



# *Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish*

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

*6th Sunday of Easter — 25 May 2025*

## **PARISH OFFICE AND CONTACTS**

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## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon | 10:30am-4pm

Tues, Thurs, Fri | 9am-4pm

Wed | 9am-12pm

## **PARISH TEAM**

Parish Priest

Fr Andrew Chase

Assistant Priest

Fr Peter Doherty

Parish Secretary

Emma May

Finance /Admin Officer

Joanne Cannon

Faith Co-Ordinator

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)

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 27 May: Star of the Sea | 5:30pm

Wednesday 28 May: Star of the Sea | 7:00am

Thursday 29 May: Chanel College | 10:40am

Friday 30 May: Star of the Sea | 9:00am

### **SUNDAY MASSES**

#### **Saturday 31 May**

St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands | 5:00pm

#### **Sunday 1 June**

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

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

### **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)**

#### **Saturday 31 May**

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 31 May**

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

## *Did you know?*

### **THE SIGN OF PEACE**

Did you know that the Sign of Peace at Mass isn't just a friendly handshake or greeting? It's actually a sacred gesture rooted in the early Church (see: Apostolic Constitutions from the 4<sup>th</sup> Century) and guided by clear instructions in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM #82 & #154). Placed just before Communion, it expresses our desire for peace, reconciliation, and unity as the Body of Christ—preparing our hearts to receive the Eucharist.

The priest first prays for peace and unity in the Church and the world. He then offers Christ's peace to the people, saying, "The peace of the Lord be with you always." It is not the simple wishing of peaceful goodwill or peaceful greetings from the priest personally to everyone else.

The deacon or priest may then invite the congregation to offer each other a sign of this peace which they have just received with each other. This gesture too is not then the simple wishing of peace from one person to another. It is the expression of the faithful's peaceful ecclesial communion and mutual charity with one another before they together receive the sacrament of this communion in the Eucharist.

So next time you offer peace at Mass, remember—it's more than courtesy. It's a prayerful sign of unity in Christ.

*Fr Peter*

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the children  
who were confirmed on

**Friday 23 May & Saturday 24 May**

We wish them every blessing in their life of faith  
and pray that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit they  
received will help them to live their faith to the  
full and draw closer to Jesus Christ.

✧ As a parish community please  
pray for the children ✧



## PARISH LIBRARY DONATIONS

Helen Lanzon has been quietly and thoroughly  
curating and cataloguing our parish library. Now we  
are looking to add a few classics to our collection and  
we are seeking contributions to expand the library.  
If you would like to donate the cost of one or more  
of the additions listed below, please contact the  
parish office:

- ~ **Summa of the Summa** by Peter Kreeft | \$55
- ~ **The Interior Castle** by St Teresa of Avila | \$25
- ~ **Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola** | \$20
- ~ **The Meaning of Tradition** by Yves Congar | \$35
- ~ **Introduction to Christianity** by Joseph Ratzinger | \$35
- ~ **The Great Divorce** by C.S. Lewis | \$25
- ~ **The Cosmic Trilogy** by C.S. Lewis | \$45
- ~ **Life of Christ** by Fulton Sheen | \$35

## PARISH LIBRARY

This week's book |

**Carlo Acutis Holiness for the Third Millennium**  
by De Prevaux Russo

Bookcase 6 Bookshelf 3 in Library

A Comic Book: Carlo Acutis was like other boys  
his age. In his hometown of Milan, Italy, he loved  
video games, playing soccer, and hanging out with  
his friends. But unlike most other boys, he also loved  
going to Mass, and his deep concern for others was  
felt by everyone around him—including the poor,  
the broken-hearted, and even stray dogs.



## PENTECOST ECUMENICAL SERVICE

There will be an ecumenical service of prayer on  
**Pentecost Sunday | 8 June at 6pm.**

The various Christian communities in Gladstone have  
been involved in the service. It will include times of  
prayer, song and a sermon from a guest speaker.  
It will be held at the **Gladstone Baptist Church** in  
Archer Street ~ ALL ARE WELCOME ✧

## FULLY ALIVE YOUTH CAMP

**WHEN ~ 11 - 13 July 2025**

**WHERE ~ PCYC | Capricorn Coast**

**WHO ~ All high-school aged youth**

This weekend camp will be run by our diocesan NET  
team and is an opportunity for young people across the  
diocese to come together and journey in faith through  
fellowship, talks, small groups, games, the sacraments,  
and fun! Throughout the weekend we  
will be journeying with the theme of  
'Fully Alive' focusing on the fullness of  
life and hope that the love of Jesus  
brings to us!

Scan the QR Code to find out more!



## MERCY ASSOCIATES GATHERING

**All parishioners** are welcome to join the  
**Mercy Associates on Saturday 7 June 2025 at**  
**9:30am** in the **Parish Hall.**

We will continue to reflect and hopefully complete the  
**"Corporal Works of Mercy"** while sharing on how we are  
presently fulfilling these Mercy Ministry Works

here in Gladstone. We will be led by  
Michele Chapman - Mercy Associate.

