



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

2nd Sunday of Lent Year A — 1 March 2026

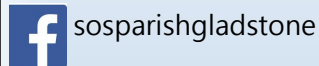
PARISH OFFICE AND CONTACTS

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday | CLOSED

Tuesday | 9am - 1pm

Wednesday | 9am - 12pm

Thursday | 9am - 4pm

Friday | 9am - 4pm

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Fr Andrew Chase

Assistant Priest

Fr Peter Doherty

Finance | Admin Officer

Emma May

Faith Co-Ordinator | Admin

Hayley Lanzon

OUR PARISH INCLUDES THE COMMUNITIES OF:

Agnes Water

Calliope

Gladstone

Miriam Vale

Mount Larcom

Tannum Sands

Ubobo

PARISH SCHOOLS

St Francis (Tannum Sands)

(07) 4973 3600

St John Baptist (Gladstone)

(07) 4978 1799

Star of the Sea (Gladstone)

(07) 4972 1305

Chanel College (Gladstone)

(07) 4973 4700

LITURGIES THIS WEEK

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 3 March: Star of the Sea | 5:30pm

Wednesday 4 March: Star of the Sea | 7:00am

Thursday 5 March: Chanel College | 10:40am

Friday 6 March: Star of the Sea | 9:00am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 7 March

St Patrick's, Calliope | 5:00pm

Sunday 8 March

Star of the Sea, Gladstone | 8:00am and 6:00pm

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

St Peter Chanel, Miriam Vale | 11:00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Saturday 7 March

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

St Patrick's, Calliope | 4:15pm to 4:45pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Did you know?

YOU CAN SIT ANYWHERE AT MASS!

Did you know that—unless you're in the choir loft, guiding a wheelchair or wheelie-walker, or managing a pram convoy—most of us are 'free-range' Catholics when it comes to pew selection?

It's true! While many of us have our "usual spot" (third pew from the back, left-hand side, near the fan...), the Church has no reserved seating plan. In fact, gently changing where you sit from time to time can be a surprisingly refreshing experience.

For starters, you might meet someone new. Parishes are living communities, but it's easy to unknowingly form little "pew islands." Sitting somewhere different can open the door to a new conversation before or after Mass. You may discover a fellow parishioner you've never met, even though you've worshipped together for years.

There's also a practical benefit: a different vantage point helps you see and hear the liturgy in a new way. From the front, you may notice gestures at the altar you hadn't seen before. From the side, you might hear the readings more clearly. Even moving from right to left can subtly shift your focus.

And there's a spiritual lesson too. A small physical change can invite an interior one. Seeing the Mass from a new angle may encourage us to see our lives from God's perspective. This little exercise can be seen through the lens of Church Doctor St John Henry Newman's quote: "*to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.*" If we can change where we sit physically in Church, how are we called to change where we sit in relation to God, to others, to our vocational call to Christian life in moral and social justice contexts?

Perhaps this Sunday, if you are physically able, try something new; a new perspective from the pew might be the gateway to a new perspective in your spiritual life. *Fr Peter*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each week during Lent at the following times:

Star of the Sea Church, Gladstone | Friday 6:00pm

St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands | Wednesday 9:30am

St Agnes, Agnes Water | Friday 11:00am

St Patrick's, Calliope | Friday 7:00pm

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

More than ever, our churches need to be working together and praying together.

Gladstone Location: St Saviour's Anglican Church | 70 Auckland Street, Gladstone

Date & Time: Friday 6 March 2026 | 10:00am

Miriam Vale & Surrounds Location: St Peter Chanel Catholic Church | 40-42 Roe Street, Miriam Vale

Date & Time: Friday 6 March 2026 | 10:00am

The service will be followed by Morning Tea.

All Welcome!

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION

Unite Against Poverty this Lent
One envelope. Six weeks of giving.
Please use this envelope throughout Lent
to support vulnerable communities
around the world. ♥



PROJECT COMPASSION ENVELOPES

This year we only received a very small amount of Project Compassion Envelopes. We have now made our own envelopes which are available at the Church entrances in each Mass Centre. This year there is ONE envelope for the six weeks of giving. Please use this envelope throughout Lent to support vulnerable communities around the world and place in the collection basket at any time or at the end of Lent.



