



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

1st Sunday of Lent Year A – 22 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:

Tuesday 24 February: Star of the Sea | 5:30pm

Wednesday 25 February: Star of the Sea | 7:00am

Thursday 26 February: Chanel College | 10:40am

Friday 27 February: Star of the Sea | 9:00am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 28 February

St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands | 5:00pm

Sunday 1 March

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

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Larcom | 11:00am

St Agnes, Agnes Water | 11:00am *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Saturday 28 February

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

St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands | 4:15pm to 4:45pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday 28 February

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

Did you know?

ABOUT THE NUMBER OF INCARDINATED OR 'LOCAL' PRIESTS?

The Diocese of Rockhampton currently has only six incardinated priests serving full-time in parishes across the Diocese: Fr Don White (Bundaberg) Fr Stephen Hanly (Yeppoon), Fr Andrew Hogan (North Mackay), Fr Andrew Chase (Gladstone), Fr Simeon Uchendu (Biloela) and Fr Peter Doherty (Gladstone).

Fr Matthew Moloney is currently on staff at the Queensland Seminary. Recent retirements and ill health of other incardinated priests have seen numbers decrease.

Our Diocese is deeply blessed with the generosity of the Dioceses of Umuahia (Nigeria), Cochin (India) and Vinh (Vietnam) who currently have three, four and one priest respectively ministering for agreed periods within the Diocese, and the religious orders, the Society of the Divine Word and the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, who have four and two priests respectively ministering here.

With just two seminarians for our Diocese at the Seminary, the recent visit of Fr Don and Fr Peter to Vietnam and Fr Don and Fr Andrew to India represent part of the initiatives to ensure an ordained priestly presence in our Diocese in the years and decades to come.

It is worth reflecting on the Church's teaching in the Second Vatican Council document on Priest Training, 'Optatum Totius' #2:- *The duty of fostering vocations pertains to the whole Christian community, which should exercise it above all by a fully Christian life. The principal contributors to this are the families which, animated by the spirit of faith and love and by the sense of duty, become a kind of initial seminary, and the parishes in whose rich life the young people take part.*

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.

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.



VISIT FROM THE SYRO-MALABAR EPARCH

On Sunday 1 March 2026, Bishop John Panamthottathil, Eparchy 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.



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.

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

"The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis

A humorous exposition in the form of letters from a senior devil mentoring a junior devil as to strategies to lead his Christian target astray and out of the hands of the 'Enemy'.

Bookcase 5 | Bookshelf 1

Online Video | 28 mins

"Are you ready for the 40 days of Lent?" by St Paul Center

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Code to Listen



Scott Hahn introduces us to the final words of Christ on the Cross as profound and sacred moments in Scripture. This is the first episode in a series called The Seven Last Words.

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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS FR PETER

This Sunday (22nd February) Fr Peter celebrates his second anniversary of ordination. Thank you Fr Peter for your dedication and care for our parish.

Congratulations!

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 23 February, 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** ◇

We look forward to seeing you



READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

**2nd Sunday of Lent |
Year A**

First Reading

◆ Genesis 12: 1-4

Second Reading

◆ 2 Timothy 1: 8-10

Gospel

◆ Matthew 17: 1-9

Readings for Mass today?



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*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

1 March 2026

Readers:

8:00am: A. Platt, H. Vale

6:00pm: C. Manhertz, S. Manhertz

Co-Ordinator:

8:00am: M. Hodge

6:00pm: A. Rowe

Minister of Holy Communion:

8:00am: **Body:** M. Duncan, S. Nagy

Blood: E. Hughes, Y. Anderson

6:00pm: **Body:** J. Mullane

Blood: M. Reyes, I. Liddell

Data Projector:

8:00am: E. Nagy

6:00pm: A. Fairweather

Altar Servers:

8:00am: S. Villanueva

6:00pm G. Falejo

Church Cleaners: P. Holman, A. Holman, P. Davison



PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Glenda Maunders, Kerry Callaghan, Siaso 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, 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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