We hope you will join us as we discuss  
**Catherine McAuley's** call to make these  
**"Works of Mercy"** the 'daily business of our lives'.

## MINISTRIES ROSTER

We will be compiling the ministries roster  
for the months of **July - October 2025.**

If you are not available anytime during this period  
please contact the Parish Office to allow sufficient  
time for completion and checking.



If you wish to volunteer for a ministry  
please contact the Parish Office.

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We appreciate the time that is dedicated to ensuring  
we can continue with all our ministries which  
enhance so many peoples lives.

## ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Andrew will be away on annual leave from the  
**26 May - 27 June 2025.**

Please contact the Parish Office or Fr Peter for any  
assistance during this time.



## DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

The Diocesan Social Justice Group draws your attention to Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month being marked in Queensland during May. For reflection, they have prepared a document drawn from the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement from 2022 - 2023, titled **"Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse."** Many have spoken out to highlight the extent of abuse throughout society – in homes, workplaces and community, including the Church. Those who suffer abuse are mostly women and children, while perpetrators are most frequently men. The damage to the lives of victims and survivors is real, destructive and long-lasting. The teaching of Christ urges us to promote relationships marked by respect, freedom, mutual esteem and kindness. We invite you to delve deeper into this through the Bishops' statement itself, available online, and our excerpt document.



## TEN YEARS OF LAUDATO SI'

First published by Pope Francis on 24 May 2015, *Laudato Si'* focuses on caring for our Common Home. It is the Church's response to the ecological crisis that is present in our world in this age, and it brings together evidence from ecology, guidance from Christian theology and ethics, and promotes concern for creation through the lens of economic political, and spiritual wisdom. Named after St. Francis of Assisi's famous hymn, is a document with a big vision in the way it addresses critical global challenges, such as, pollution and climate change; biodiversity loss; the water crisis; the decline in human life quality; and weak international responses to these problems. In the encyclical, Pope Francis highlighted how these issues are traced back to excessive consumption and a disregard for the environment as the life-giving structure that supports all life on our planet. Pope Francis tried to offer the world a message of hope that in caring for God's gift of creation we in turn care for all of us, especially those who live in poor and vulnerable nations and communities.

Through *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis aimed for the Catholic Church to influence the world at the level of international politics but there is much in the encyclical that encourages us to act locally. Let our faith communities respond to the message of *Laudato Si'* by being champions of care for God's creation and add our voice to support the well-being of the planet and humanity. By simply highlighting the tenth anniversary of *Laudato Si'* this Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> we do can do that and emphasise that its message is a priority for us.

## 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  
Monday 26 May | 9 June | 23 May  
at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall | Herbert Street



◇ Everyone is Welcome to come and join us ◇  
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 will be held on  
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

The Ascension of the Lord  
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### First Reading

- ◆ Acts 1: 1-11

### Second Reading

- ◆ Ephesians 1: 17-23

### Gospel

- ◆ Luke 24: 46-53

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

## STAR OF THE SEA LITURGY ROSTER

1 June 2025

### Readers:

8:00am: S. Smith, H. Vale

6:00pm: N. Mhuka, A. Babijis

### Co-Ordinator:

8:00am: M. Duncan

6:00pm: A. Rowe

### Minister of Holy Communion:

8:00am: **Body:** E. Schumacher, E. Hughes

**Blood:** S. Nagy, S. Smith

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

**Blood:** A. Borbon, I. Liddell

### Data Projector:

8:00am: E. Nagy

6:00pm: R. Babijis

### Altar Servers:

8:00am: Erohubie Brothers

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

**Church Cleaners:** Star of the Sea School



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Frank McKeough, Michael Fraser

### For others who have died

Letitia Muir, Estrella Gaviola, Nondy & Lourdes Lozada, Lydia & Wilfred Octava, Flor Candelaria, Netor Carete, Paul Martinez, Nestor Cortez, Jesus Gaviola, Reynolds Lopez, Lolo Felix Lopez, Berting Panigbatan, Domeng Magadia, Yola Remedios, Cecil Wallace, Wendy Game, Joyce Bartlett, Candelario Damalerio, David Guevarra, Elvira Belonio, Leonor Barase, Elenita Uy

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

Barbara Filer, 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, Vincent Bellet, Colin & Dolly O'Sing, Jacque Rive, Cedric Philps, John Walker, Dorothy Thompson, John Judge, Timothy Howard, Justin Nelson, Amanda Ward, Stan Mobbs, Paul Van der List, Stacey Eccles, Rosemary Ross, Gizella Laurance, Gizella Andrews, Henry Seal, George Nagy, Salude Marshman, Matthew Mohorovic, Sally Donovan, Henry Norman, Joanne Pond, Gerard Watts, Rosie Baravilala, Glenda Romagnolo, Silvia Walker, Craig Jenkinson, Linda Benz, Valmai Macleod, Dennis Swadling, Julieanne Jarram, Anita Tanna, Peter Vale, Henry Kramer, Robyn Cavellerie, Marianne O'Reilly

## 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 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

- ◆ 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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