

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
15th March 2026



8.00am – **Sung Eucharist** - *Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
Organist – Chris Sillince

Hymns: TIS 568, 464, 584 (i), 684

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

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!

Fr Mark

Sentence

I am the light of the world,' says the Lord; 'those who follow me will have the light of life.'

John 8.12

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
in order that we children of earth
might discern good from evil
you sent your Son to be the light of the world:
as the light of Christ shines upon us,
may we learn what pleases you,
and live in truth and goodness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from 1 Samuel Chapter 16, verses 1 – 3

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' ² Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord ." ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' ⁵ He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord ; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord 's anointed is now before the Lord .' ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the

heart.' ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.

² **He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.**

³ He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

⁴ **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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ **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 Ephesians, Chapter 5 verses 8 – 14

8 For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—

9 for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

10 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

12 For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly;

13 but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,

14 for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Chapter 9, verses 1 – 41

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³ Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to

see. ⁸ The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' ⁹ Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' ¹¹ He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' ¹² They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' ¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' ²⁰ His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' ²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' ²⁵ He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' ²⁶ They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' ²⁷ He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God

has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' ³⁰ The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' ³⁴ They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' ³⁶ He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' ³⁷ Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' ³⁸ He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Kevin Thomas, Angarad O'Malley, Gloria Townsend, Janice Clark, Jackie Davidson, Sharon and Malcolm Sandstrom, Lynette Brennan, Robert, David Lamb, Jean Carden, Charlotte Christie, George, Ben & family, Elsa & Peter Sorensen, Maureen Alais, Richard Gosling, Roberta Henderson, Lorraine Fisher, Robyn Morgan, Jessica, Judy, George, Jessica Robert, Wendy & Alan Eades and Ken, Peter Hancock, Sue James, Peter Bosley, Scott, Neil Ewer, John Thompson, Robyn Patterson, Diana M, Jo, Jill Ross, Cliff and Pam Hammond, Nick Baker, and Ann.

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:

Open in us, O Lord, the eyes of faith,
that we may see you as you are
and become your light to the world,
driving out the darkness of sin and death.

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann.

GARDEN BEE

Our next Garden Bee will be held on Saturday 11th April, 2026 starting at 8.30am. We welcome everyone to come along and join us in keeping our gardens looking beautiful.

With gratitude,

Suzanne George – Garden Captain

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We encourage and welcome ladies to join us in
Women's Fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on

Monday 13th April 2026 at 1.00pm at church.

We look forward to seeing you there.

WYOMING EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTRE (WERC)

Thank you for your generous giving.

Please note, this centre will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday (3rd and 5th April). Any donation received from parishioners will be delivered on 10th April.

Items needed now include coffee (not tea), sugar, toilet rolls, laundry powder, canned goods such as tinned fish, vegetables and fruits, cereals, pasta & sauce and baby items. Also needed are toiletries such as toothpaste, soap, shampoo and conditioner. Please do not donate anything that needs cooking.

WERC is very grateful for donations but also appreciate financial donations, which is used to buy meat, bread and margarine, and to top up their pantry when other items are running low.

You can donate money to:

The Anglican Parish of Wyoming (WERC)

BSB: 032523 Account number: 491351

Many thanks.

MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day is on
Saturday 21st March from 8am to 1pm.

We'd love your help setting up on Friday 20th and packing up from 12:30pm on Saturday 21st.

Donations of home-made cakes, slices, jams, or chutneys are very welcome—please label ingredients and collect a Holy Trinity Church sticker to put on them when you drop them off.

Thank you.

Terry Rowe – Interim Market Day Co-Ordinator.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are trying to set up new rosters for people to help with:

- *Church set up on a Sunday morning
- *Sidespersons
- *Greeters
- *Operating slides & assisting in video recording
- *Market Day Co-Ordinator
- *Op Shop – Tuesday, Wednesday or Saturday
- *Market Day volunteers

A Crim Check and Safe Ministry Training will need to be completed to volunteer.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these roles, please let Fr Mark, a church warden or myself know. Your time and service would be very much appreciated.

