

STAR OF THE SEA**CHRIST OUR LIGHT****Star of the Sea Catholic Parish**

Cleveland, Ormiston, Raby Bay, Thornlands
and Stradbroke Island.

*We recognise the traditional owners of this land,
The Quandamooka People.*

Star News - 1 December 2019**1st Sunday of Advent - Year A****Parish Mission:**

The Star of the Sea is a welcoming community dedicated to sharing the light of Christ in the spirit of faith and love. We reach out to the service of others, thereby enriching our value of parish life.

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Dear Friends,

Let me begin by quoting from our First Reading today. It is from the great prophet Isaiah. "He (God) will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many people; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord."

This is the vision, the hope of Isaiah, who is one of the giants of the Old Testament. He was active in the Southern Kingdom of Judah from about 740 BC until after 701 BC; a violent and turbulent time. It saw the destruction of the Northern Kingdom by the Assyrians and growing tension and hostility between the Southern Kingdom (Judah) and the Babylonians. Isaiah was an important advisor to the King of Judah.

Isaiah was a man of deep spiritual influence, not only during his own lifetime but also after his death. He seems to have been the centre of a school or community that was still proclaiming God's word in his way and in his spirit some two hundred years after his death.

The Book of Isaiah, as we have it today, is really an anthology of prophetic poetry, much of it having its origin in the followers of Isaiah. Scholars generally divide the 66 chapters of Isaiah into three parts: Chapters 1 to 39 (called First Isaiah) contain mostly Isaiah's own personal work; Chapters 40 to 55 (Second Isaiah) seem to have their origin in the time of exile, after Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Babylonians; Chapters 56 to 66 (Third Isaiah) are from the years after the Israelites return from exile. It is all God's inspired word, and somehow it is all connected with Isaiah, son of Amoz, but it is not all his own individual work. It is important to know the timing and the origin of the various parts of Isaiah which makes it easier to understand the context and meaning of what we read.

Today's reading is from the earliest part of the book, which is the prophet's personal work. Isaiah proclaims that the Lord's house on Mt Zion in Jerusalem would become the universal seat of authority, a source of teaching for the whole world. People would come from all over the Lord's mountain to receive guidance. From the Lord's mountain the direction would go out that would result in universal peace and the destruction of the instruments of warfare. Isaiah urges his people to set the example as he tells them to "... walk in the light of the Lord".

There are at least two important lessons for us in this reading that open the Church's year. First of all, it is clear that the nations of the world haven't beaten their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. We actually spend huge resources in making even more destructive weapons. We are still waiting for God's plan, for Isaiah's dream of peace.

**WEEK DAY
MASSES****MONDAY 9am**

Redlands Hospital
1st Mon of month
(Liturgy of the Word with
Communion – every
other Monday)

TUESDAY 9am

Mater Hospital
2nd & 4th Tuesday
of month
No mass on Public
Holidays.

Carmel College
No mass on School
Holidays.

THURSDAY 9.15am

Star of the Sea

FRIDAY 6 Dec:

10.30am carols

11.00am Mass

Star of the Sea

SUN 11am

**St Paul of the Cross,
Dunwich.**
1st & 3rd Sun of
month

(Liturgy of the Word with
Communion – every
other Sunday at 9am)

HOLY HOUR:

every Tuesday,
beginning at 2.50pm
in the Parish Church.
All welcome to join us
in prayer.



Secondly, it is God who will bring this about. Consequently, it is only when nations have accepted God's guidance that universal peace will come.

We find it hard to imagine how all this will happen. Yet God's word tells us that is coming.

So we continue to pray for peace and witness to peace every day. May we take Isaiah's advice to his people so that we also will "walk in the light of the Lord."

Our Star of the Sea Year 6 children celebrated the Liturgy of Graduation last Friday evening. They are a great group of young people and we are very proud of them. There is always a sense of sadness as we wave them goodbye but also a sense of gratitude and pride in who they are. We pray that they will continue to 'let their light shine' and that 'Christ will light their way.'