MERCY ASSOCIATES GATHERING

All parishioners are welcome to join the Mercy Associates on **Saturday 7 March at 9:30am** in the **Parish Hall**.

Our Guest Speaker will be **Fr Peter Doherty** who will share on his recent journey to Vietnam on behalf of the Diocese. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the life and faith of our fellow Catholic sisters and brothers in Vietnam, as well as how we can support each other in the decades ahead in terms of our shared Christian vocation and mission.

We will commence with a cuppa and would enjoy your presence with us to hear Fr Peter's sharing.

PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT

This weekend you are invited to nominate a fellow parishioner for membership of our parish Pastoral Council for the next two years. The selection process will include three stages of discernment:

1. Discernment of nominees by all parishioners
2. Self-discernment (after attending an information session) of those who have been nominated to determine if they would like to offer themselves for consideration.
3. Discernment by the parish priest and appointment from among those who are willing to be considered.

Please start giving some thought to who you think would have some of the following qualities and would serve our parish well on the pastoral council:

- ◇ Discernment
- ◇ Wisdom
- ◇ Genuine listening to other points of view
 - ◇ Faithfulness to the gospel
 - ◇ Willingness to volunteer time and effort
 - ◇ Creative vision for the parish

Those nominated will be invited to an information session on 5 March 2026 at 5pm, to hear more about what is involved in the work of the pastoral council, and to prayerfully consider if they would like to offer themselves for consideration. Then the parish priest will consider all those who have expressed an interest, and appoint some or all of them to the council for the next two years.

Parish Pastoral Council
Nomination Form 2026



Nomination forms are available at each of the churches. Or you can nominate online by scanning the QR code or using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/q1hMW56zqV>.

EASTER ROSTER AVAILABILITY

We are compiling the Easter Triduum Roster including **Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Vigil**

If you are available for any of the Ministries please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible | 07 4972 1025 or sosgladstone@rok.catholic.net.au



Fan into Flame



~ Resources for growing your Faith ~

Parish Library

"What Does God Want"

by Fr Michael Scanlon, TOR

A practical guide to making decisions in the context of Christian tradition and the authoritative teaching of the Church. It offers five tests to apply to any proposed course of action: conformity to God's revealed will, its contribution to the ongoing conversion of your heart, its consistency with the way God has led you in the past, how or whether it is confirmed and the degree of conviction in your heart about the rightness of the decision.

Bookcase 2 | Bookshelf 5

Online Video | 9 mins

Why Catholics Call Mary Their Mother

by Ascension Presents

Scan the QR Code to Listen



A short video by Fr Mike Schmitz encouraging us to bring Mary into our homes and lives as our mother.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

Are you interested in supporting our young people but don't have too many hours to offer? Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve our parish community?

We are seeking adults who are willing to give just a few hours each month to support our Youth Ministry. If you have a heart for young people and a desire to help build faith-filled opportunities for our parish youth, we would love to hear from you.

No special qualifications are required — simply a willingness to accompany, encourage, and help create welcoming spaces where our young people can grow in faith and friendship.

If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact the parish Office to arrange a discussion with Fr Andrew

LENTEN GROUPS

SOS Parish Centre | Every Tuesday during Lent beginning on the **17 February** | 11:00am-12:00pm

Tannum Sands - Northern Picnic Shelter - Millenium Esplanade | Every Monday during Lent beginning on the **16 February** | 11:00am-12:00pm

YEAR OF PRAYER & HOLY HOUR

In preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress, Sydney 2028 (Eucharist28), the Diocese of Rockhampton will be joining the Catholic Church in Australia in a year of prayer to prepare for this moment of grace.

By praying together, we open our hearts to the transformative work Jesus desires to do in our lives, readying ourselves for the profound encounter that Eucharist28 invites.

To begin this journey, the Diocese of Rockhampton will be holding a Holy Hour at the Cathedral of St Joseph on **Friday 6 March at 5.30pm.**

We are all invited to join in prayer as we take our first steps toward Eucharist28 – gathering in adoration, prayer, and hopeful anticipation of all that God has in store.

