



# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

## SEVENTH ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



23 February 2020

### Gladstone Parish

Includes the following areas:

Agnes Water

Calliope

Gladstone

Miriam Vale

Mt. Larcom

Tannum Sands

Ubobo

### Parish Priest

Fr Andrew Chase

### Assistant Priest

Fr. Simeon Uchendu

### Admin Officers

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Ann Mara

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### Primary Schools

**St Francis (Tannum Sands)**  
4973 3600

**St John Baptist (Gladstone)**  
4978 1799

**Star of the Sea (Gladstone)**  
4972 1305

### Secondary School

**Chanel College (Gladstone)**  
4973 4700

### LITURGIES THIS WEEK

#### MASSES

##### Tuesday 25 February

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—5:30pm

##### Wednesday 26 February ASH WEDNESDAY

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—9:00am & 5:30pm

St Peter Chanel, Tannum—9:00am

St John's Primary School—11:40am (Parishioners welcomed to attend)

##### Thursday 27 February

Chanel College—10:40am

##### Friday 28 February

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—9:30am

Star of the Sea, Stations of the Cross—7:00pm

##### Saturday 29 February

St. Peter Chanel, Tannum—6:00pm

##### Sunday 1 March

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—8:00am & 6:00pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mt. Larcom—11:00am

St. Agnes, Agnes Water—12 noon Liturgy of the Word with Communion

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

##### Saturday 29 February

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—8:30am to 9:20am

#### ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

##### Saturday 29 February

Star of the Sea, 8:30am to 9:30am

### *Did You Know...*

#### About Ash Wednesday?

This Wednesday (26<sup>th</sup> February) is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the solemn season of Lent in which we prepare to celebrate the great Paschal Mystery at Easter. Ash Wednesday takes its name from the ritual of receiving ashes on our foreheads during the Mass that day. This ritual harks back to the ancient penitential practices in the Old Testament where people dressed in sackcloth and covered themselves with ashes as an expression of sorrow for their sins. The ashes also remind us that without God's grace, human life will eventually return to dust and ashes – it is only by God's power and love that our mortal bodies have true life.

To receive the mark of the cross in ashes on our foreheads this Wednesday should be a reminder to us of our need for repentance and a sign of our commitment to do so, especially during the season of Lent. While Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is a great way to start this special season. Please note on the bulletin the Mass times for this day, and if possible make an effort to take part.

Fr Andrew

## Date Claimers

### PRESENTING—café—

#### KNOWING GOD EVEN BETTER

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish is proud to present café for the holy season of Lent.

Presented by Annette Rowe, *KNOWING GOD EVEN BETTER* will help you face the challenges of Lent with renewed faith.

CaFE will be held in the Parish Hall from Wednesday, 4 March 2020 from 5:30PM to 6:30PM and will continue on 11 March, 18 March, 25 March and 1 April. Each session is a gold coin donation. Everyone is welcome to as many sessions as they can make.

Please contact the Parish office on 4972 1025 or e-mail [adfaithsos@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:adfaithsos@rok.catholic.net.au)



#### MERCY ASSOCIATES

All Parishioners are welcome to join the Mercy Associates for their next Gathering **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March** in the Parish Hall after the Anointing Mass. Sr Noreen sm will share with us on *“What does Pope Francis understand of Mary’s Role in the Church?”* We commence at 0920 with a cuppa and Sr Noreen commences at 1000. Please come and join us to hear Sister’s reflection.



#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We would like to invite parents to continue your child’s journey through the Sacraments in 2020. Following Reconciliation, we now offer the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Those children who have received or are currently enrolled in the Sacrament of Reconciliation can make these Sacraments.

Enrolment forms will be available from **Tuesday 25 February**. The forms will be available through Catholic schools and the Parish Office.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated during Lent at the following times:

Star of the Sea: Friday 7:00pm

St. Agnes, Agnes Waters: Friday 7:00am

St. Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands: Wednesday at 9:30am commencing Wednesday 11 March

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MARCH 2020

Pray for Zimbabwe

Date & Time: Friday 6 March at 10:00am

Location Gladstone Baptist Church, 4 Archer Street  
Everyone is welcome to attend



#### DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON SAFEGUARDING

##### Level One Training 2020 – Mandatory for all Clergy/church workers/volunteers and Staff

I know we all want to keep our Diocese a safe place for all and in line with The Royal Commission Child Safe Standard 7 which states that we are to ensure that staff (church workers/Volunteers/ Religious/ Clergy) are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through continual training and education’.

