

**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 12 February 2017**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord Time**

**SUNDAY – 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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# Gospel

## Mt 5:17-37

*Such was said to your ancestors;  
but I am speaking to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.  
'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.  
'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.  
'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

### WEEK DAY MASSES

**MONDAY 9am**  
Redlands Hospital  
1st Mon of month

**Mater Hospital**  
2nd & 4th Tuesday  
of month

No mass on the 5th  
Monday of the month or  
Public Holidays.

**WEDNESDAY 8.40am**  
Carmel College  
No Mass on School  
Holidays

**THURSDAY 9.15am**  
Star of the Sea

**NO MASS**  
**FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
Star of the Sea

**SUN 9am**  
St Paul of the Cross  
Dunwich

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

Dear friends,

Our first reading today from the Book of Sirach, otherwise called Ecclesiasticus, was written about 180 years before Christ, presents poetic reflections on free will. While the overriding theme of the book is the pursuit of Wisdom, our reading today from Chapter 15, verses 15-20, forms part of the response to the hypothetical person who says "God led me astray". Sirach argues that "God created humankind in the beginning and he left them in the power of their own free choice" (15/14) – an important verse not included in today's passage. God does not lead people astray. People, themselves, can choose to keep the commandments and to act faithfully; they can choose life and death. The ability to choose demonstrates God's wisdom. God does not command "anyone to be wicked" nor does he give "anyone permission to sin" (15/30). Because they have free will, people make their choices.

If we seek real wisdom, Sirach says, we seek God's way. And God's way is outlined in the covenant or Torah, the commandments that establish the boundaries for faithfulness. God doesn't force people into a covenant relationship; indeed, God offers it to us. We are free to choose or not to choose it. This places a much greater burden on us.

With our own free choice comes responsibility. If we choose a covenant relationship, we have the responsibility to keep the commandments. If we choose wickedness and sin, we have the responsibility that comes with that decision. Because God has created us, he holds us accountable for our choices. In the words of Sirach, "God knows every human action" (15/19). The wise person knows this and strives to make the most responsible choices.

It has been said, though, that we don't make big choices, but only a whole series of little ones, and this reading tells us that the fundamental choice in life is that between fire and water, life and death. This reading today from the Book of Sirach gives us the strongest emphasis in all Scripture on free will.

Making the important choices in life is rarely easy and we take our time in prayer, in God's presence, to ask for the wisdom to make the choice that brings 'life' to us and to others.

I spoke about the **New Archdiocesan Sacramental Policy** last week, Children in Year 3 are eligible for Confirmation this year (2017) and can make their First Communion next year 2018 in Yr 4.

If there are children who have been Confirmed last year or before, and haven't made their First Communion, then they are eligible for Communion this year (2017).

In this change to the new Policy there may be some 'special cases'. If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office.

**Our Parish Pastoral Council** meets for the first time in 2017 this coming Tuesday evening. Members are always happy to talk to you about any ideas or suggestions you have.

**Please remember in your prayers Rob Hyland who died late last Sunday night. His funeral Mass will be celebrated at Star of the Sea Church on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9.30am.** Robert and his wife Veronica have been long term parishioners and very involved in the life of the parish. Rob was a man very close to God and visited the Church several times each day. We extend our deepest sympathy to his devoted and loving wife Veronica and to their family. I'm sure that Rob will continue to pray for us.

God bless,

***Fr Ashley Warbrooke***

***Parish Priest***

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## **PARISH NEWS**

**NO FRIDAY MASS ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY:** Please note there will be no Mass next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

**PARISH DINNER:** Looking forward to Saturday's dinner for a night of good friends, good food and good fun. If you haven't been contacted yet, please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Don't forget to bring your own drinks if you want something other than tea/coffee/cordial.

