



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

Second Sunday of Easter Year A — 16 April 2023

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 10:30am—4pm

Tues, Thurs: Fri: 9am—4pm

Wed: 1pm—4pm

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Fr Andrew Chase

Assistant Priest

Fr Ashwin Acharya

Parish Secretary

Maree Roobottom

Finance /Admin Officer

Joanne Cannon

Faith Co-ordinator

Hayley Lanzon

OUR PARISH INCLUDES THE COMMUNITIES OF:

Agnes Water

Calliope

Gladstone

Miriam Vale

Mt. Larcom

Tannum Sands

Ubobo

PARISH SCHOOLS

St Francis (Tannum Sands)

4973 3600

St John Baptist (Gladstone)

4978 1799

Star of the Sea (Gladstone)

4972 1305

Chanel College (Gladstone)

4973 4700

LITURGIES THIS WEEK

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 18 April: Star of the Sea, Gladstone— 5:30pm

Wednesday 19 April: Star of the Sea, Gladstone—7:00am

Thursday 20 April: Chanel College, Gladstone—10:40am

Friday 21 April: Star of the Sea, Gladstone—9:00am

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 22 April

St Patrick's, Calliope—6:30pm

Sunday 23 April

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—8:00am

St Peter Chanel, Tannum—8:00am *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

St Peter Chanel, Miriam Vale—11:00am

St Agnes, Agnes Water—12:00pm *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Saturday 22 April: Star of the Sea, Gladstone—8:30am to 9:20am

Saturday 22 April: St Patrick's, Calliope—5:15pm to 5:45pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday 22 April: Star of the Sea, Gladstone—8:30 to 9:30am

Do we really know what to do with God's mercy?

This, the first Sunday *after* Easter Sunday, the completion of the *Easter Octave* (called *Low Easter Sunday*), has taken on in the last century a wonderful new dimension, thanks to the intimate private revelation of one Polish nun and mystic, Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, OLM. Divine Mercy Sunday is a gift from the Lord to the world through Saint Faustina, and was brought to the world's attention during the pontificate of Pope Saint John Paul II.

It would be a mistake to understand Divine Mercy Sunday as some divine "get out of jail free card." Sinners may run to the ordinary grace of our loving God at any time. In other words, the Divine Mercy of God is extended to us unceasingly. There is never a moment where the Lord is not addressing us with those consoling words, "Come to me, all who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest..." God's mercy is never at odds with his divine justice. In fact, none of God's qualities are at odds: he is patient yet prompt, compassionate yet he calls us to carry our crosses with him, peaceful yet at times he disturbs our complacency, silent yet constantly speaking life to us. Therefore, it is worth asking a question, what should we *do* with God's great mercy?

Mercy is replete throughout the Scriptures and the Catechism, but perhaps par. 2447 helps us not only receive God's mercy, but respond for the sake of our neighbour: "The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbour... Instructing, advising, consoling; forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently; feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead," any of which the Father of Mercies may be calling you to in our parish community, and all of which "are work[s] of justice pleasing to God."

- Fr Ashwin

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with the Divine Mercy payers will be held in the Star of the Sea church on Sunday 16 April commencing at 3pm and concluding with Benediction at 4pm.

Prayer in Troubled Times

God, Source of life and Centre of our being, with humility I place myself and my situation in Your hands, good God. Protect my family, friends and myself. Help us create a better future for the world, for our nation and for ourselves.

Lift the desperation and fill me with trust and hope. Give wisdom to those working on the issues of economic recovery and a renewed society. Teach me to value what is truly important in life and not let my heart and spirit shrink in despair and anxiety.

You are the Good God, who is still in charge of the universe. Humble us to learn from this experience and be purified and refined as beloved children of a loving God. You are our hope and life support. Amen.

STAR OF THE SEA PARISH PRESENTS



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LIFE

By Mother Teresa

LIFE IS AN OPPORTUNITY,
BENEFIT FROM IT

LIFE IS BEAUTY, **ADMIRE IT**

LIFE IS A DREAM, **REALISE IT**

LIFE IS A CHALLENGE, **MEET IT.**

LIFE IS A DUTY, **COMPLETE IT.**

LIFE IS A GAME, **PLAY IT.**

LIFE IS A PROMISE, **FULFILL IT.**

LIFE IS SORROW, **OVERCOME IT.**

LIFE IS A SONG, **SING IT.**

LIFE IS A STRUGGLE, **ACCEPT IT.**

LIFE IS A TRAGEDY, **CONFRONT IT.**

LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE. **DARE IT.**

LIFE IS LUCK, **MAKE IT.**

LIFE IS TOO PRECIOUS,

DO NOT DESTROY IT.

LIFE IS LIFE, **FIGHT FOR IT.**

EXTRAORDINARY MIINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

A formation workshop for all ministers of Holy Communion will be held in April. Church law requires ministers of Holy Communion to be commissioned for a set period of time after receiving appropriate formation. All existing ministers of Holy Communion (at Mass, lay-led liturgies, and Communion to the sick), plus anyone who would like to become a minister, are asked to attend **ONE** of the following sessions. After attending the training, these ministers will be commissioned for the next two years:

Thursday 20 April 5:30pm - St Peter Chanel Church, Tannum Sands

Friday 21 April 9:30am - Star of the Sea Church,

Saturday 22 April 4:30pm - St Patrick's Church, Calliope

Wednesday 26 April 5:30pm - Star of the Sea Church,

Sunday 30 April 9:15am – Star of the Sea Church,

Who can be a minister of Communion?