The Diocese of Rockhampton recognises and embraces the importance of education and training in respect to safeguarding in creating and maintaining a safe environment for children across all agencies. The training goes beyond child protection to also providing education in improving engagement with adults to ensure the vulnerable are supported and risks are identified. We will continue to work together to keep our Diocese a safe place for all

**In 2020 Safeguarding Training Level One is mandatory for all church workers so that we are continuing to be equipped with knowledge, skills and awareness on all safeguarding matter across the Diocese.** Your continued commitment to ensuring that safeguarding is an integral part of all of our ministries is valued and appreciated.

#### DATE CLAIMER—SAFEGUARDING TRAINING LEVEL 1

Two training sessions will be held in Star of the Sea Parish Hall—Wednesday 1 April at 10:30am & 5:30pm

#### HOME HOLY COMMUNION

Do you take Holy Communion to the sick (either in a nursing home or in their own home)? I would love to make contact with each of you to see about offering the anointing of the sick to those you visit. Could you please contact the parish office so I can make a list of parishioners who are house-bound and unable to come to Mass. I will try to be in touch with you soon. Thank you for the wonderful ministry you perform in our Parish. Fr. Andrew

#### MASS CHANGE

The monthly Mass at **Domain Auckland Place** for Wednesday 26 February has been cancelled due to Ash Wednesday parish Masses.

**“BE OPENED”** is the weekly Lenten reflection program from the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Copies are available from the parish office for \$8.00. The workbook can be used individually or in Lenten discussion groups and includes the Sunday gospel readings, reflections and discussion questions.

## THE SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent begins this Wednesday. It's a penitential season of prayer, fasting and care for others that is intended to prepare us for the great feast of Easter by reminding us of our need of repentance and God's grace. So what's different during this season?

### LITURGY

The liturgy during Lent is marked by simplicity, solemnity and a more penitential flavour than usual. At Mass during Lent we omit the *Gloria* and the word *Alleluia* is completely absent until the great Alleluia at the Easter Vigil. Music is only used to accompany singing and floral decorations are simpler.

In our parish this year we will be using a different Mass setting to mark the different season: we will use the simple Gregorian chants that are contained in the missal. Some people will be unfamiliar with them at first but we will gradually come to learn them. We will also conclude the Mass in silence, with no recessional hymn, to emphasise the more sober mood of this penitential season.

For the Penitential Act, we will use the *Confiteor* ("I confess to almighty God...") throughout Lent: a prayer that reminds of us of our need to acknowledge our guilt not only to God but to each other as brothers and sisters in faith.

### DEVOTIONS & TRADITIONS

We are asked to pay special attention during Lent to three key spiritual elements: **prayer, fasting, and alms-giving**. All three of these things help us grow in holiness. One very practical way of alms-giving is to take part in *Project Compassion*, the annual Lenten appeal by Caritas Australia. Envelopes are available at the Church along with money boxes that families might like to use as a way of remembering the poor and doing something practical to help.

Fasting is also something practical and real that reminds us of our human frailty and our need of God's grace. By choosing to go without something, we are reminded that of all the good things we can enjoy, it is only God who can truly satisfy.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are particular days of fasting and also of **abstinence from meat**.

We will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross at several of our Churches throughout Lent – please check the bulletin for the different times to join in this wonderful tradition that helps us unite ourselves spiritually with Jesus' way of the cross.

May our spiritual journey in the weeks ahead truly bring us more deeply into the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

Thank  
You

Thank you for the generosity of those parishioners who contribute to our Planned Giving. If you are new to the parish and would like to be part of the Planned Giving Program, either through Direct Debit or Weekly Envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

The total of parishioners contributions for this week amounted to \$2369.30



### **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

#### **For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers**

John Gerard Quinn, Ailsa McGree, John Gleeson  
Anne Andrewartha, Richard Navartit

#### **We remember in prayer:**

Devassy Varghese, Elizabeth Varghese,  
Prothasis Thomas, Joseph & Jeanne Bultreys,  
Harry & Ev Gormley, Claude & Lorna Jordan,  
Dionisio Oro, Salvador Oro, Visitacion Capin,  
Kathleen Doris West, John T O'Hagan