NEW LIFE PRAYER COMMUNITY

The next Prayer & Praise Meeting will be held on 9 March & 23 March at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall | Herbert Street

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If you have any enquiries please contact

Maryanne Shaw | 0409 898 895

Kim Swadling | 0412 626 619

BIBLE STUDY AND MEDITATION

Bible Study and Luncheon Meditation is held every Tuesday at the Parish Centre.

◇ **We meet from 11:00am - 12:00pm on Tuesdays at the Parish Office** ◇

◇ **Meditation will also be held each week at 12:30pm in the Parish Chapel** ◇

READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

3rd Sunday of Lent | Year A

First Reading

◆ Exodus 17: 3-7

Second Reading

◆ Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel

◆ John 4: 5-42

Readings for Mass today?



Scan this QR code with your smart phone

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

DIOCESAN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER To view:
rok.catholic.net.au/news-events/bishops-newsletter

STAR OF THE SEA LITURGY ROSTER

8 March 2026

Readers:

8:00am: E. Schumacher, N. Mhuka

6:00pm: A. Borbon, K. Bourke

Co-Ordinator:

8:00am: H. Vale

6:00pm: T. Staunton

Minister of Holy Communion:

8:00am: **Body:** J. Graham, M. Martin

Blood: M. Hodge, D. Mason

6:00pm: **Body:** A. Babijis

Blood: S. Thetford, A. Rowe

Data Projector:

8:00am: H. Evangelista

6:00pm: R. Babijis

Altar Servers:

8:00am: S. Villanueva

6:00pm G. Falejo

Church Cleaners: E. Hughes, A. Goman, A. Borbon,
L. Maravillas, V. Owbridge



PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Siaosi Nicholas Manutai, Marie Campbell, Dimir Zussino,
Gregory Roberts, Cheryl Blackman, Patrick Ryall

For others who have died

Frank Blain, Luis Nacario, Diane Janas, Filip Grbavac, Nelly
Wallace, Ed Morris, Ray Wimbus, Praxedes Manatad

For those we love who are ill and frail

Tony Gibb, Eli Colin Vale, Ron O'Brien, Noon Family, John &
Joy Massingham, Brian Booxson, Evie Trenamen, Patricia
Lynch, Nicole Knox, Julian Watkins, Christopher Marra, Dolly
O'Sing, Jacque Rive, Cedric Philps, John Walker, Dorothy
Thompson, John Judge, Timothy Howard, Justin Nelson,
Amanda Ward, Paul Van der List, Stacey Eccles, Rosemary
Ross, Gizella Laurance, Gizella Andrews, Henry Seal, George
Nagy, Salude Marshman, Sally Donovan, Henry Norman,
Joanne Pond, Gerard Watts, Rosie Baravilala, Silvia Walker,
Craig Jenkinson, Linda Benz, Dennis Swadling, Julieanne
Jarram, Anita Tanna, Peter Vale, Robyn Cavellerie,
Joe Mobbs, Tom Walker

MANAGING COMPLAINTS IN THE DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the
principles of the *National Catholic Safeguarding
Standards (2022)*, and is committed to Safeguarding
Children and Adults at Risk. 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

- ◆ 5:00pm 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

- ◆ 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount 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

- ◆ 11:00am Mass 4th Sunday of the month

- ◆ Liturgy of the Word with Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays at 11:00am

RECONCILIATION

Star of the Sea

- ◆ 8:30am - 9:20am Saturday

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

- ◆ 4:15pm - 4:45pm (*before Vigil Mass*)

BAPTISMS

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

Other Mass Communities ~ *Available on request*

Bookings are essential. Parents are to take part in a baptism preparation class held on the 1st Sunday of the month in the Parish Hall at 9:15am, 38 Herbert St Gladstone.

ROSARY

Star of the Sea Church

- ◆ Saturdays 9:30am

St Peter Chanel Church

- ◆ Each Wednesday 10:00am

Parish Centre Chapel

- ◆ 3rd Thursday of the month 9:45am

MEDITATION

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



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◆ Thank you for your support ◆