



# Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A 15 October 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 17 October: Star of the Sea—5:30

Wednesday 18 October Star of the Sea—7:00am

Thursday 19 October: Chanel College—10:40am

Friday 20 October: Star of the Sea—9:00am

### SUNDAY MASSES:

#### Saturday 21 October

St Patrick's, Calliope—6pm

#### Sunday 22 October

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—8am & 6pm

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

St Agnes, Agnes Water—12am

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

#### Saturday 21 October

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

Saturday 21 October St Patrick's, Calliope—5:15pm to 5:45pm

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

#### Saturday 21 October

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

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

## *Did you know...*

### How Catholics use symbols?

We sometimes hear things like "The Eucharist is only a symbol." This presumes that if something is symbolic, it is therefore not real. This is not true. It is impossible to communicate anything in this life except by doing so symbolically (with words, gestures, and so on). We symbolise things that are real. Therefore, the symbols are real.

Think of the many symbols we employ in our Catholic rituals: water and the white garment in baptism, oils for anointing, lit candles, the the sign of the cross, genuflecting, and so on. In Catholic thought, a symbol does more than what a mere sign can. Signs inform (e.g. a stop sign says "Stop!"). Symbols participate in the reality they communicate. Silly as this may sound, if a stop sign were to reach out and stop us, the astute Catholic would say "Aha! That is no longer just a sign. It's now a symbol!" It does what it says.

In Baptism, the water says being washed, buried, reborn, the white garment says a new creation is "putting on" Christ. But then the water and the garment do what they say. A candle tells us of the light of Christ, and when we light it, we see it casting out darkness. Now the Eucharist is probably the most meaningful symbol that there is on earth. But like all true symbols, the true miracle is that it does what it says. Why else do we call this "the source and summit of the Christian life"?

Let the symbols of our faith speak to you, but more importantly, let them do what they say.

*God bless, Fr Ashwin*

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### MARIST LAITY GROUP

The Parish Marist Laity Group is meeting this Saturday (21 Oct) at the Parish office at 10am.

Members have been reading, reflecting on and discussing Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato si'*. This letter is on care for our common home. So far, discussions has focussed on care of our environment. Discussions have reminded us of simple ways we can all care for our environment:

- Be water wise – 3 min showers, switch off water when cleaning teeth, choose waterwise plants for our gardens, recycle water where possible
- Recycle what and when we can – buy less clothes, recycle plastics, cardboard, paper, be creative in how to reuse what we already have rather than buying new, live simply
- Support those who seek to care for the environment, use less garden sprays,
- Buy goods that aren't packaged in plastics where possible, buy products that are not harmful to our environment, buy goods packaged in biodegradable wrapping or wrappings made from recycled products, buy local produce where possible.

As well as these discussions, we sometimes have other reflections that give us direction in our daily lives in trying to live in the way of Mary – think, feel and act as Mary would.

If you would like to join in with our reflections and discussions, please come along to our meetings, held on the third Saturday of every month, the next being Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October. We look forward to welcoming some new faces.

Marist Laity Australia



Journey with Sr Carolina

**THIS WORLD MISSION MONTH**

catholicmission.org.au/carolina

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



Next weekend at our Masses there will be a second collection to support the work of Catholic Mission and Sister Carolina.

We thank you for your generosity

### ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING

There will be a training session for all existing altar servers, plus anyone who would like to become one.

Altar serving is open to anyone who has made their first Holy Communion. There will be two opportunities to attend the training in Star of the Sea church at the following times.

**Tuesday 17 October—3:15-4:15pm**

Or

**Sunday 22 October—9:15-10:15am**



### WORKING BEE



Lloyd Budd is organising a working bee to paint the fence of the new presbytery next weekend (21/22 October). If you can volunteer some time that weekend we would love your help to save

the parish on painting costs! If you have your own paintbrush, please bring it along. And please contact our work foreman Buddy (0409 489 440) so we know how many helpers we will have. Refreshments will be provided! Thank you.

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL RENEWAL**

*"I dream of a missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation."*

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* 27

From this weekend we invite you to recommend one or more parishioners for membership of our Pastoral Council. Members of the Council are appointed for two years, with an option to consider continuing for a further two years. Pastoral Councillors don't need to be experts in theology or administration, they just need to be people of faith who can:

- Listen to the voices and needs of people in the parish;
- Work collaboratively to discern God's will for our parish;
- Be a welcoming point of contact for others to bring ideas or concerns to. Those who are recommended will be invited to attend an information and discernment evening on 23 November. Those who accept nomination will join the Council at the beginning of 2024

## **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 19 October at 9:45am, followed by a shared BYO morning tea. All parishioners are warmly invited.