The end of School Year Mass will be celebrated this coming Friday at 11am. The children will lead Christmas Carols beginning at 10.30am.

God bless,

Fr Ashley Warbrooke
Parish Priest

PARISH NEWS



THURSDAY SOCIAL GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join us on

Thursday 5th December after the 9.15am Healing Mass
for good food, good company, and a multi raffle draw.
Our Child Care centre will be providing Christmas carols.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL RAFFLE: will be holding a Multi draw Christmas raffle to raise funds for the Christmas hampers starting on the 30th of November.

Tickets will be on sale at the three Masses for the first two weeks of advent with the draw being held at the Parish Xmas BBQ on the 8th of December.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. There are multiple prizes. Help us help the Community.



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

The children of Star of the Sea Parish have been invited to sing at the Christmas Eve Mass
(Tue 24th Dec at 5.30pm)

It would be wonderful to have as many children sing as possible.

There will be two rehearsals on the holidays in the lead up to Christmas. The dates for these
rehearsals will be FRIDAY 20 AND MONDAY 23 DECEMBER AT 10.30AM.

At Star of the Sea School. If your child would like to be involved please email Bernie on
callumfamily@hotmail.com for more information.

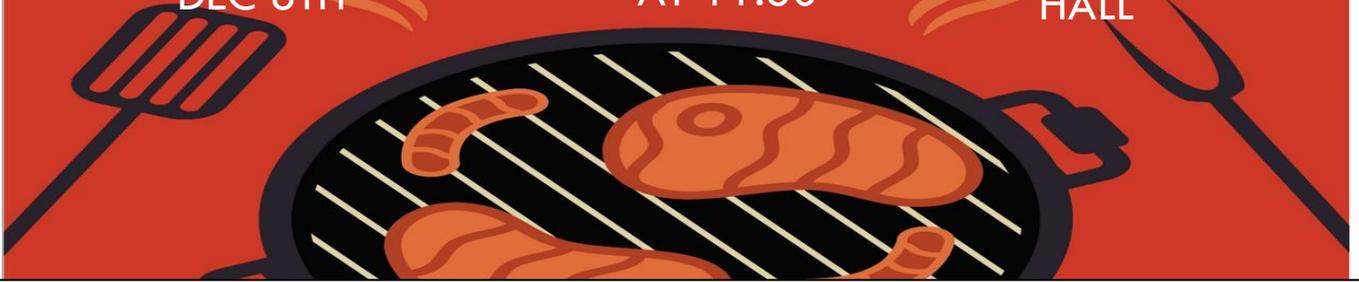
CHRISTMAS BBQ

and Shared Lunch

SUNDAY
DEC 8TH

STARTS
AT 11:30

PARISH
HALL



Please bring a plate to share. Sausages, meat and bread rolls will be provided.
RSVP: our Parish Council Members will be taking your names after the Masses on the weekend of the 30th Nov/ 1st Dec

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL – 2019: The Cleveland conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society is seeking donations of cash, presents and non-perishable hamper items to assist needy families in this parish. If you are able to assist in one or more ways – **FOOD** – Place your non-perishable items [especially tinned ham, Christmas cake and Christmas pudding] in the box situated near the Christmas tree in the church

PRESENTS – Take a tag off the Christmas tree, purchase something appropriate for a child of the sex and age mentioned thereon and wraps it, attach the tag to the present and place it in the box near the Christmas tree in the church

CASH – Envelopes are provided in the foyers of the church; place your donation in an envelope and put it in the Poorbox. If your donation is \$2.00 or more and you provide your name and address on the envelope, a receipt will be sent to you.

Since Christmas hampers will be made up on Saturday, 21 December, please ensure that all donations are given on or before that date. The President and members of the Cleveland conference extend to all parishioners their very best wishes for a Merry and Holy Christmas and may the New Year be a Happy and Prosperous one for all.

