

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
Fourth Sunday in Lent
27th March, 2022**



8.00am – Sung Eucharist *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

Organist – Chris Sillince

Hymns: TIS 217 (i), 576, 584 (i), 595

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

Organist – Chris Sillince

Hymns: TIS 217 (i), 576, 584 (i), 595

[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.

MOTHERING SUNDAY – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Because today we are halfway through our Lenten journey, it is sometimes called 'Mid-Lent Sunday'. It is traditionally a day to ease up on the Lenten discipline, hence another common name, 'Refreshment Sunday'. This tradition is seen in the simnel cake, and, in some churches, the wearing of rose-coloured vestments instead of purple ones.

In Latin, the name of the day is Laetare Sunday, from the opening word of the introit used on this day in the old Roman Missal: *Laetare*, or 'rejoice'.

In the sixteenth century, people were encouraged to return on this day to worship in the church in which they were baptised - their 'mother' church. If they still regularly worshipped at their home church, they would visit the cathedral instead, the mother church of their diocese. Hence the name 'Mothering Sunday'. In the Middle Ages, this day became a time when apprentices working away from home could visit their villages and perhaps take a present to their mothers, thus giving Mothering Sunday a family as well as a religious emphasis.

Another name sometimes used is 'Sunday of the Rose'. Formerly, the popes would send a golden rose to Roman Catholic sovereigns, and the rose was blessed on this day. Henry VIII of England received a golden rose on two occasions. Needless to say this was before his dispute with the pope and the separation of the Church of England from Rome!

WHY DO WE DO HOLY WEEK?

For Christians, Holy Week is a final and intense preparation for Easter. It begins on Palm Sunday 10th April. We carry palms in procession as a reminder of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. *Why palms?* The palm branch was a symbol of

triumph and victory. Jesus' procession was like a modern-day ticker tape parade. The people were celebrating because God had promised them a Messiah. And here he was. On Palm Sunday we read the Passion or Gospel Narrative of Jesus' last hours of earthly life. Christ came to us to establish God's peaceful kingdom in love but within a few days we turned on him.

On Wednesday of Holy Week 13th April, priests and deacons gather with the Bishop at the Cathedral to renew their vows of service as we are reminded that Jesus continues serving us through the gift of the Eucharist. The oils for the sacraments are blessed at this special Chrism Mass during Holy Week.

On Holy Thursday (or Maundy Thursday) 14th April in the evening, we read about Jesus' washing the feet of his twelve Apostles. *Why foot washing?* Love means serving others. Jesus gets down on his hands and knees, dressed as a slave with a towel around his waist, and serves us, commanding we do the same. "For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you" (John 13:15). On Holy Thursday we also commemorate the institution of the Eucharist at Jesus' Last Supper.

On Good Friday 15th April Christians remember Jesus' crucifixion and death. On this day we do not celebrate the Eucharist but gather to recall Jesus' Passion, to pray for the world, and to venerate the cross. Veneration of the cross is done by approaching the cross and kneeling, kissing, standing or touching it out of respect. *Why venerate the cross?* As a piece of cloth (like a flag) is cherished for what it symbolises, a simple wooden cross is revered as a sign of Christ's victory. We receive Holy Communion using the Sacrament reserved from the Maundy Thursday Eucharist.

Holy Saturday 16th April After letting go, before something new, there is an awkward in-between. Christ is in the tomb. When night falls, we celebrate the Easter Vigil. The New Fire is lit. *Why fire?* It is a symbol of the light of Christ entering the darkness and overcoming it by his resurrection. From this fire the paschal

(from *Pesach* or Passover) candle is lit and placed in its stand. It is alight for liturgies during the 50-day Easter season and then at baptisms and funerals as a reminder of life conquering death. New members are sometimes initiated into the Church through baptism and/or confirmation. Christians renew their baptismal vows, committing themselves to continue Jesus' work of building God's Kingdom through love.

Easter Day 17th April is not just the culmination of Holy Week but the beginning of a whole new way of life. Every time we celebrate Mass we celebrate these events; every Sunday is Easter. Every communion is a resurrection. Jesus' love, service, and sacrifice present to us. Always. Come along and have a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter!