## **WOMEN OF WORTH EVENT**

Women are invited to attend a Talk & Tea with Fr Ashwin on the topic "A Deep Dive into Reconciliation". Friday 27 October 5.30pm supper and 6pm talk. Please bring a plate to share. RSVP and questions to Hayley at [hayley.lanzon@hotmail.com](mailto:hayley.lanzon@hotmail.com).

## **LOST ROSARY BEADS**

Please help find missing Rosary beads of sentimental value which were left at Calliope church. If you know where they may be, please contact the parish office.

## **THANK YOU**

Maureen would like to thank those who said prayers and provided support to herself and the Farrelly Family before and after the recent passing of Terry. For 40 years Terry was involved with the Star of the Sea Family

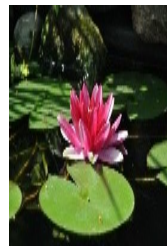
## **TIDE YOUNG ADULTS FELLOWSHIP**

TIDE fosters community and spiritual growth among 18-35 year old young adults in the Star of the Sea Parish. The Group meets once per fortnight. We invite and encourage young adults of the parish to come along to our gatherings for fellowship and to grow in your faith journey along with us.

**Contacts: Fr Ashwin 0432 151 437**  
**Salina 0402 492 475**

## **NEW LIFE CHARISMATIC**

Praise and Worship Prayer meeting will held at the following time.

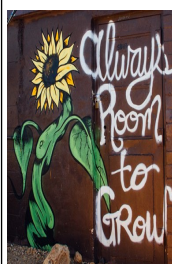


**When:** Thursday 26 October

**Where:** Parish Hall **Time:** 7pm

For more information contact Maryanne on mobile 0409 898 895

## **BIBLE STUDY AND MEDITATION**



Bible Study and Meditation on Tuesdays will not be held during the month of October due to Sr Noreen's absence from the parish at that time.

There will be an announcement later in the parish bulletin marking the date in November when these will resume.

The Bible study will resume with the Advent Group meetings, following the Advent Booklets that will soon be available at the parish office for \$5.

## **READINGS NEXT WEEKEND**

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A**

- ◆ **First Reading**  
*Isaiah 45:1,4-6*
- ◆ **Second Reading**  
*Thessalonians 1:1-5*
- ◆ **Gospel**  
*Matthew 22:15-21*

## **Readings for Mass today?**



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## **DIOCESAN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER To view:**

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

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

## STAR OF THE SEA LITURGY ROSTER 22 October 2023

### Readers:

8:00am: R. Mathew, M. Chapman

6:00pm: J. Pepito, A. Babijis

### Co-Ordinator:

8:00am: A. Borbon,

6:00pm: C. Mullins

### Minister of Holy Communion:

8:00am: **Body:** C. Siataga, **Choir:** M. Duncan

**Chalice:** D. Jordan, H. Vale

6:00pm: **Body:** L. O'Brien,

**Chalice:** E. and S. Nagy



### Data Projector:

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

### Altar Servers:

8:00am: Eli and Eva Fernandes

6:00pm: Raia Babijis, Amani Thetford

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Jim Smith, Colleen Holliday, Patrick Ariens, Norma May, Catherine Blythe, Betty Burns, Veronica Singh, Hugh Darrell Deveney, Yangson Hersan, Susan Freeman

### For others who have died

Felisa Borbon, Juan Borbon, Maximo Borbon sr, Edwin Diola, Aaron Liddell, John Reynolds, Ameurfina Vivas Peter Singh, Margaret Watson

### 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, Timothy Howard, Justin Nelson, Frank Blain, Amanda Ward, Stan Mobbs, Paul Van der List, Stacey Eccles, Rosemary Ross, Nancy Peagam, Pat Field, Lewis Tickner, Gizella Laurance, Gizella Andrews, Henry Seal, Steve Laurance, George Nagy, Ron and Marsed Field, Salude Marshman, Matthew Mohorovic, Sally Donovan

## 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

- ◆ 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 Communities** ~ *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 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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