

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

25th February, 2024



8.00am - Sung Eucharist

Presiding and Preaching - Fr Mark Watson

Organist – Chris Sillince

Hymns: TIS 246, NEH 64, NEH 72, TIS 234

9.30am - Holy Eucharist

Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson

Organist – Sharon Sandstrom

Hymns: TIS 246, NEH 64, NEH 72, TIS 234

[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.

LENT

Lent is a time for cleansing, renewal and refreshment. We talk about "giving something up for Lent." It's also a season to "take something up". Lent is not intended to be some sort of endurance test, but an opportunity to become new and different people. We live out our baptismal calling by entering the water and re-emerging as new people. After the 40 days of Lent how will we "re-emerge" on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday? We enter with Jesus into the darkness of the cross and the tomb and then re-emerge with him into the light of his resurrection.

Lent is a time to ask ourselves: What is God calling me to do this Lent? As we listen to the stillness and the movements of our hearts; as we read and pray the scriptures; we can ask, "Where do I feel uncomfortable with the choices I am making? What things have I done that cause some disquiet in me? How do I respond to others? How have I hurt others? How may the Lord be speaking to me in the little naggings of my heart? What has gained control in my life that I may need to give up? What needs changing in my life? What do I need more of? Patience? Thoughtfulness? Joyfulness? Unselfishness? Awareness of others? What has got in the way of my being loving and kind? Have I allowed bitterness or resentment to take over somewhere? What would it cost me to change these behaviours? What would my life look like if I gave up some of these destructive patterns of living and behaving?"

A leading British investment banker and Christian philanthropist sums it up succinctly and beautifully: "Lent, followed by Easter, gives us the opportunity to detach ourselves from the concerns of mortality and overcome the sorrows of mourning. At the same time, each of us can draw on the energy of Lent to look forward to the rest of our life – and beyond – and to ask ourselves what we want to leave behind when we too have return to dust" ("Energy of Lent" by John Studzinski *The Tablet* 3 March 2012 p. 9).

May God help us to keep a holy Lent.

Fr Mark

Sentence

It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4.6

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Genesis Chapter 17, verses 1 – 7 and 15 – 16

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ² And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' 3 Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 4 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7 I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. 15 God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22.24-32

- O praise the Lord, all you that fear him: hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob, and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.
- 25 For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery: nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.
- ²⁶ From you springs my praise in the great congregation: I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;
- The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied: and those who seek the Lord shall praise him may their hearts rejoice for ever!
- Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord: and let all the families of the nations worship before him.
- ²⁹ For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he shall be ruler over the nations.
- ³⁰ How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage: or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?
- 31 But he has saved my life for himself: and my posterity shall serve him.
- This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation: and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans Chapter 4, verses 13 – 25

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the

father of all of us, 17 as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' 23 Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, Chapter 9, verses 2 – 9

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were

terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

OFFERTORIES VIA DIRECT DEBIT

Offering via direct debit. Direct debit details of account:

ASDF Account: Parish of Terrigal, BSB:705-077

Account Number: 00040934. - Terry Rowe, Treasurer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Lynette Brennan, Carolyn Gibbs, Angarad O'Malley, John Sorensen, Emma Horton, Gloria & Albert Townsend, Jackie Davidson, Robyn Smith, Tania Howlett, Sam Margery, Lyn Richardson, Fay. C, Wendy McKellar, David Lamb, Pam Flegg, Margaret Lewis, Jamie, Tahne & Syhe Robertshaw and John.

Please note: This prayer list will be updated at the beginning of each month. If you wish someone to stay on the list, please legibly print their name in the prayer book. Please get their permission first. Thank you.

Prayer of the Week

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

'WHISPERS OF LOVE' - MEDITATION

Our 'Whispers of Love' meditation meets each Monday at 10.00am. A warm welcome is extended to join us.

Reflection:

In this Lenten journey Loving Lord, give me the grace and wisdom to recognize You as my light and life: and draw me more genuinely into unity with Your people, my church, so that we may all be united in your mission.

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann.

NOTIFICATION OF AGM

Our AGM will be held at Holy Trinity, Terrigal on Sunday 17th March, 2024 at 11.00am.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

The World Day of Prayer will be held at Holy Trinity, Terrigal at 10.30am on Friday 1st March, 2024

Morning tea will follow. Contributions greatly appreciated.

All are welcome.

The ladies of Palestine have asked us to pray with them:

God of Peace and Justice,

We cry out to you with broken hearts and deep anguish for what is unfolding in Israel and Palestine. It is difficult to find the words to express the weight of this moment. We rest on your Spirit, who intercedes with sighs too deep for words. We ask that you heal every wound, and you give us wisdom for how to stop this cycle of violence. We pray especially for women who are particularly vulnerable in times of war. Move our world quickly towards peace and justice. Amen.

GARDEN WORKING BEE THANK YOU

Thank you to all who attended the Garden Working Bee yesterday. Your help and hard work is very much appreciated. Jackie Davidson.

DINNER AT TERRIGAL BOWLING CLUB

Please join us for dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen' on Sunday 3rd March, 2023 from 6pm.

If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the small notice board in the foyer.

Thank you.

THANK YOU BOXES

Please take a Thank You box and put a coin in it when one receives a blessing. In 2023-2024 we are supporting the Newcastle Diocesan Domestic Abuse Project. Thank you.

