



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A – 19 March 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 Officer

Denise Geljon

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 21 March: Star of the Sea, Gladstone— 5:30pm

Wednesday 22 March: Star of the Sea, Gladstone—7:00am

Thursday 23 March: Chanel College—10:40am

Friday 24 March: Star of the Sea, Gladstone—9:00am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 25 March

St Patrick's, Calliope—6:00pm

Sunday 26 March

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

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

St Agnes, Agnes Water—12:00pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Saturday 25 March: Star of the Sea, Gladstone—8:30am to 9:20am

Saturday 25 March: St Patrick's, Calliope—5:15pm to 5:45pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday 25 March: Star of the Sea, Gladstone—8:30am to 9:30am

Did you know...

About the immense privilege of Christian prayer?

We're more than half way through our Lenten journey, and so we continue to employ the three tools of this solemn season: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We are familiar with the constant call to pray in Scripture, and in fact Saint Paul tells us to "pray unceasingly" and offer everything, even our very selves, as perpetual sacrifice.

It's startling to realise that as God's people in ancient times were obliged to offer animal sacrifice perpetually (cf. Ex 29), something which would have taken considerable time, energy, preparation and cost, so now we are obliged to offer prayer **as a sacrifice of praise**. Tertulian tells us: "Prayer is the spiritual offering which has **abolished** the ancient sacrifices." In last Sunday's Gospel we heard Jesus telling us that "the hour will come - **in fact it is already here** - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth."

Hear this then as an encouragement to pray in the way most pleasing to God. As Christians, adopted sons and daughters of God, children of light, baptised into Jesus' own life and ministry, "we are the true worshippers **and the true priests**: praying in spirit, we make our sacrifice... this is the sacrifice offered from the heart, fed on faith, prepared by truth, unblemished in innocence, pure in chastity, garlanded with love, **which we must bring to God's altar**, in a procession of good works, to the accompaniment of psalms and hymns. It will obtain for us from God all that we ask."

Fr Ashwin



All parishioners are welcome to join the **Mercy Associates Saturday 1st April in the Parish hall at 9:30am** for a cuppa and prayer.

Our Guest Speaker will be **Fr Ashwin**. His topic, as it is Saturday before Palm Sunday, is **“Hosanna in the Highest! Following Jesus into the Holy City and to Calvary.”** Father will share on his recent journey to the Holy Land and what this meant to him as he travelled the same road to Jerusalem as Jesus did, so many years ago.

You are welcome to join us and hear Father’s words of wisdom.

WOMEN OF WORTH MASS AT AGNES WATER

Women of Worth invite the parish and their families to join them in visiting St Agnes Church, Agnes Water, for Mass at 12pm on Sunday 26th March.

Shared lunch and conversation to follow. Please bring a plate to share. Email Hayley with any questions at adfaithsos@rok.catholic.net.au.



Who: Men, Fathers, Sons & Friends all Welcome

When: 7:30am, Saturday 01 April 2023

Where: 803 Glenlyon Road Glen Eden

Speaker: Jarrod Beezley

Cost: \$5 per person – this covers a big breakfast!

RSVP: N/A

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

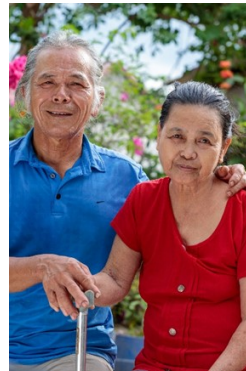
Enrolments in the Sacramental Program for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion are open.

If you have a child who has already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please collect an enrolment form from the Parish Office (38 Herbert Street Gladstone), through your school’s APRE or contact Hayley at adfaithsos@rok.catholic.net.au.

Applications close WEDNESDAY 22nd March.



**Fourth
Sunday of
Lent**



Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg. Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia’s local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh’s physical and mental well-being. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



INVITATION TO CHRISM MASS

Bishop Michael invites you to join him for the celebration of the Chrism Mass to be held at 10am on Thursday 30 March at St Joseph’s Cathedral. This is an opportunity for the Diocese to gather, either in person or via the livestream.

At the Mass we will bless the oil of Catechumens and the oil of the sick, and consecrate the chrism, to be used in Sacraments across all our communities for the next year.

For those joining via the livestream you can find the event on St Joseph’s Cathedral YouTube channel—<https://www.youtube.com/user/StjosephsCathRton>

This will also be available after the event if you are unable to join live.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

Star of the Sea church: Friday 6:00pm

St Peter Chanel, Tannum: Wednesday 9:30am followed by the rosary.

St Agnes, Agnes Water: Friday 7:00am

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

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)

Men's Twilight Retreat: "And the Spirit went with him." (3:15 - 5:45pm, Sunday 2nd April 2023).

Enter Holy Week with a keen sense of the Holy Spirit who has accompanied us through the desert of Lent, and will continue to lead us beyond the Cross to the glory of Easter and the new dawn of Pentecost. Gather 3pm for a 3:15pm start in the Parish Office; concluding 5:45pm (in time for Mass). Those wanting to stay on are welcome to dinner after Mass. **RSVP Josh Ariens on 0408 443 419, or Fr Ashwin on 0432151437.**



ULTIMATE GAMES NIGHT

MARCH 24

Parish Hall
5:30-8:30PM

FREE

Stations of the Cross first at the church

DINNER - GAMES - NEW FRIENDS - LOTS OF FUN

For more info call: 0417 513 515

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NEW LIFE CHARISMATIC



Our Praise and Worship prayer meetings will be held on 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month commencing at 7pm.

Our next meeting will be 23 March

If you have any enquiries please contact Maryanne Shaw 0409 898 895.

READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

2nd Reading: St Pauls to the Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Want the readings for Mass today?

Scan this code with your smart phone:



DIOCESAN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

To view the Diocesan Newsletter:

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 26 March 2023

Readers:

8:00am: L. Amahit, D. Jordan
6:00pm: N. Mhuka, P. Smith

Co-Ordinator:

8:00am: M. Duncan
6:00pm: A. Borbon

Minister of Holy Communion:

8:00am: K. Singh
6:00pm: I. Liddell

Data Projector:

8:00am: R. Mathew
6:00pm: A. Fairweather

Altar Servers:

8:00am: Eva & Eli Fernandes
6:00pm: M. Mitchell, G. Falejo



PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Michael Janson, Kevin Ryan, Patricia Hall, Harry Pallis, Keith (Bill) Neill, Norma Tanna, Clive Gracias, Romeo Billones, Glen Seiler

For others who have died

Jean Martin, Lorraine Ahern, Elizabeth V. Argallon, 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

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, Carlene Oates, 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, Joe Mobbs, Paul Van der List, Colin Tait, Rosemary Ross

MANAGING COMPLAINTS IN THE DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

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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