See you at 6.30pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Hall.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:** Every **Wednesday 4.30pm** in Star of the Sea Church. For more information ring **Norma 32863532.**

**LENTEN PROGRAM - "Up From the Waters":** This is an ideal way for us to set time aside for ourselves. For us to come together as community and as Pope Francis asks each one of us in his letter "Joy of the Gospel": **TO REFLECT AND PRAY** on the way we are living our baptismal call to be missionary Disciples of Christ. **YOU ARE INVITED:** Commencing Thursday March 9th at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall and thereafter on each Thursday night till the 6th April. Please contact the parish office on 38214902 or Peter on 32861494 for further information. Lenten Program books available shortly at \$10.00



**World Day of Prayer  
AUSTRALIA**

**ECUMENICAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** This year the theme is "Am I being unfair to you? And will be held at Victoria Point Baptist Church (Barcrest Dr, Victoria Point), on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am. Everyone is invited.**



**BREAK OPEN THE WORD BOOK:** There are still some copies available from the office. Cost \$20. All Readers encouraged to get one.

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH:** invites you to a **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. 21<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017.** Early bird price if you book before the 20<sup>th</sup> February (\$4990). If you are interested ring Rajesh George on 0422 215 855. Or email [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au). Flyer with more information on the noticeboard.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

**CARMEL COLLEGE OPENING MASS:** will be celebrated on **Friday 17 February at Sleeman centre.** The mass will commence at 10.00am.

### **CARMEL COLLEGE ENROLMENTS - YEAR 7, 2019:**

Applications for enrolment for Year 7, 2019 are invited from parents of students who are currently in Year 5. Carmel College's enrolment process for this year level will begin Term 2, 2017. Applications should be received before Friday 31st March, 2017. Applications received after this date may be placed on a 'wait list'. Enrolment information can be obtained via the Carmel College website [www.carmelcollege.qld.edu.au](http://www.carmelcollege.qld.edu.au) or by contacting Mrs Donna Cook, Carmel College Enrolment Secretary on **ph 3488 7791**. Applications are also being accepted for students currently in Year 4. These students will be the intake for Year 7, 2020.

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**19 Feb 2017**

First Reading: **Lv 19:1-2. 17-18**

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8**

Second Reading: **1 Cor 3:16-23**

Gospel: **Mt 5:38-48**

### **RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 12 Feb 2017**

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.**

Alleluia!

### **PRAYERS**

**HEALING** We pray for those who seek healing in their lives. Especially for Elaine Robertson and Bid O'Connor.

**ANNIVERSARIES** We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**DECEASED** We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God. Especially Rob Hyland.

# SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

*...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.*

Mark 10.14

**The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.**

**They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.**

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan *Code of Ethical Behaviour* and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State.

**This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and Visitors to our sites.**

In order to support this policy it is mandatory that all Parishes and Agencies of the Archdiocese engage in the following four strategies:

1. safe recruitment and selection practices – helping prevent those who pose a risk to children from holding positions of trust;
2. adhering to the code of ethical behaviour – having clear guidelines that set out what is and is not acceptable behaviour as an essential part of keeping children safe;
3. operating safe activities for children – can help ensure a safe environment for children;
4. mandatory reporting of harm or suspected harm.

The Archdiocese is committed to safeguarding children through vigilant prevention and protection practices as prescribed by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference and legislation.

**Most Rev Mark Coleridge Archbishop of Brisbane**

MINISTRY – 18 / 19 February 2017				
Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min - Bread	Communion Min - Wine
<b>5.30 pm</b>	Pauline McKay	Barbara Wyllie Jo-Anne Lavery	Pauline McKay Elizabeth Fisher Teresa Coates	Keith Fernandes Lil Predl Sue Wilson Peter Hunter
<b>7.00 am</b>	Olga Johnstone	Bert Latham Denis Ryan	Valerie Curley Sid Steele Graeme Ramsden	Di Macnaughtan Maria Paukofe Olga Johnstone Michael Dahm
<b>8.30m</b>	Terry Larsen	Donna Smyth Jocelyn Lebumfacil	Annette Nicholls Ally Vieps Lee Brand	Terry Larsen Cheryl Webb Donna Smyth Teresa Gerada

<b>NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS &amp; CLEANERS</b>	<b>Counters</b>	<b>Team 1</b>
	<b>Cleaners</b>	<b>Team 4</b>