

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 10 May 2020 - Year A
5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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,
Several people have told me during the week that they did take out their Bibles and read Chapter 10 of John's Gospel. Jesus told us that He is the "Gate of the sheepfold.... Anyone who enters through me will be safe... I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full". We hear the scriptures read in church (when we're able to come) and sometimes the homily may help us to gain some deeper insights. But there is so much to be gained by taking up the readings for ourselves and spending some time in meditating on God's Word and in the quietness of our hearts, seeing what

God is saying to us through his Word. We feel the loss of not being able to receive Jesus in the Eucharist during the closure of our churches but let me emphasise again that Jesus is ever present in his Word. **Jesus feeds us though his Word.**

This Sunday's Gospel is again from John and the theme takes up where last Sunday's Gospel left off. Today Jesus tells us that "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me". This conversation with his disciples took place at the Last Supper and Jesus had told his disciples that he was going to prepare a place for them, but they couldn't comprehend how or that Jesus was leaving them. When he told them that they knew the way, Thomas was the spokesman asking, that if they didn't know where Jesus was going, how could they possibly know the way? It is in response to Thomas' question that Jesus replied, "I Am the Way..."

Over these two Sundays, Jesus has told us that He is 'the Gate' to having life to the full, and 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me'.

The disciples had walked with Jesus for three years, they had listened to his teaching and witnessed the marvellous deeds he had done and yet they still struggle to understand. It is only when they look back at these words from the point of view of the resurrection and ascension that they come in to focus.

When we struggle to understand the often difficult road of our life, Jesus tells us that He is "the Way, He is the Truth, He is the Life." In the darkest of times He is "the Gate" to the fullness of life.

**WEEK DAY
MASSES**

**ALL MASSES
CANCELLED
TILL NEW
ADVICE.**

**Online Masses
available from
the Cathedral
website and
also from
Shalom TV**

**ALL GROUP
GATHERINGS**

Cancelled till new
advice



This section of John's Gospel is Jesus' farewell discourse. He is coming to the end of his life and He is trying to prepare his disciples to face their future without him. When times are tough for them, remember these words. They won't always understand the whys of life but in the midst of the mess, remember that in Jesus, they will find the Gate, they will find the 'Way'. A very popular saying in today's spiritual writings is 'To let go and let God' which is another way of saying what our Gospel tells us today. We need to trust that Jesus is with us. In the opening words of today's Gospel Jesus tells us "Don't let your heart be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me." We need to trust that at all the stages of life, Jesus is 'the Way, the Truth, the Life'.



We remember our mothers today on their day. No matter the years of education we may have had, no matter the degrees we may have accumulated, the life skills we learnt at our mother's side are the most important and most enduring. They have taught us what trust looks like, we have learnt from our earliest years that they will stand with us, that they will be there for us, no matter what. So let us honour our mothers today for the life we have, for the love they have given. They have taught us how to trust, how to love.

God bless all mothers on Mother's Day 2020.

God bless,

Fr Ashley Warbrooke - Parish Priest



PARISH NEWS



STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC PARISH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK:

Look for us on Facebook. **We will be live streaming Mass from the Star of the Sea Church, this Sunday, 10 May at 8.30 am.** Following is the link for our NEW Facebook page where the Masses will be streamed. Please "Like" the page to receive future notices: <https://fb.me/StaroftheSeaCleveland>

SAFEGUARDING FOR CHILDREN NOTE: STAY CONNECTED SAFELY: The way in which we conduct our ministries, activities & services is changing to meet the challenges of COVID-19. It has never been more important to not just stay connected - but stay connected safely. More & more resources are now available to help children, families & communities. The *eSafety Commissioner* offers live webinars that explore the latest research & expert advice for using technology safely. These free webinars cover topics such as 'Helping kids thrive online', 'My house, my rules' and 'Child safety & online learning'. This is a great way to learn how to develop the skills to be safer online. These webinars are due to finish around mid-May. For full details go to: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

FAMILY PRAYER

WEEK BY WEEK

FOR FAMILY WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year A

10 May 2020

"I am the way, the truth and the life."

Something to Think About

In this week's gospel, Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth and the life. What do you think Jesus meant when he said "I am the way?" How do we know the 'the way' to Jesus? What 'signs' do we see that show us 'the way'? We show the way to Jesus through kindness to others, forgiving others, helping without being asked, being the first to say sorry, or welcoming a new person. Let's pray that our families will show other people the way to Jesus.

The Scriptures

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 14:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples, "Don't be worried!
Have faith in God and have faith in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house.
I wouldn't tell you this, unless it was true.
I am going there to prepare a place for each of you.
After I have done this, I will come back and take you with me.
Then we will be together. You know the way to where I am going."
Thomas said, "Lord, we don't even know where you are going!
How can we know the way?"
"I am the way, the truth, and the life!" Jesus answered.
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Story

This week Jesus shows us who God is. If we want to know what God is like we need only look to Jesus and his life. Jesus tells the disciples that he is the way, the truth, and the life. To live as a Christian is to live by the same values which guided Jesus.

Family Discussion

Jesus is the way. Jesus shows us how to live.
Jesus is the truth. Jesus shows us what to believe.
Jesus is the life. Jesus lives in us.
How does your family live to show other people that you are followers of Jesus?

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OFFERINGS: If your method of contribution is by cash donations to the parish, and you wish to continue your contributions during this difficult time. You could make your donations directly to the Parish Bank Account:

Archdiocesan Development Fund

BSB 064786 A/C 310130102

Please indicate your envelope number if you are enrolled in the planned giving or just use the reference "Giving" if you don't have an envelope number. You could also contact the Parish Office if you wish to set up a Direct Debit. Email: cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au or Ph 3821 4902.

PARISHIONERS IN NEED: We are reaching out to any parishioners who need assistance in this time of need. Please advise our parish office if you require any assistance with essentials. Our Parish telephone number is (07) 3821 4902.

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually
into my heart.
I embrace You as if You
were already there
and unite myself wholly to You. Never
permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Small Blessings
smallblessings.com.au

RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 10 May 2020

Resp. Psalm :

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the
Lord; no one comes to the Father, except
through me.

Alleluia!

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

10 May 2020

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Resp. Psalm: Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

Second Reading: 1 Pt 2:4-9

Gospel: Jn 14:1-12

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

17 May 2020

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Resp. Psalm: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

Second Reading: 1 Pt 3:15-18

Gospel: Jn 14:15-21

THE MONTH OF MAY DEDICATED TO OUR LADY: May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (*Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1*). **How to pray the rosary:** <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/rosary.php>

CONGRATULATIONS TINA AND DENIS RYAN: On your 57th Wedding Anniversary. What a beautiful example to our young generations. God bless you.

SCHOOL NEWS:

CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY: It is an opportunity for us to thank our Mums who gave us life and to reflect on the unique role that our mothers play in the lives of their children. It is a day where we remember, enjoy and cherish the loving connection of mother and child. Please see the link below for our Star of the Sea Mother's Day Liturgy. This is an opportunity to pray together as a family in love and respect for our Mum's in our lives.

<https://youtu.be/Z0rv0FhZzWE>

I hope you all have an enjoyable Mother's Day filled with fun, laughter and love.

PRAYERS

ANNIVERSARY We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

DECEASED We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God. Especially Michael Hart.

HEALING We pray for those who seek healing in their lives. Especially for those affected by the spread of the coronavirus.