#### **For those we love who are ill and frail**

Lincoln Rose, Barbara Filer, Paul Sundstrom,  
Janene Porter, Eli Colin Vale, Tom Barry,  
Betty Smith, John & Joy Massingham, Noon Family,  
Eion MacLeod, Ron O'Brien, Dene Kershaw,  
Brian Booxson, Evie Trenamen, Benjamin Gibson,  
Michael Harrigan, Kathy Immoos, Patricia Lynch,  
Dorothy Maudsley, Julian Watkins, Ben Rose,  
Alice Hodowaniec, Christopher Marra, Gloria Carter,  
Brad Maitland, Bruce McGree, Remy Scholl

### **Readings Next Sunday**

#### **First Sunday of Lent Year A**

1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew: 4:1-11

### **Responsorial Psalm**

The Lord is kind and merciful.

### **THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK**

Six minute meditations on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. Pick up a copy at the Parish Office for only \$4.

## PARISH LITURGY SCHEDULE

### MASS TIMES

Star of the Sea Gladstone

- ♦ Tuesday 5:30pm
- ♦ Wednesday 7:00am
- ♦ Thursday 10:40am Chanel College otherwise 7am
- ♦ Friday 9:30am
- ♦ 1st Saturday of the month Anointing Mass 8:30am
- ♦ Sunday 8:00am & 6:00pm

St Peter Chanel Tannum Sands

- ♦ 6:00pm Saturday Vigil: 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the month
- ♦ 8:00am 2nd & 4th Sunday Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- ♦ 9:30am 1st Wednesday of the month Anointing Mass

St Peter Chanel Miriam Vale

- ♦ 11:00am 2nd Sunday of the month

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Mt. Larcom

- ♦ 11:00am 1st Sunday of the month

St Patrick's Calliope

- ♦ 6:00pm Saturday Vigil 2nd & 4th

St Mary's Ubobo

- ♦ 11:00am 3rd Sunday of the month

St Agnes, Agnes Water

- ♦ 12:00pm 4th Sunday of the month
- ♦ Liturgy of the Word with Communion on the other Sundays at 12:00pm

### NURSING HOME MASSES

Eden Vale

- ♦ 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm

Domain Auckland Place

- ♦ Last Wednesday of the month at 2:15pm

### ADORATION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday 8:30am—9:30am Star of the Sea Church except when Mass is celebrated on the first Saturday of the month.

### ROSARY

Star of the Sea

- ♦ 1st Saturday of the month after the 8:30am Mass
- ♦ 3rd Thursday of the month Parish Chapel 9:45am

St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands

- ♦ Wednesday 10:00am
- St. Agnes, Agnes Water
- ♦ Each Sunday at 11:30am

### LUNCHEON MEDITATION

Star of the Sea

- ♦ Tuesday Parish Chapel 12:30pm

### BIBLE STUDY

Star of the Sea

- ♦ Tuesday Parish Centre 11:00am

## RECONCILIATION

Star of the Sea

- ♦ 8:30am-9:20am Saturday
- ♦ Except on 1st Saturday of the month 9:00am-9:30am

Other Mass centers available on request

## BAPTISMS

Star of the Sea Church

- ♦ 1st & 2nd Sunday after 8:00am Mass

Other Mass centers

- ♦ Available on request

Parents are to take part in a baptism preparation class held on the 4th Sunday of the month in the Parish Hall 38 Herbert St. Gladstone. Baptism packs are available at the Parish Office.

## MARRIAGES

An appointment with a priest is required prior to booking the marriage date.

## MANAGING COMPLAINTS in the DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON:

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles and procedures of Towards Healing.

The Diocese is committed to healing for victims by providing a sensitive and compassionate response to complaints.

Contact the Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding office:

Response Line on m: 1800 830 113 (free call) or email: [pssso@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:pssso@rok.catholic.net.au)

Diocesan Website for more information:  
[www.rok.catholic.net.au](http://www.rok.catholic.net.au)

## LITURGY ROSTER 1 March 2020

### Readers:

8am R. Malig, V. Norman  
6pm St. John's School

### Co-Ordinator

8am A. Platt  
6pm J. Munt

### Eucharistic Ministers

8am M. Duncan, D. Jordan, S. Smith  
6pm St. John's School

### Data Projector

8am R. Mathew/D. Canham  
6pm D. Conley

### Altar Servers

8am F. & V. Priyaraj  
6pm Required

Service  
Rosters  
next  
Sunday

*We acknowledge the Gooreng Gooreng, Bailai & Gurang people, traditional custodians of what we now call Gladstone*