

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 11 October 2020 - Year A
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time****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.***PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Ashley Warbrooke
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Dear Friends,

For the third week in a row we listen to another parable about what the kingdom of heaven is like. A couple of Sundays ago we heard about the two sons who were asked by their father to go and work in the vineyard. One said sure, but didn't go, while the other son initially said no, but went. Last Sunday's parable was about the vineyard that was leased to evil tenants, who not only refused to hand over the produce, but abused the messengers and killed the son. Today's parable is about the royal wedding feast. Like the parable from last week it

is addressed to the chief priests and religious leaders. We need to remember that Jesus isn't talking about all the Jews; he speaks to the religious leaders and in speaking in parables he receives a good hearing as the leaders don't initially 'catch on' that he is talking about them.

The Kingdom of Heaven being described as a 'banquet of rich food' was familiar to Jesus' listeners as we hear in our First Reading from Isaiah today so the earlier part of this parable is fairly straightforward. The king sets a banquet but the guests don't come. The first servants sent out to gather the guests are the prophets, but they are ignored, as are the second set, the apostles. As actually did happen, some of the prophets were killed as the invited guests kill the messengers in the parable. The king is justifiably enraged by such treatment of his messengers and enacts his vengeance on these people, sending the army to kill them and burn their town. The king then extends the invitation to others.

This parable, like last week's, is to be read in Christian-Jewish terms. The people whom God had chosen ignored his invitation, both when the prophets announced it and when the Apostles were sent.

Matthew was writing his Gospel in the 80's, about ten years after Jerusalem had been totally destroyed by Romans in 70 AD and his audience would have had vivid recollections of a king destroying and burning a city. This first part of the parable, or maybe a first parable, tells of invitations sent to come to the banquet, the kingdom, but the original invitees aren't interested. So now invitations are sent to others and messengers were sent into the highways and byways collecting everyone they could find.

MASS TIMES**THURSDAY 9.15am**
Star of the Sea**Sunday 8.30am**
Live-stream
Mass available
from our
FACEBOOK
PAGE:<https://fb.me/StaroftheSeaCleveland>It will be available also from **YouTube** after the Mass has finished (not live)through this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIF45MwAUgNh1P1ALe7NIAw>**SUN 11am**
St Paul of the Cross,
Dunwich.
1st & 3rd Sun of
month*(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sunday at 9am)*

Paul was the greatest missionary and he travelled huge distances witnessing to Jesus and inviting listeners to come to Jesus.

The last four verses concluded this parable on a troubling note, although scholars debate that this could be a separate parable. According to liturgical guidelines, we could conclude our Gospel today with the wedding hall being filled and leave the late comer, inappropriately dressed out of the scene. But seeing that we don't come upon this Gospel until 2023, let us see this story through to the end. After all the trouble in filling the banquet, what is the message of this late comer, who arrives without his wedding garment? His treatment is harsh, being "bound hand and foot and thrown into the dark" Scripture Scholar Tom Wright, says that the point of the story is that Jesus is telling the truth that political and religious leaders often like to hide; that God's Kingdom is a kingdom in which love, justice, truth, mercy and holiness reign. These are the clothes we need to wear for the wedding. If we refuse to put them on, then we are saying we don't want to stay.

All are invited, sure. Let us be clothed in love and justice and truth and mercy and holiness. Many are called but we can exclude ourselves.

God bless,

Fr Ashley Warbrooke - Parish Priest

PARISH NEWS

DYING PEACEFULLY – NO EUTHANATIA SUNDAY – 11 OCTOBER 2020



We need to tread lightly and carefully in making laws about end of life. We must be careful not to cause more suffering under the illusion that we are ending it.

Legislation around euthanasia or voluntary assisted dying will be considered in Queensland early next year, so this is an important issue to consider as we prepare for the state election on October 31.

To explore a Catholic perspective on end-of-life visit

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/dying-peacefully/>



When it comes to end of life, it's important for everyone to discuss their wishes in terms of care and their desire for interventions and to have this documented in an advanced care plan. Everyone should have access to quality palliative care.

To explore a Catholic perspective on end-of-life and the need for quality palliative care, rather than 'assisting dying' visit lovetotheend/archbne

BISHOPS OF QUEENSLAND ELECTION STATEMENT: The Queensland State Election is coming up on

October 31. This is an important opportunity for us to use our voice and our vote for the benefit of the whole community. Find out more about the issues you might reflect on when casting your vote at <https://bit.ly/35xXSZL>

*We have no monopoly on truth, but we offer these reflections in a spirit of solidarity, as **people who also have to consider our vote carefully**, who can draw upon a deep wisdom concerning the common good and **who are called to care for the most vulnerable in our community**... we can point to clear and enduring principles which can help us make the kind of responsible judgements that allow us to be both faithful Catholics and good citizens.*

– A Statement by the Catholic Bishops of Queensland for the 2020 State Election.

Explore Catholic Social Teaching Principles

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Principle of Respect for Human Dignity▪ The Principle of Respect for Human Life▪ The Principle of Association▪ The Principle of Participation▪ The Principle of Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Principle of Solidarity▪ The Principle of Stewardship▪ The Principle of Subsidiarity▪ The Principle of Human Equality▪ The Principle of Common Good |
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SEASONS FOR GROWTH – ADULT PROGRAM:

Change and Loss are part of life, and grief is a normal response to these losses.

Exploring the Seasons of Grief is a small group grief and loss education program for 4-7 participants.

What does it do?

Seasons for Growth aims to strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing of adults who are dealing with significant life changes by:

- Exploring the impact of the change and loss on everyday life
- Learning new ways to respond to these changes

Who is it for?

