Love'

**Our Meditation group now meets
on Mondays at 10.00 am.**

Reflection

Every time you listen with great attentiveness to the voice that calls you the beloved, you will discover within yourself a desire to hear that voice longer and more deeply.

Henri J. Nouwen

Blessings, Reverend Ann Watson

LENTEN STUDY TIMES

Study materials for Lent are available for parishioners to peruse. I would value parishioners considering the discipline of a Lenten study on one of the following days...

Sunday at 4.30pm

Monday Evening at 7.00pm.

Wednesday afternoon at 5.30pm.

Thursday Evening at 7.00pm

Friday Morning at 11.30am

The material to use will be considered at the first meeting of each group in the week of Ash Wednesday, that is, the week commencing Sunday 10th February.

Reverend Anne Watson

Our sister-in-Christ, Reverend Ann, is currently locum-tenens in the Parish of Belmont. Ann continues to participate in the activities in this parish when her travelling and busy schedule permit. **God bless Ann in her work!**

Theatre Party to Sound of Music

Elsie Small is organising tickets for the above on
Friday 22nd March at 8pm
and Saturday 23rd March at 2pm.
Cost \$32 for Concession/Children \$35 for Adults
Money must be paid to Elsie by 28th February.
Please ring Elsie on 4384 6069

**Please consider supporting Elsie
in this wonderful work that she does
and has done so for many years. BG**

B B Q – TERRIGAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE TEAM

TODAY AT 12MD

The Rector would like to meet with the team who maintain our
gardens. We shall share a meal and discuss future planning
for our grounds.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement of
informed prayer and prayerful action held each year on the first
Friday of March-hosted by different denominations each year.

**This year - 2013 - is St. Patrick's Catholic, East Gosford
turn to be hosts.**

All Welcome

to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?:
the Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

**When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
come upon me to devour me:
they shall stumble and fall.**

If an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid:
and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.

**One thing I have asked from the Lord,
which I will require:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**

To see the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to seek his will in his temple.

**For he will hide me under his shelter
in the day of trouble:
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent,
and set me high upon a rock.**

And now he will lift up my head:
above my enemies round about me.

**And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with
exultation:
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:
have mercy upon me and answer me.
**My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':
your face, Lord, I will seek.**

Do not hide your face from me:
or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;
**For you have been my helper:
do not cast me away or forsake me,
O God of my salvation.**

Though my father and my mother forsake me:
the Lord will take me up.
**Teach me your way, O Lord:
and lead me in an even path,
for they lie in wait for me.**

Do not give me over to the will of my enemies:
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and those who breathe out violence.
**But I believe that I shall surely see
the goodness of the Lord:
in the land of the living.**

O wait for the Lord;
stand firm and he will strengthen your heart:
and wait, I say, for the Lord.

Glory to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now and forever. Amen

Please pray for

Baby Charli, Natalie, Jo, Catherine Tizard, Kim, Maureen,
Reg Gill, Caroline, Natalie,

With respect to our service to Jesus, as members of His Body, parishioners may remember that I have suggested in recent sermons that we could do well to consider the words in the scroll of Isaiah which Jesus read in the synagogue in Nazareth -

"... and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to [Jesus]. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

*'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me...
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'*

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him." [Luke 4.17-20]

Our study of Holy Scripture informs us that the missionary vision of Isaiah was perfectly fulfilled by Jesus the Christ. We are called to follow him, empowered, indeed anointed in the gift of Holy Spirit, to live and proclaim God's liberating relationship. What a blessing we may be, in the gift of Jesus, to make a difference in the lives of all who are burdened; heavy laden; unable to live complete and fulfilling lives. Again let us recall the aphorism credited to Bishop Irenaeus of Lyons (130-202), written here in inclusive modern English...

"The glory of God is humankind fully alive..."

(The Reverend Canon) Brian Gibbs

Lenten Bible Studies at Holy Trinity - 7.00pm Monday, 5.30pm Wednesday, 7.00pm Thursday, 11.30am Friday.

Weekday Eucharist - 5.00pm Wednesday and 10.30am Friday

The Rector is available throughout Lent, by arrangement, for personal conversations.

Parishioners are invited to consider a period of fasting before each act of Eucharist.

Each Sunday throughout Lent we continue our usual pattern of worship - sung Eucharist at 7.30am and said Eucharist at 9.30am.

I pray that our commitment to worship, prayer, study and fasting renders, for all of us, deep peace and that our uncluttered focus upon resting with Jesus brings refreshment and reconciliation.

I wish to propose that, after our Lenten disciplines and our celebration of the great Feast of Easter, that we then busy ourselves and give first priority to **negotiating a parish strategic plan**. Parish management is greatly facilitated and vitalised if we agree upon our shared purpose and appropriate priorities to fulfil our vision.

In the context of priorities in our parish planning it surely goes without saying that our God-given identity as the Body of Christ demands faithful and prior commitment to acts of worship. Gathering as one body, immersed in Holy Scripture, fed by God's Holy word and sacrament, prayerfully open to God's will must be our grounding and nourishment and source of well-being for service in God's name. That service, informed and vitalised by worship, is then the business of our strategic plan.

A reading from Philipians Chapter 3, verses 17 - 4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, Chapter 13, verses 1 to 9

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.'

(Gospel Cont'd)

Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

For the Gospel of the Lord
praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

REPORTS FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We have been requesting for several weeks for all reports for AGM to be submitted by 25th February. **That is tomorrow.** To date only a few have been received. These reports have to be typed, printed and collated by *volunteer* office staff next week to be able to submit them to parishioners by Sunday 3rd March.

Your co-operation would be appreciated

STOP PRESS

The ABM Lenten Envelopes have now arrived and are available at the office counter. Please help! BG

From the Rector

At our February Parish Council meeting I indicated my hope that, following our intensive attention to and emotional investment in the business of the Special Meeting, it was time for some rest, peace and recreation. **What a blessing then that we are now in the season of Lent journeying towards Holy Week.**

Lent is a time to put aside our worldly preoccupations and to simplify our lives and commitments thus to give greater priority to our journey with Jesus. Just as we do extraordinary things in our daily living and even accept some hardship and inconvenience to accommodate that which is out of normal daily routines but which we judge worthy, so too God's church calls us all into extraordinary commitments and practices during Lent and Holy Week.

To facilitate this especial focus upon our Christ-centre this parish is offering an extended programme of possibilities for prayer and fasting, study and acts of generosity. For example...

Morning Prayer in the Founders' Chapel every week day commencing at 9.00am.

Evening Prayer in the Founders' Chapel at 6.00pm on the second, third and fourth Sundays in Lent.

Evensong in the worship space on the first Sunday in March commencing at 6.00pm.

"Whispers of Love" - a meditation - in the worship space every Monday from 10.00am.