

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
30th March, 2025



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

Organist – **Chris Sillince**

Hymns: TIS 343, 576, 347, 580

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

Organist – **Sharon Sandstrom**

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[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

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

² At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time.' ³ So Joshua made flint knives, and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until

they were healed. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² 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 to 21

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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.

¹¹ Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ 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! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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." ²² 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. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" ³¹ Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² 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:

Carolyn Gibbs, Angarad O'Malley, Gloria Townsend, Robyn Smith, Merv Singh, Janice and Neville Clark, Jackie Davidson, Malcolm Sandstrom, Lynette Brennan, Jean Carden, Lavi, Elsa & Peter Sorensen and Maureen Alais.

Please note: This prayer list will be updated at the beginning of each month. Please legibly print prayer recipients' names in the prayer book. Please get their permission first. Thank you.

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.

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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WHISPERS OF LOVE – A MEDITATION

Our 'Whispers of Love' meditation meets each Monday at 10.00am. All are welcome.

Reflection:

Loving God, help us to recognize your presence and voice in our daily lives as we journey during this Lenten season. May we be open to you and your love in the divine silence of meditation.

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann.

THANK YOU BOXES

New Thank You Boxes are available on the table in the foyer. Please take one and put some money in it whenever you receive a Blessing. Until the end of August 2025, your donations will go to the Barbara May Foundation which builds Hospitals in Africa and staffs them with doctors, surgeons, midwives, nurses and other care staff.

Full Thank You Boxes may be placed in the offertory and a new one taken. Thank you for your support.

MORNING TEA - CAN YOU PLEASE HELP?

We kindly ask for your support in helping our wonderful morning tea volunteers by bringing a plate to share after the 9.30am service. Our volunteers work hard, and it would be greatly appreciated if we could all pitch in so they don't have to provide everything on their own.

Additionally, we are looking for someone to assist Anna by joining the morning tea team on the second Sunday of each month. Your help would be a great blessing!

OP SHOP NEWS

Our Easter table is now out for those looking for Easter gifts with items starting at .50 cents.

Please follow our Facebook page for updates, sales, and op shop news. <https://www.facebook.com/TerrigalOpShop/>

Thank you for your continued support of the Op Shop.
Blessings, The Church of the Holy Trinity Op Shop Team.

MISSION NEWS

This Lent, ABM AID is supporting Anglican Church partners around the world who are actively working to combat gender-based violence and promote women's empowerment through education, community leadership and sustainable livelihoods. Money will go to programmes in Zambia, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Kenya and the Philippines.

Envelopes are available on the Welcome table. Place your gifts in the offertory plate.

Thank you for your generosity.

Libby Harvey - Missions Secretary

DINNER AT TERRIGAL BOWLING CLUB

Please join us for dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen' on Sunday 6th April, 2025 from 6pm.

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

Thank you.

GARDEN BEE

A big welcome and thank you to Suzanne George who has volunteered as our new Garden Captain. Thank you, Suzanne. We would love to see a show of support and welcome Suzanne as our Garden Captain at our next Garden Bee on Saturday, 5th April at 8.30am. We need help to keep our gardens thriving. All are welcome and your help will be very much appreciated. Happy gardening.

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.

Our next meeting will be held on
Monday 14th April, 2024 at 1.00pm at church,
followed by afternoon tea.

MARKET DAY - 12th APRIL

Due to Easter, our next Market day is on the 12th April, the second Saturday in the month. We will need all the help we can get when setting up on Friday 11th.

We especially need help packing up after Market Day so, if you can come at 12.30pm for an hour on Saturday 12th, we would really appreciate it.

If you can contribute some home-made cakes, slices, jams or chutneys for the cake stall, your help would be very much appreciated. It is very important to please label your goodies with all the ingredients and, upon arrival, ask for a Holy Trinity Church sticker to put on your contribution.

Thank you.

Ian Wolstenholme.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB (SIP)

The next meeting of **Spirituality in the Pub** is
7.30-9.00pm on **Tuesday 1st April**
at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming.

Guest speakers are **Barbara Novak**, a Holistic Life Coach with work experience as an assistant bank manager, TAFE teacher and extended work in radio and TV; and **Denise Harris** with a background in Drug and Alcohol Counselling that taught her to never judge but rather accept and empower those she helped.

Hotel bistro opens at 5.30pm.

SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.



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Lent 4 C – Sunday 30th March 2025

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

Today we read the familiar story about the Prodigal Son. For some of us it's easy to feel that we take on the role of the

older son, always there, usually ignored. But the point of the story is to show us that God's love is there for us, no matter how much of a mess we have turned our lives into. When we're in the mud surrounded by the swine – a desperate situation for a pious Jew – we should remember that God is always willing to welcome us home with a warm embrace and a party.

- Pray that all who would benefit from returning to God would do so, firm in the knowledge that a warm welcome awaits.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of North India

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Rosters for next week

10.30 Friday 4th April, 2025

Reader
1 st – Margaret Blanch

8.00am Sunday 6th April, 2025

Readers	Servers
1 st – Margot Bilston 2 nd – Margot Bilston	Ronda and -

9.30am Sunday 6th April, 2025

Readers	Servers
1 st – Malcolm Sandstrom 2 nd – Jocelyn Mulcahy	Ronda and -

Morning Tea	Flowers
Jocelyn Mulcahy Evelyn White	No Flowers in Lent

This Week

Monday 31st March

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

Tuesday 1st April

Wednesday 2nd April

Thursday 3rd April

Richard of Chichester, bishop (d. 1256)

7.00pm – Lenten Studies

Friday 4th April

10.30am – Holy Eucharist - Fr Mark Watson

Readings: Wisdom 2.1, 12-22, Psalm 34.15-22

Gospel: John.7-25-30

11.45am – Lenten Studies

Saturday 5th April

8.30am – Garden Working Bee

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

Gospel: John 12.1-8

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