Fr Mark

Sentence

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5.18

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion,
you are slow to anger, and full of mercy,
welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts:
receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you,
and seat them at your bountiful table,
that, with all your children,
they may feast with delight on all that satisfies
the hungry heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Joshua Chapter 5 verses 2 - 12

At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time.' So Joshua made flint knives, and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the warriors, had died during the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt. Although all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people born on the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. For the Israelites travelled for forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the Lord. To them the Lord swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.

When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

1 Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven:
whose iniquity is put away.

**2 Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame:
and in whose spirit there is no guile.**

3 For whilst I held my tongue:
my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.

**4 Your hand was heavy upon me day and night:
and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you:
and my iniquity I did not hide;

**6 I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord':
and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.**

7 For this cause shall everyone that is faithful
make their prayer to you in the day of trouble:
and in the time of the great water-flood,
it shall not come near them.

**8 You are a place to hide me in,
you will preserve me from trouble:
you will surround me with deliverance on every side.**

9 'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should
go:

I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.

**10 'Be not like horse or mule, that have no
understanding:
whose forward course must be curbed with bit and
bridle.'**

11 Great tribulations remain for the ungodly:
but whoever puts their trust in the Lord,
mercy embraces them on every side.

**12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad:
and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.**

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians Chapter 5 verses 16 - 21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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I will rise and go to my father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke Chapter 15 verses 11 - 32

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that

country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

For the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please pray for:

Sharon Sandstrom, Angarad O'Malley, Tania Howlett, David Lamb, Gloria Townsend, Val Stratford, Irene Neville, Denise Perry, Anne Fitzgerald, Harvey Boardman, Ron Langley, Sam Mulcahy, Michelle Davies, and Jo.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
 by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
 make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Chris our Lord. **Amen.**

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AGM Appointments

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Secretary and Treasurer will be determined after the next Parish Council Meeting which is on 5th April, 2022.

'Whispers of Love' Meditation

'Whispers of Love' Meditation Group meets each Monday at 10am at Holy Trinity Church.

Reflection: The discipline of solitude... is a simple, though not easy way to free us from the slavery of our occupations and preoccupations and to begin to hear the voice that make all things new. Henri Nouwen.

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann.

DINNER AT TERRIGAL BOWLING CLUB

Please join us for dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen' on Sunday 3rd April, 2022 from 6pm.

This will be a thank you dinner for Toni Stanley for her paid work in the Op Shop as a relief manager.

If you are interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the notice board.

GARDEN BEE

Do you like to potter in the garden? We would love your help at our next Garden Bee on Saturday, 2nd April at 8.30am. All are welcome and with all the rain we've had lately, we would appreciate all the help we can get. Any questions, please call our office on Tuesday or Thursday on 4365 1115 to leave your name and contact number so our garden captain, Jackie Davidson, can get back to you. Thank you.

THANK YOU BOXES AND POUCHES

These are available to everyone, so please take one and place a coin in it whenever you receive a blessing.

Money collected by the Anglican Women will go toward Numeracy and Literacy Programs in New Guinea late in 2022.

Thank you.

Market Days at Holy Trinity

Mark your calendars:

9th April/21st May/18th June/16th July/20th August/
17th September/15th October/19th November/10th December.

8am to 1pm in our new building at the rear of the Church.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB – SIP Central Coast

Second Tuesday 5th April, 2022, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

The Grange Hotel Function Room

Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, WYOMING

Bistro opens at 5-30pm.

Inquiries: 4362 1579

Theme 2022: ***"My Spiritual Journey in Challenging Times"***

TWO SPEAKERS:

Jacqueline Hilton: Jacqueline works privately in East Gosford as a counsellor and a yoga teacher. She holds 'conscious presence' day retreats and specializes in body-focused practices to support clients experiencing the effects of trauma, anxiety and depression. She regularly travels to Japan to present at conferences and facilitate Gestalt workshops in Japanese.