- A Baptised and Confirmed Catholic, who is
- At least 16 years of age, and
- Regularly practises their faith (i.e. attends Sunday Mass each week),
- Believes and professes the Catholic faith in the Eucharist, and is
- Actively trying to live a life faithful to Catholic moral teaching

Please let the parish office know which session you are planning to attend sosgladstone@rok.catholic.net.au or 49721025)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Presbyterian Women's Association wishes to advise that the Easter Bonnet/Hat parade which was to be held on 20 April has been postponed.

ROSARY GROUP

You are invited to come and pray the rosary for members of our parish who are sick or in need of prayer. The group will meet in the parish chapel on Thursday 20 April at 9:45am, followed by a shared BYO morning tea. All parishioners are warmly invited.

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection as encouraged by Pope Francis. Through this Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Holy Land Collection, you become an instrument of peace in the land where Jesus walked.

WOW CRAFT AND CUPPA

Women in the parish are invited to come together to work on their craft with a cup of tea or coffee on Saturday 22nd April 10am-12pm at the Parish Hall. Bring your scrapbook, diary, sewing, knitting or any other hobby to work on while we have a chat and a hot drink. Please contact Hayley at adfaithsos@rok.catholic.net.au with RSVP or any questions.

BIBLE STUDY AND MEDITATION

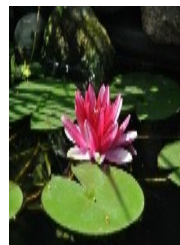
Bible study group and Luncheon Meditation will be held at the parish office each Tuesday at the following times.

Bible Study: 11:00am

Meditation: 12:30pm

NEW LIFE CHARISMATIC

There will be no Praise and Worship prayer meetings until the beginning of June. But we will be hosting the following event which all parishioners are invited to attend.



The Wild Goose Series discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Commencing Sunday 23 April @ 4pm to 5:30pm at the parish hall, Herbert Street.

The series will run each Sunday for 6 weeks in the lead up to Pentecost Sunday.

Fr Dave Pivonka incredible video series which is awakening God's love and transforming power in the hearts of all who participate. Discover the Holy Spirit who has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and who leads us to our heavenly Father.

Call Maryanne on 0409 898 895 to register to attend. No cost involved.

READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

3rd Sunday of Easter Year A

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

2nd Reading: First letter of St Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Want the readings for Mass today?

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DIOCESAN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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rok.catholic.net.au/news-events/bishops-newsletter

We acknowledge the Gooreng Gooreng, Bailai, Gurang, and Taribelang Bunda Nations, traditional custodians of what we now call Gladstone.

STAR OF THE SEA LITURGY ROSTER 23 April 2023

Readers:

8:00am: M. Chapman, N. Hamilton

6:00pm: V. Norman, J. Mullane

Co-Ordinator:

8:00am: A. Borbon

6:00pm: C. Mullins

Minister of Holy Communion:

8:00am: H. Vale

6:00pm: M. Shaw

Data Projector:

8:00am: M. Reyes

6:00pm: A. Fairweather

Altar Servers:

8:00am: M. Tickner, Y. Pangan

6:00pm: S. Jinto, O. Peiris, N. Peiris



PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Patricia Hall, Harry Pallis, Keith (Bill) Neill, Norma Tanna, Clive Gracias, Romeo Billones, Glen Seiler, Doug Anderson, Josephine Little, Philip Roy Hall

For others who have died

David Guevarra, Candelario Damalerio, Minnie Brown, Kevin Lennon, Col and Mary Brown, Stella Kelly, Annie Ilott, Felisa Borbon, Juan Borbon, Maximo Borbon sr, Edwin Diola, Lyn Hopkins, Margaret Ann Lush, Eugen Radas, Bernard Milton Weber

For those we love who are ill and frail

Lincoln Rose, Barbara Filer, Paul Sundstrom, Tony Gibb, Eli Colin Vale, Ben Rose, Ron O'Brien, Noon Family, John & Joy Massingham, Brian Booxson, Evie Trenamen, Benjamin Gibson, Carlene Oates, Patricia Lynch, Nicole Knox, Dorothy Maudsley, Remy Scholl, Julian Watkins, Christopher Marra, Vincent Bellet, Colin and Dolly O'Sing, Jacque Rive, Cedric Philps, Dorothy Thompson, John Walker, John Judge, Terry Farrelly, Timothy Howard, Justin Nelson, Frank Blain, Lisa O'Brien, Amanda Ward, Gwen Pusztay, Stan Mobbs, Paul Van der List, Colin Tait, Rosemary Ross, Nancy Peagam, Stacey Eccles

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The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the *National Catholic Safeguarding Standards* (2013), and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and vulnerable adults.

For further information or support, or to voice a concern, please contact the Diocesan *Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office*:

Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call) or

Email: pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE OTHER THAN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

St Peter Chanel Tannum Sands

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

St. Patrick's Calliope

- ♦ 6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Mt. Larcom

- ♦ 11:00am Mass 1st Sunday of the month

St Peter Chanel Miriam Vale

- ♦ 11:00am Mass 2nd Sunday of the month

St Mary's Ubobo

- ♦ 11:00am Mass 3rd Sunday of the month

St Agnes, Agnes Water

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

RECONCILIATION

Star of the Sea

- ♦ 8:30am-9:20am Saturday

St Peter Chanel (Tannum Sands) & St Patrick's (Calliope)

- ♦ 5:15pm–5:45pm (before Vigil Mass)

BAPTISMS

Star of the Sea Church: 1st & 2nd Saturday 9:45am

Other Mass Centres: Available on request

Bookings are essential. 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.

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

- ♦ Each Wednesday 10:00am

MEDITATION

Star of the Sea—Tuesday, Parish Chapel 12:30pm

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