PLENARY COUNCIL NEWS: Our parish, Listening and Discernment Group, met last Sunday to discern 'How is God calling us to be a Joyful, Hope-filled and servant community. The emerging actions identified were: Commencing in our seminaries, so to be a more inclusive church at all levels, with a focus on addressing the needs of our local communities by breaking open and expanding the Gospel message and how it can be applied in daily life through our liturgies and homilys rather than being a just a reiteration of the Gospel. These actions will be submitted to the Theme's Discernment and Writing Group.

If you would like to contribute in identifying actions in discerning 'How is God calling us to be a Christ-centered Church that is Open to conversion, renewal and reform, you are invited to come this **Sunday 1st December 9:30 – 11:30 in the McKinlay Centre**. This theme has been inspired by people who expressed to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal. Respondents also affirmed the important role of the clergy, expressing their appreciation for their vocation and recognising the need for support and ongoing formation and accompaniment.

Some asked for a consideration of alternative approaches to ordained ministry, some for a greater inclusion of laity and different groups in the Church's life, some for new models of governance and leadership, and some for a renewed fidelity to the Church's teachings. There was also a call for a renewed life of prayer and communion with one another, including understanding the many different ways in which we encounter God and experience a conversion of heart. Looking forward to seeing you there.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2019

RECONCILIATION MASS – MONDAY 16th DECEMBER

7.00pm Star of the Sea Parish - Cleveland

CHRISTMAS EVE – TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER

5.30pm Carols at Star of the Sea-Cleveland

6.00pm Star of the Sea Parish - Cleveland

9.00pm Star of the Sea Parish - Cleveland

CHRISTMAS DAY – WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER

8.30am Star of the Sea Parish - Cleveland

9.00am St Peter Chanel-Point Lookout

NEW YEAR'S DAY – WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY 2019:

8.30am Star of the Sea Parish - Cleveland

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: will take a break from Wed 11 December 2019 to Wed 22 Jan 2020. We will be back on Wednesday 29 January at 4.30pm.

WH&S NOTICE: On 1 June 2019, the Complaints Management Policy came into effect. For a copy of the policy please contact the Parish Office – *WH&S Committee*.

FRIDAY MASS ON THE 6 DEC 2019: will be at **10.30am** - **CLOSING SCHOOL MASS**. Please join us. Our SOTS School Choir will lead us in some **Christmas Carols from 10:30am with MASS COMMENCING AT 11AM.**

Date Claimers

DECEMBER

Friday 6th – 10.30am

Sunday 8th – 11.30am

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY – Lunch

Monday 16th

Parish Office closed for Christmas and New Year season

JANUARY 2020

10th to 13th

Ignite Youth Summer Camp (High School)

Monday 13th

Parish Office reopen for new year.

RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 1 Dec 2019

Resp. Psalm:

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8 Dec 2019

First Reading: **Is 11:1-10**

Resp. Psalm: **Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7**

Second Reading: **Rom 15:4-9**

Gospel: **Mt 3:1-12**

Ministry - 8 December 2019

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min - Host	Communion Min – Chalice
5.30pm	Ashley Viegas	Glenis Viegas Jennifer Viegas	Jo-Anne Lavery John Lavery Jill O'Dell	Judith Seery Glenn O'Dell Fill in Minister Fill in Minister
7.00 am	Dennis Kennedy	David Smith Lyn Bartley	Dennis Kennedy Gerry Madigan Valerie Curley	Fill in Minister Fill in Minister Fill in Minister Fill in Minister
8.30 am	Jocelyn Lebumfacil	Annette Nicholls Carmel Stone	Bev Sweeney Carmen Scandar Lilia Barajas	Trish Aumuller Donna Smyth Teresa Gerada Fill in Minister

NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS & CLEANERS

Counters

Team 3

Cleaners

Team 2