



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A—5 November 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 7 November: Star of the Sea—5:30pm

Wednesday 8 November: Star of the Sea—7:00am

Thursday 9 November: Chanel College—10:40am

Friday 10 November: Star of the Sea—9:00am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 11 November

St Patrick's, Calliope—6pm

Sunday 12 November

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—8am & 6pm

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

St Peter Chanel, Miriam Vale—11am

St Agnes, Agnes Water—12pm *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Saturday 11 November

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

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Did you know...

Why We Pray for the Dead?

Paragraph 958 in the Catechism makes this very clear: "In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body... from the very earliest days of the Christian religion has *honoured with great respect the memory of the dead*; and 'because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' she offers her *suffrages [namely, almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead]*." Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective." In other words, God desires that the communion established on earth isn't suddenly ripped apart when someone dies. If death was enough to separate us, Jesus achieved only an *earthly* communion. In fact, Jesus has gathered us to himself in such a way that the channels of love continue to flow up, down and throughout the Body. We continue to concern ourselves with all Christ's members. As Mons. Gaume's taught, "We are never more ready to love one another than when we pray and weep together."

Interestingly, the Church encourages us to assist the dead not only by our prayers *for them* – especially at Mass - but to assist them by showing mercy *to others* who are in need here: the poor, sick, imprisoned, outcast, and so on. Why? Again, Jesus is trying to draw us into a communion of love, where no one is forgotten, everyone is embraced and encouraged, all are truly one in him. Like the needy that we see around us, the dead too have one last need: they need to make *a perfect response of love* to God. Unless they died in a state of perfection, this will be a journey for them as well, and so they would benefit from merciful assistance.

- Fr Ashwin

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Christmas present appeal will once again be held in the Star of the Sea Church from October 29 to November 26. Parishioners are invited to take a tag from the display, purchase a gift and place it in the box to be located at the Herbert Street entrance of the church. Presents can also be left at the Vinnies shop or at the Parish Office.

Your presents are given to children who would otherwise not receive a Christmas gift. This simple gesture can make an extraordinary difference to young people and their families. Presents are required for children of any age but we are especially looking for gifts for girls and boys over 10 years of age. Movie passes, gift vouchers are generally appreciated if you can't think of what to buy, but please keep the value of gifts below \$40. Please do not wrap your gifts.

If you prefer to give a financial donation, envelopes will be provided.

Alternatively, a direct deposit can be made to :

BSB: 064786 Account: 100026914

Account name: Star of the Sea
Conference Gladstone

Thank you for your generous support



Your help is needed

Why preserve our piece of history?

Upkeep and preservation of St Joseph's Cathedral is a costly expense. From 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023, the Diocese incurred costs of \$173,000. With insurance costs rising sharply and ongoing repairs and maintenance, annual costs are expected to exceed \$700,000 per annum.

Your contribution can help continue the tradition of the Catholic community to preserve the Cathedral for future generations, as a major historical landmark of one of the great cities of central Queensland. It has a special association with our identity for the Catholic Community of Central Queensland as our cathedral.



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COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR



The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries.

2024 marks the 102th edition.

The calendar is available for \$10 from the parish office.

Features:

- NEW feature—meaningful bible quote, that is showcased each month.
- QR codes for easy access to purchase Columban products and resources.
- Colour-coded Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials.

GOD'S WORD DAILY REFLECTIONS 2024

If you ordered a copy of the publication God's Word, they are available for collection from the parish office.

2023 ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL CONSERVATION APPEAL

The Diocese needs your support to conserve St Joseph's Cathedral for future generations as one of Queensland's major historical landmarks. We ask you to assist us to ensure St Joseph's Cathedral continues to serve as a vibrant and visible symbol of the Catholic faith in central Queensland.

At our Masses next weekend across the Diocese there will be a second collection in support of this appeal.

Your ongoing or one-off gift can help preserve St Joseph's Cathedral.

Donations can be made via envelopes, credit card, direct debit, online or by scanning the QR Code.



Let's work together to help preserve our Cathedral for future generations to come.

PLEASE NOTE

Parish Office will be closed Tuesday 7th November

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

We invite you to recommend one or more parishioners for membership of our Pastoral Council. Members of the Council are appointed for 2 years, with an option to consider continuing for a further 2 years. Pastoral Councilors 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.

Please complete a nomination form and return it to the parish office. 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.

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

November is a special month of the year for prayers for those who have died. If you would like to have Masses offered for the souls of a loved one, please complete the yellow envelope located at the church doors. Completed envelopes can be placed in the collection or dropped into the parish office. These envelopes will be placed on the altar throughout November to allow us to remember all our departed brothers and sisters.

A PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

Grant, O Lord, that my own heart may be touched, as yours is, at the passing of all souls into eternal life.

In great confidence, I pray for all my friends and loved ones who are no longer here on this journey of faith.

When I am sad at the death of those who were close to me, may my sadness be firmly supported by my faith that life is merely changed not ended, that those I love are still with me though unseen.

May You, Lord Jesus Christ, welcome me and all those for whom I pray, into eternal life at the moment pleasing to You.

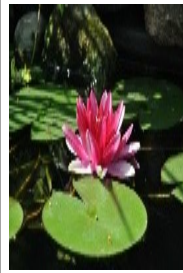
Saint Therese, intercede for me.

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 9 & 23 November

Where: Parish Hall

Time: 7pm

For more information contact
Maryanne on mobile 0409 898 895

BIBLE STUDY AND MEDITATION



Bible Study and Meditation will recommence this Tuesday 7th November at the parish office.

Bible Study: 11:00am

Meditation: 12:30pm

Advent prayer and discussion group will commence on Tuesday 14 November at 11:00am



READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time Yr A**

- ◆ **First Reading**
Wisdom 6:12-16
- ◆ **Second Reading**
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- ◆ **Gospel**
Matthew 25:1-13

Readings for Mass today?



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DIOCESAN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER To view:

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 12 November 2023

Readers:

8:00am: L. Amahit, R. Malig

6:00pm: N. Mhuka, I. Liddell

Co-Ordinator:

8:00am: M. Duncan

6:00pm: A. Rowe

Minister of Holy Communion:

8:00am: **Body:** C. Siataga **Choir:** R. Mathew

Chalice: E. Schumacher, D. Jordan

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

Chalice: M. Shaw, G. Melrose

Data Projector:

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

Altar Servers:

8:00am: Marcel & Myeisha Medina, Mara Bryant

6:00pm: Armani Thetford, Nethuli Peiris



PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Betty Burns, Veronica Singh, Hugh Darrell Deveney, Yangson Hersan, Susan Freeman, Raymond Austin Sr Patricia Heenan RSC,

For others who have died

Felisa Borbon, Juan Borbon, Maximo Borbon Sr, Edwin Diola, Aaron Liddell, John Reynolds, Ameurfina Vivas Peter Singh, Ken & Ursula Farlow, Dick Baynton

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

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 - Resumes 14th November

Star of the Sea—Tuesday, Parish Chapel 12:30pm

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