Anyone who is living with the effects of change and loss. Many factors can cause change such as:

- Friends can come and go
- Loss of someone or something you love
- Parents and families separate
- Moving to a new place
- Impact of illness
- Family work-life changes

Change affects everyone differently, as does grief. It's the impact of the change, not the event itself that Seasons for Growth focuses on.

We suggest that anyone affected by bereavement wait 6-12 months before participating in a Seasons for Growth program.

The program will run for four weeks, commencing **Thursday 29th October to Thursday 19th November 10 am to 12:30 pm. Cost: \$26 for Participant Manual.**

To find out more and book, please ring facilitator: **Jill O'Dell - 0448 583 585.**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Winter time **4pm every Wednesday** in the church. All welcome.

"God speaks in the silence of the heart" – Mother Teresa.

PALMS AUSTRALIA ORIENTATION COURSE — JANUARY 2021: Palms Australia places Australians with communities that request their particular expertise to help develop the skills of local people. Palms will enter its 60th year with an Orientation Course in January 2021. A fresh group of skilled and committed applicants will be thoroughly prepared for this cross-cultural mission in remote parishes, schools and communities as soon as international travel resumes. If you are interested in learning more please visit www.palms.org.au

WEEKEND MASSES - ATTENDANCE BY BOOKING ONLY. YOU CAN NOW REGISTER ONLINE for the Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 7am and 8.30am, THE LINK IS AVAILABLE FROM OUR WEBSITE:

<http://www.staroftheseachurch.org/> Please follow the instructions from our marshal.

STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC PARISH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK:

We will be live streaming Mass from the Star of the Sea Church, this Sunday 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>

It will be available also from **YouTube** after the Mass has finished (not live) through this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiF45MwAUgNh1P1ALe7NIAw>



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

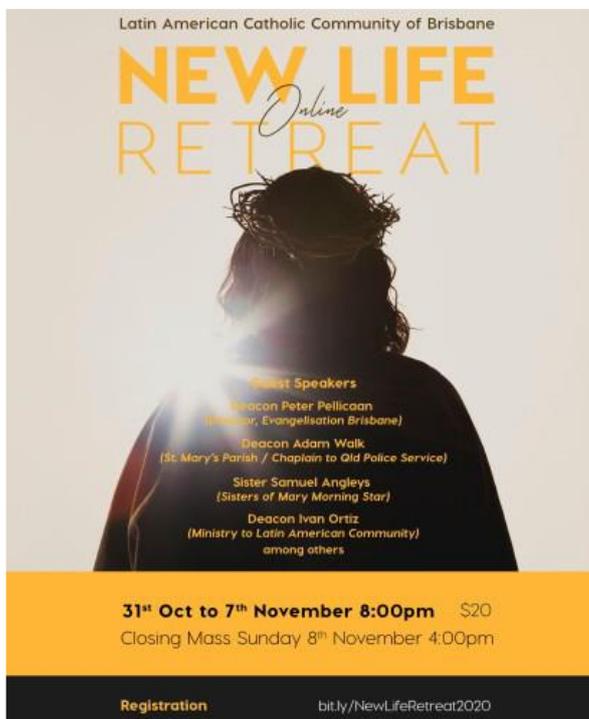
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

The parents' information meeting for children enrolled for First Holy Communion this year will be held on

Wednesday 14th October.

Parents can attend any of the following sessions:

2pm – in the church or 7pm – at the parish office



NEW LIFE RETREAT: The Latin American Catholic Community is organising an **online** retreat called New Life. The purpose of this retreat is to experience God's salvation through a personal encounter with the risen Jesus and a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit to give birth to our renewed selves as children of God. It is basic concepts paired with powerful testimonies of people who have experienced a personal encounter with Jesus that has resulted in a transformation of our lives.

We have managed to invite some good deacon brothers and Sister Samuel who will be preaching along key members of the Latin American community. Since it is online we would like to invite people from all parishes that may be seeking for an opportunity to grow spiritually.

Registration: bit.ly/NewLifeRetreat2020

Cost: \$20

For more information please contact:

Estela Fuller 0434 491 161

Liliana Ortiz 0401 926 614.

MOTHER TERESA SHRINE – SECOND ANNIVERSARY: The second anniversary Feast for the Shrine to St. Teresa of Calcutta was celebrated last Saturday, 03 October at the **Marian Valley, Canungra**.

The Mass at 11 am was celebrated by Fr. Ashley Warbrooke whose homily elegantly encapsulated the Life and Journey of Mother Teresa, beautifully complemented with uplifting music arrangements including special hymns dedicated to Mother Teresa.

The procession to the Shrine followed immediately after Mass with hymns dedicated to Our Lady.

The Shrine Liturgy included Novena prayers, music and an address by Sr. Hannah from the Missionaries of Charity about the work of Mother Teresa and her mission.

Many took the opportunity to visit other Shrines at the Marian Valley rounding off a spiritual experience before settling down into picnic style lunches. The Mother Teresa Shrine team would like to thank Fr. Ashley, the Pastoral Council and the Parish community for your support.

Hopefully next year we can re-organise the bus pilgrimage for parishioners to come along this truly amazing journey.

RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 11 October 2020

Resp. Psalm :

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

18 October 2020

First Reading: *Is 45:1-6*

Resp. Psalm: *Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7*

Second Reading: *1 Thes 1:1-5*

Gospel: *Mt 22:15-21*

PRAYERS

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

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS & CLEANERS	Counters	Team 4
	Cleaners	Team 5