Bruce Perry: Originally from Canada, and the Rector of the parish of Bateau Bay, Bruce has served in a number of parishes in Australia and Argentina. Most recently he was Anglican Chaplain to the University of Newcastle. He loves to talk to anybody about the Lord Jesus Christ in English or Spanish.

SIP Central Coast is an Ecumenical & Interfaith Speakers Forum with Q's & A's.

The focus is on developing understanding & encouraging dialogue about Spirituality through people sharing their life's journey. We meet 1st Tuesday in the month from March to October and 2nd Tuesday in November.

MARKET DAY THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped set up and clean up market day last weekend. Your help is always very much appreciated. The next market day will be on 9th April, 2022.
Ian Wolstenholme.

SAMARITANS

Thank you to the congregation for being excellent givers of donations for the Samaritans. Items are urgently needed now and include, soups, tinned vegetables, spaghetti & sauce, and items for the coming winter.
Thank you.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are starting up rosters again and need a volunteer to coordinate the monthly rosters for Greeters and Sidespersons. This will be an ongoing role where you will organise people for a monthly roster which will be sent to the office for printing. If you need help initially, Cal in the office can be of assistance. Please see Fr Mark or call Cal on Tuesday or Thursday on 4365 1111 or email her at admin@terrigalanglican.org.au if you are interested in volunteering for this role.
Thank you.



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Lent 4C

– Sunday 27 March 2022

- Joshua 5.2-12; Psalm 32;
2 Corinthians 5.16-21; Luke 15.11-32

Today we read St Luke's well-known parable of the prodigal son, although the writer Barbara Brown Taylor has described it as the 'parable of the dysfunctional family – a story about a weak patriarch with an absentee wife and two rebellious sons he seems unable to control, who is willing to sacrifice his honour to keep his community together'. A younger son does the unthinkable and asks his father for his inheritance well before his death. Once the son possessed his newly gained wherewithal, the money was soon frittered away in the fleshpots of the Gentile world. The son then had to earn some money in order to live. He gained a job as an assistant to some swineherds – the lowest of the low, and hardly a good job for any self-respecting Jew. On coming home, he addressed his father formally and with respect. His father rejoiced, clothed the son in fine clothing and ordered that a feast be held. Meanwhile, on returning from the field, the elder son heard the hubbub and asked a slave what was going on. The answer enraged him and he took his father to task, addressing him without respect or even acknowledging that the prodigal is his brother. The father's answer to the elder son is likely to be regarded as problematic by anyone with a parent who plays favourites. Nonetheless, the story does make us wonder, as the Canadian theologian Chris Haslam notes, 'at the end of the era, will godly people be ready to be joyous in sharing the Kingdom with reformed sinners and a God who loves them?'

- Lord, may I always come back to you in repentance if I wander away. May I always demonstrate love and fairness to others, not assuming that either are evident. May I put all bitterness aside so that joy can fill my life.

- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of South India, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context

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Next Sunday – 3rd April, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Lent

8.00am – Sung Eucharist – *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

Organist – Chris Sillince

Hymns – TIS 347, 343, 341, 351

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

Organist – Chris Sillince

Hymns – TIS 347, 343, 341, 351

Readings: Isaiah 43.16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3.3-14

Gospel: John 12.1-8

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Rosters for next week

3rd April – Fifth Sunday in Lent

8.00am

Readers	Servers
Chris Sillince Neil Ewer	TBA

9.30am

Readers	Servers
Jackie Davidson Jan Bolte	TBA

This Week -

Monday 28th March

10.00am - Meditation – Whispers of Love – *Reverend Ann Watson*

Tuesday 29th March

John Keble, priest (d. 1866)

Wednesday 30th March

5.00pm – Eucharist and Sacred Reading [*Fr Roy Hazlewood*]

Thursday 31st March

7.30pm – Lenten Studies [Fr Mark Watson]

Friday 1st April

10.30am – Eucharist [Fr Mark Watson]

Readings: Wisdom 2.1, 12-22 Psalm 34.15-22, John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30

11.00am – Morning Tea [Fr Mark Watson]

11.30am – Lenten Studies [Fr Mark Watson]

Saturday 2nd April

8.30am – Garden Working Bee

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