Cal Priest – Office Administration

DINNER AT TERRIGAL BOWLING CLUB

Due to the Easter weekend, the Terrigal Bowling Club dinner at 'Bec's Kitchen' won't be on in April but instead has been brought forward to Sunday 29th March from 6.00pm.

If you want to attend the May dinner, please add your name and any family member's names, if they are attending, to the sign-up sheet on the small notice board in the foyer.

Thank you.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF EAST MAITLAND ORGAN RECITAL

The Anglican Parish of East Maitland is holding an Organ Recital on the second Sunday of each month at 2pm.

Tickets can be booked online via 123Tix at:

<https://www.123tix.com.au/events/profile/organrecitalseries2026>

Discounts are available for groups of 6 or more. Please contact Music Co-ordinator Thomas Barnes for group bookings

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MISSION NEWS

As you all know now, our Lenten Appeal is an ABM appeal; GIVE WATER, GIVE LIFE.

In Vanuatu, your donation will contribute to the building of model toilets, improving health outcomes and restoring dignity - especially for the most vulnerable.

Over the last 6 years you have helped to give:

56,928 people increased access to safe water

44,039 people increased access to basic sanitation.

This Lent, give water - and give life. Do this by collecting a giving leaflet from the Welcome Table and follow instructions.

Libby Harvey - Missions Secretary

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Parishioners are warmly advised that our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Sunday 29 March 2026 at 11:00am.**

Please note that all **Proposed General Business agenda items** for the AGM must be submitted **in writing** and received **no later than Sunday 22 March to the Parish Council.**

Late submissions cannot be accepted. This includes:

- *Questions *Notices of motion
- *Votes of thanks for discussion, decision, or debate
- *Any additional items to be included on the agenda

Nominations are now open for the following roles:

- *Church Wardens *Parish Councillors
- *Parish Council Secretary *Nominees for Synod
- *Nominees for the Incumbency Appointment Board

Please note - Nomination forms can be found in this Pew Bulletin on the next page. Please use this form for all nominations.

We are also seeking a **volunteer for the role of Work Health and Safety (WHS) Officer.** If you are interested in serving in this role, please speak with one of the Church Wardens or raise your interest at the AGM.

Name Badges – A great way to help parishioners get to know each other and help make newcomers feel welcome and connect with the church community. Badges are \$14. If you'd like one but can't cover the full cost, please speak with Terry Rowe.



NOMINATION FORM

To: The Secretary of the Parish Council

Parish of Terrigal

I, the undersigned being a person on the Electoral Roll of this Parish, nominate:

[full name of nominee]

for election as _____.
[position]

[Full name of nominator]

[Signed]

[Date]

Rosters for Next Week

FRIDAY 20th March - 10.30am

Reader
Colleen Cronin

SUNDAY 22nd March - 8.00am

Readers	Servers
1 st – Colleen Cronin 2 nd – Ann West	Ronda

SUNDAY 22nd March – 9.30am

Readers	Servers	Flowers
1 st – Libby Harvey 2 nd – David Harvey	Ronda	No flowers in Lent.

Morning Tea
Betty Hancock Audree Dash

Next Sunday – 22nd March 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Organist – Chris Sillince

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

Trinity Band and Singers

Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8.6-11

Gospel: John 11.1-45

This Week

Monday 16th March

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

3.30pm – Eucharist at Tarragal Manor – Rev'd Ann Watson

Tuesday 17th March

Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland (d. 461)

7.00pm – Trinity Band and Singers rehearsal

Wednesday 18th March

Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and teacher (d. 386)

Thursday 19th March

JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.30am – Holy Eucharist in the Chapel – *Fr Mark Watson*

Friday 20th March

Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary (d. 687)

10.30am – Holy Eucharist – *Fr Mark Watson*

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

Gospel: John 7.40-52

Saturday 21st March

Thomas Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr and liturgist (d. 1556)

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