



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

Palm Sunday Year A – 2 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 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 4 April: Star of the Sea, Gladstone— 5:30pm

Wednesday 5 April: Star of the Sea, Gladstone—7:00am

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM—Star of the Sea Church

Thursday 6 April: Mass of the Lord's Supper—6:30pm

Friday 7 April: Service of the Lord's Passion—3:00pm

Saturday 8 April: Easter Vigil—6:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES 9 April:

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—8:00am

St Peter Chanel, Tannum—8:00am

St Patrick's, Calliope—10:00am

St Agnes, Agnes Water—12:00pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday 8 April: Star of the Sea, Gladstone—**No Exposition today**

The Humility of Jesus in his Palm Sunday Procession:

At the beginning of Lent we heard Joel telling us to "tear our hearts" rather than our garments. Now, as we approach the holiest of weeks, Saint Andrew of Crete invites us to join the Palm Sunday procession, and to lay down not only palm branches and clothes, but indeed our whole lives.

"Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives... He comes without pomp or ostentation [to] consummate the mystery of our salvation. Let us run to accompany him as he hastens towards his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish."

What's the point of such a display? What do we receive if we *lay down our very selves* in this way?

"We shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us... In his humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature... in order to raise us up again to himself; his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earth-bound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with his own in heaven."

Pope Benedict XVI comments how within every Mass there is a Palm Sunday procession. The gifts of bread and wine, soon to be consecrated, make their humble procession from the crowd to the altar. We witness this simple procession every Sunday, every time we approach the Lord's table.

"So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him."

- Fr Ashwin

EASTER TIMETABLE 2023

Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday 6 April 2023	
6:30pm	Star of the Sea Church
Stations of the Cross Friday 7 April 2023	
10:00am	Star of the Sea School Shed
10:00am	St Peter Chanel, Tannum
10:00am	St Patrick's, Calliope
10:30am	Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Mt Larcom
Service of the Lord's Passion Friday 7 April 2023	
3:00pm	Star of the Sea Church,
The Easter Vigil Saturday 8 April 2023	
6:30pm	Star of the Sea Church
Easter Sunday Sunday 9 April 2023	
8:00am	Star of the Sea, Gladstone
8:00am	St Peter Chanel, Tannum
10:00am	St Patrick's, Calliope
12:00pm	St Agnes, Agnes Water

2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Where: Star of the Sea Church
When: Monday 3 April
Time: 5:30pm

This celebration of the Sacrament of Penance includes a communal liturgy of repentance followed by the opportunity for individual confession and absolution with one of three priests (Fr Andrew, Fr Ashwin, and Fr Andrew Hogan).

Please Note

MASS CHANGES

For the month of April Mass will be celebrated at St Peter Chanel, Miriam Vale on Sunday 23 April at 11:00am, this swap will enable us to celebrate Easter Sunday Mass at Agnes Water.

Please note there will be no Mass at 10:40am on Holy Thursday or 9am on Good Friday. There will also be no adoration on Holy Saturday morning.



**Palm
Sunday**



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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/envelopes available from your parish, or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phone 1800 024 413.

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish office will be closed on Friday 7 and Monday 10 April. If you require a priest urgently please call the parish office on 49721025 and follow the prompts to leave a message.

BE PART OF CHRISTIAN HISTORY IN GLADSTONE

For over 25 years the Christian Churches of Gladstone have met together to pray for the people of our city and our region.

This event is held on the night of each Good Friday from 6.00pm to 6.00am this year it will be held at the Phillip Street Precinct.

Each Christian Church takes a turn in praying for 1 hour for the needs of our region.

This year our Catholic church community has drawn the blessed time of 10:00pm—11:00pm.

Come along and join us as the Catholic Community plays its part in storming heaven for the needs of our community. No further invitation required. Just turn up with an open heart and share the praying experience. All Welcome.

The Easter Triduum

The Triduum (literally, “three days”) is the high point of the Church’s liturgy. It is comprised of three solemn ceremonies that really form one continuous liturgy:

Mass of the Lord’s Supper

The focus at this Mass is the institution of the priesthood and Jesus’ gift of the Eucharist to the Church. After the homily the priest washes the feet of some of the community in imitation of Christ’s act of servant leadership at the Last Supper. After Holy Communion the Eucharist is taken in solemn procession to the altar of repose where all are invited to stay in silent pray for some time.

Service of the Lord’s Passion

On Good Friday, no Mass is celebrated. We gather at 3pm (the hour of Jesus’ death) in solemn silence. We hear the account of the Lord’s Passion and death. The climax is the veneration of the cross in which we meditate on the fact that through his selfless death Jesus has brought life to the world.

Solemn Easter Vigil

Once night has fallen on Holy Saturday the church gathers around the Easter fire. The new Paschal candle is lit from the fire and brought into the Church as everyone lights their own candles from it. The priest sings the great Easter proclamation and we listen to a series of readings from the Old Testament pointing the way to the great account in the gospel of Jesus’ Resurrection. The high point of this Mass is the baptism and confirmation of our RCIA candidates (Danika and Emily), who will also receive their first Holy Communion. This Mass is known as the “mother of all vigils” and is marked by joyful and triumphant celebration.

If you can make it to the liturgies of the Easter Triduum, please do so as they are the high point of our liturgical

HOLY LAND COLLECTION—GOOD FRIDAY

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Whilst life in the Holy Land is returning to some new sense of normality the church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world.

The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you

EXTRAORDINARY MIINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

A formation workshop for all ministers of Holy Communion will be held in April. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday of the Resurrection

1st Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43

2nd Reading: St Pauls to the Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Want the readings for Mass today?

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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 9 April 2023

Readers:

8:00am:

6:00pm:

EASTER

Co-Ordinator:

TIMETABLE

8:00am:

6:00pm:

Minister of Holy Communion:

8:00am:

6:00pm:

Data Projector:

8:00am:

6:00pm:

Altar Servers:

8:00am:

6:00pm:



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, Doug Anderson

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 Illott, Felisa Borbon, Juan Borbon, Maximo Borbon sr, Edwin Diola Lyn Hopkins, Margaret Ann Lush

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 Philips, 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, Nancy Peagam, Stacey Eccles

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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