



# Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone QLD 4680

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 15 February 2026

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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:

Monday 16 February: Gladstone Mission to Seafarers Chapel | 1:00pm

Tuesday 17 February: Star of the Sea | 5:30pm

**Wednesday 18 February: ASH WEDNESDAY**

- ◊ **St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands | 8:30am**
- ◊ **Star of the Sea, Gladstone | 12:00pm and 5:30pm**

Thursday 19 February: Chanel College | 10:40am

Friday 20 February: Star of the Sea | 9:00am



### SUNDAY MASSES:

**Saturday 21 February**

St Patrick's, Calliope | 5:00pm

**Sunday 22 February**

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 Agnes, Agnes Water | 11:00am

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

**Saturday 21 February**

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?

Did you know that the RCIA journey is modelled closely on the experience of the early Church in the first few centuries of the Christian era?

In the first centuries, the catechumenate was an often lengthy journey of preparation for Baptism, sometimes lasting for years. Like the RCIA of today, it was a gradual process of conversion, prayer, and moral transformation.

St. Justin Martyr, writing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century, describes how those who believed the Church's teaching would "promise to live accordingly" before being brought to the waters of Baptism (*First Apology*, 61).

By the 3rd century, St. Hippolytus' *Apostolic Tradition* outlines a structured process: candidates were examined about their way of life, their occupations, and even their moral conduct. Some professions incompatible with Christian life, such as idol makers, had to be abandoned. Sponsors testified to the sincerity of each candidate's conversion.

As Easter approached, preparation intensified. In the 4th century, St. Cyril of Jerusalem delivered detailed catechetical lectures to those preparing for Baptism, carefully explaining the Creed and the sacraments. Meanwhile, St. Augustine preached passionately about the "new birth" awaiting them, reminding candidates that they were preparing to become members of Christ's Body.

Baptism usually took place at the Easter Vigil — after years of formation, fasting, prayer, and preparation.

The experience of the early Church is exactly what we now draw upon in the RCIA journey, itself a visible sign of our connection to and communion with our Christian brothers and sisters of past eras.

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.

**Date & Time:** Friday 6 March 2026 | 10am  
**Location:** St Saviour's Anglican Church | 70 Auckland Street, Gladstone.

## FR ANDREW TRAVELLING TO COCHIN

Fr Andrew will be travelling this week to the diocese of Cochin in India, together with Vicar General Fr Don White. Our diocese has an agreement with the diocese of Cochin to provide four priests to work in our parishes. Fr Andrew and Fr Don will visit the new bishop of Cochin as well as some of the clergy, with a view to renewing the agreement between our dioceses and to identify new priests to take the place of those currently working here who are coming to the end of their term.

Please pray for their visit and for the priests who will generously offer themselves to work in our diocese in the future. And as always, please continue to pray for priestly vocations from among our own people.

Safe Travels Fr Andrew

## VISIT FROM THE SYRO-MALABAR EPARCH

On Sunday 1 March 2026, Bishop John Panamthottathil, Eparch of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy in Australia, will be visiting Rockhampton. All members of the Syro-Malabar community are invited to join Bishop John and Bishop Michael McCarthy for Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral, **Sunday 1 March 2026 at 9:30am**, followed by hospitality and a chance to meet Bishop John.

## MASS FOR FAMILIES

Families who attend non-Catholic school or homeschool are invited to attend a Mass to offer up the school year ahead. The Mass will be held on **Wednesday 25 February 2026** at 5pm at **Star of the Sea Church**.



## PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT

From next weekend we will be inviting you 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<sup>th</sup> March 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.

## LENTEN GROUPS

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

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

## DEVELOP SUSTAINED SELF-RELIANT FUTURES IN OVERSEAS COMMUNITIES!

Join Palms International Volunteering online in this special session where you'll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications. Hear from past Palms volunteers how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities and changes lives.

**Venue:** Online - Scan the QR or register at [palms.org.au/events](https://palms.org.au/events)

**Date:** Thursday 19 February 2026

**Time:** 6pm – 7:30pm AEST



# Fan into Flame



~ Resources for growing your Faith ~

Parish Library

**"A Still Small Voice"**

**by Fr Benedict J. Groeschel, CFR.**

For anyone interested in a practical guide on discerning the credibility of reported private revelation, this is an excellent resource summarising the Church's perennial wisdom on this topic.

Bookcase 3 | Bookshelf 5

Online Video | 35 mins

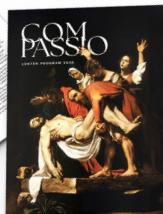
**"The Biblical Roots of Ash Wednesday"**  
**Catholic Productions**

In preparation for Ash Wednesday this week, this video with Fr Brant Pitre explains the meaning and biblical basis of ashes on the forehead.

Scan the QR Code to Listen



## 2026 LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKS



"daily scripture, reflections & spiritual growth"

Lenten reflection books are now available for purchase after weekend Masses or from the Parish Office for \$8 each.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Please note the special Mass times for Ash Wednesday - 18 February on the front page of the bulletin.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a period of deeper prayer, fasting and alms-giving as we prepare for Easter.

On Ash Wednesday the church asks us to observe two rules about fasting and abstinence:

**Abstinence:** for those aged **14 or older**, no meat (fish is ok)

**Fasting:** for those aged **18-59**, eat simply, one main meal and two small meals

(NB: these rules **do not apply** if you are sick, pregnant, breastfeeding or have specific nutritional needs that would make fasting dangerous)

## CENACLE PRAYER GROUP GATHERING

The Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Meeting | Rosary, Prayers for the Popes Intentions, Priests, Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

◊ All Welcome | Every Wednesday 9am ◊

Margaret Swadling's Home | 35 Heritage Drive, Telina  
If you have any enquiries please contact

Kim Swadling | 0412 626 619

## NEW LIFE PRAYER COMMUNITY

The next Prayer & Praise Meeting will be held on 9 February & 23 February 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 ◊**

We look forward to seeing you



**Readings for Mass today?**



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**READINGS NEXT WEEKEND**

**1st Sunday of Lent | Year A**

### First Reading

- ♦ Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7

### Second Reading

- ♦ Romans 5: 12-19

### Gospel

- ♦ Matthew 4: 1-11

**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](http://rok.catholic.net.au/news-events/bishops-newsletter)

## STAR OF THE SEA LITURGY ROSTER

22 February 2026

### Readers:

8:00am: E. Schumacher, D. Travers  
6:00pm: K. Bourke, I. Liddell

### Co-Ordinator:

8:00am: K. Swadling  
6:00pm: C. Mullins

### Minister of Holy Communion:

8:00am: **Body:** M. Shaw, A. Platt  
**Blood:** E. Wilson, K. Singh  
6:00pm: **Body:** S. Thetford  
**Blood:** S. Meiring, A. Babijis

### Data Projector:

8:00am: E. Fernandes  
6:00pm: E. Lee



### Altar Servers:

8:00am: E. Fernandes  
6:00pm Thetford Family

Church Cleaners: Star of the Sea School

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Glenda Maunders, Kerry Callaghan, Siaosi Nicholas Manutai, Marie Campbell, Dimir Zussino, Gregory Roberts, Cheryl Blackman, Patrick Ryall

#### For others who have died

James Wallace, Bernard Weber, Milton Blain, Stephen Blain, Frank Blain, Luis Nacario, Diane Janas, Filip Grbavac, Nelly Wallace, Ed Morris, Ray Wimbus

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

Tony Gibb, Eli Colin Vale, Ron O'Brien, Noon Family, John & Joy Massingham, Brian Bookson, 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 Jaram, 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](mailto: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 ◊