SAMARITANS

Thank you to the congregation for being excellent givers of donations for the Samaritans. Items needed now include tinned vegetables and fruits, pasta & sauce and cereal. Thank you. Margaret Maclachlan.

MISSION NEWS

Last week in the pew bulletin there was an envelope for the ABM Lenten appeal. If you didn't receive one, please pick one up from the welcome table this week and remember to use it! As I mentioned last week, the appeal this year is raising money to support vulnerable women and children in Gaza, Sri Lanka and Kenya.

This appeal will focus on providing education and support to improve the nutrition and livelihoods of families, especially children. As we see on our televisions daily, the plight of women and children in Gaza is dire. Please support this appeal.

More next week on Sri Lanka.

Libby Harvey Missions Secretary

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We encourage and welcome ladies from all services, including both the 8.00am and 9.30am services, to join us in Women's Fellowship. We generally meet on the second Monday of the month, finishing with afternoon tea.

This month will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and will be held on:

Monday 11th March, 2024 at 1.00pm at church. It will be followed by afternoon tea.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Lent 2 B - Sunday 25 February 2024

• Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22.24-32; Romans 4.13-25; Mark 8.31-38 *or* Mark 9.2-9

There is Abraham and Sarah in the retirement village when God totally disrupts their plans. It's never too late to act in faith. Abraham and Sarah are such extraordinary examples of faithfulness that St Paul refers to them in his letter to the Romans as a model of faith. When it comes to faith there is no retirement age.

- We pray for older people that their faith may be an inspiration to all.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Text: Archdeacon Rod Bower,
Director of Mission,
Diocese of Newcastle
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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS AND PEOPLE WANTING TO BECOME A MEMBER OF TERRIGAL PARISH

We are updating the Parish Electoral Roll and contact booklet and need to make sure everyone's details are up to date. If you are a member or would like to become a member of Terrigal Parish, please fill in the form that follows this announcement, sign it and place it in the box provided on the table at the entry way to the church, or hand it to a warden, or email it to: admin@terrigalanglican.org.au by the 3rd of March. This is a requirement if you would like to vote at the AGM on 17th March, 2024. If you need extra forms, there are some on the table in the foyer.

A CALL FOR PROPOSED GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS

If you would like to propose any General Business items for the agenda for the Annual General Meeting, please put it in writing and hand it to Terry Rowe or email it to Terry at the office email address (above). Proposals must be received by the 3rd of March, 2024 to be accepted into the agenda.

STARTING OR RENEWING TERRIGAL PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL AND CONTACT BOOKLET INFORMATION

Next Sunday – 3rd March, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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<u>9.30am</u> – Holy Eucharist – Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson Organist – Sharon Sandstrom

Readings: Exodus 20.1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 Gospel: John 2.13-22

This Week

Monday 26th February

10.00am – Whispers of Love – A Meditation – Rev'd Ann Watson

Tuesday 27th February

George Herbert, parish priest, poet (d. 1633)

7.00pm – Trinity Band rehearsals.

Wednesday 28th February

Thursday 29th February

7.30pm – Lenten Studies – Fr Mark Watson

Friday 1st March

David, bishop of Menevia, Wales (d. 601)

10.30am - Eucharist - Fr Mark Watson

Genesis 37.3-28, Psalm 105.16-22, Gospel: Matthew 21.33-46

Following the Eucharist – Lenten Studies – Fr Mark Watson

Saturday 2nd March

Chad, bishop of Lichfield, missionary (d. 672)

Rosters for next week

Friday 1st March - 10.30am

Reader	
Catherine Taylor	

Sunday 3rd March - 8.00am and 9.30am

Readers	Intercessions	Servers
8.00am	8.00am	8.00am
1 st – Margaret Maclachlan 2 nd – Neil Ewer	Neil	Neil
9.30am 1 st – Keith Lewis 2 nd – Sue James	9.30am Neil	9.30am Neil

Sunday 3rd March

Flowers	Morning Tea
No flowers during Lent.	Jocelyn Mulcahy
	Lynette Brennan

^{*}Please note: If you are unable to serve, please arrange someone to take your place. If you can't find someone, please contact the person in charge of your roster or a church warden to help you.

Thank you.

BEING TOGETHER

Jesus told us to love one another as he loves us.

As Christians we know our life together is strengthened when our behaviour is consistent with our faith. However, our experience of being together can be difficult, particularly when there are differences. So it is important to be clear about how we will behave towards each other.

Being a Community:

- We will value the wellbeing and safety of others, especially children and other vulnerable people.
- We will encourage each other to participate in the life of the church.
- We will consider the impact of our behaviour on others.

Relating to each other:

- We will protect the safety of all, especially children and other vulnerable people.
- We will treat each other with respect and dignity, irrespective of ability, gender, sexuality, race, age or contribution to the church.
- We will act with integrity and honesty in our interactions with each other.

Communicating with each other:

- We will communicate respectfully with others, and not in a way that threatens, belittles or humiliates.
- We will speak with integrity and honesty, and refrain from speculation and gossip.

Acknowledging differences:

- We will respect those who are different from us and not isolate or ridicule them.
- We will listen to and seek to understand the beliefs, opinions and practices of others, even when we do not share their views.

Responding to conflict:

- We will accept responsibility for our part in a conflict.
- We will be willing to play our part in resolving a conflict. (Approved by General Synod July 2014, revised on 17 April 2020) (Approved by Newcastle Diocesan Synod October 2015, Revision adopted by the Diocesan Council from 15 May 2021)

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