



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.

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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Well, well, well... The story of the Woman at the Well goes deeper than we think.

I want to share an interpretation which is not commonly known about the today's gospel, the Samaritan Woman at the Well. When exploring scripturally and historically the world behind the text, we recall in Genesis that the first inhabitants of Israel were organised into 12 tribes named after the sons of Jacob. King David then united the tribes of Israel under one kingdom around 1000 BCE. This

responsibility was handed down the family to his son, Solomon and eventually, during the reign of King Solomon's sons, the kingdom was split into two nations. The ten tribes of the North broke away forming their own nation under the capital city Samaria and the two tribes of the South maintained the original capital city Jerusalem.

In 721 BCE, the Northern Kingdom was defeated by the Assyrians in a conquest which saw the deportation of many Israelite inhabitants and an influx of foreigners (2 Kings 17). The subsequent intermarriage and mixture of cultures and races in this territory of Samaria resulted in an ethnicity called the Samaritans. Thus began the animosity where the Jews did not share things in common with Samaritans (John 4:9).

Moving on to the world of the text, the story of the Samaritan woman contains various symbols and motifs. First century Jews would have immediately been aware that wells were eventful public places. Often in Scripture this type of scene is where young men met their future bride: Isaac met Rebekah (Gen 24:10-33), Jacob met Rachel (Gen 29:1-14) and Moses met Zipporah (Exod 2:15-22). Interestingly, Jacob and Rachel met in the middle of the day, identical to when Jesus meets the Samaritan woman (John 4:6). These circumstances and similarities appear to be leading to another marriage.

We eventually learn that the Samaritan woman at the well has had five husbands and the man she is with is not her husband (John 4:16-18). It must be noted that Jewish symbolism signifies seven as the number of completion and perfection however, this woman has had "six husbands", with the number six representing imperfection and incompleteness. **This is where all the pieces of the puzzle come together:** Jesus the divine bridegroom, alongside the backdrop of wells as meeting places for courtship, becomes the seventh bridegroom! This multi-faceted symbolism begins to action Ezekiel's prophecy of the 'marriage' covenant between Jews (Southern Kingdom) and Samaritans (Northern Kingdom) uniting them both together once more with God (Ezek 37:21-23, 26-28).

The story of The Samaritan Woman at the Well highlights the divinity and humanity of Jesus as the one who restores the covenantal relationship between God and all of humanity. God's love crosses all boundaries and kingdoms and offers us a new quality of life with God in eternity.

Like the Samaritan woman, we now realise **particularly in this season of Lent**, that we too thirst for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ who dwells among us as the Temple of 'living water' perpetually offering God's eternal life to all humanity.

Dcn Gerard Lai

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

Reconciliation
4.45pm - 5.15pm
Mass 5.30pm

SUNDAY

Mass 7.00am
Mass 8.30am

(Live-stream Mass from
our FACEBOOK PAGE:
<https://fb.me/StaroftheSeaCleveland>)

Mass 11.00am
St Paul of the Cross,
Dunwich
1st and 3rd Sun of month
(Liturgy of the Word with
Communion – every other
Sundays at 9am)

TUESDAY

Redlands Hospital
1st Tuesday
Mass 9.00am
Mater Hospital
2nd & 4th Tuesday
Mass 9.00am
Star of the Sea
Christian Meditation – 4pm

WEDNESDAY

Carmel College
Mass 8.40am
Cleveland Gardens
1st Wednesday
Mass 2.30pm
Moreton Shores
2nd Wednesday
Mass 11.00am
Arcare
3rd Wednesday
Mass 11.00am
Seaton McKenzie
4th Wednesday
Mass 10.45am

THURSDAY

Star of the Sea
Rosary 8.45am
Mass 9.15am
Healing Mass
1st Thurs of the month
Holy Adoration and
Benediction
Every other Thursday
9.45 to 10.45am
Redland Residential
2nd Thursday
Mass 11.00am

FRIDAY

Star of the Sea
Rosary 8.45am
Mass 9.15am
Aveo Cleveland
1st Friday
Mass 2.00pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

RESPONSE: **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

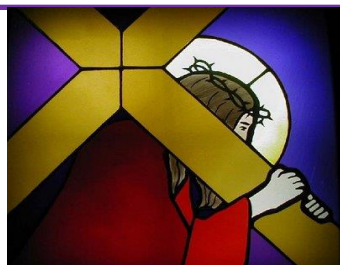
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!



2015 saw the political focus culminated in the establishment of the Referendum Council by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten. The Referendum Council built on previous work done by other committees and reports and was tasked with engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on their views on real and meaningful recognition in the Constitution. The Council established 12 First Nations Regional Dialogues, which engaged over 1200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander delegates on a number of existing proposals for constitutional change.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

After the 9.15am Mass
Every Friday of Lent
in the Church.

LENTEN PROGRAM:

On Fridays during Lent the Parish will be holding a Lenten Program “Triumph”
There will be six sessions starting on
Friday the 24th of February at **10.30am** following **Stations of the Cross**. (Coffee at 10am)
If you are interested please contact the Parish Office, Tony Moore or Gerard Lai.
(Resource book \$10)



RAFFLE FUNDRAISER, four prizes to be Won! Win some great prizes through the raffle fundraiser! \$2 per ticket or three tickets for \$5. Tickets will be sold after Sunday Mass over the next few weeks and at the Parish office on Thursday and Friday. The raffle draw date will be Sunday the 26th of April after 8.30am Mass.

1st Prize: Wine set with chocolates and \$50 Coles voucher

2nd Prize: Tea set with chocolates and \$30 Coles voucher

3rd Prize: Quilt set with chocolates and bottle of wine

4th Prize: \$50 Bunnings Voucher

All money raised will go towards Sam going to World Youth Day. For more information contact Sam: sachse.sam24@gmail.com



Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia

“COME & SEE” THE IONA PASSION PLAY: Join us as we re-enact the events of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. 2 shows only: Good Friday 7 April- 7pm & Saturday 8 April – 2pm.

Venue: Iona Performing Arts Centre, Iona College, Lindum.

TICKETS: \$19 Adults ; \$17 Seniors/Students <https://www.passionplay.org.au/>

Helpers: If you wish to be part of the play, please email info@ipp.org.au (no acting experience necessary, just a willingness to add your presence and voice to the crowd and other group scenes).



CATHECHESIS CORNER

Did you know, deacons are not just “trainee priests completing their practicals”?! Deacons are ordained ministers in their own right (*Diakonia* meaning ‘to serve’ in Greek) and are called to serve in three specific ways: in service of the Liturgy, by proclamation of the Word and through charitable works. Additionally, there are two types of deacons, permanent deacons and transitional deacons.

One who has completed their seminary studies (typically 6 years) and accepted by the bishop is ordained a transitional deacon for some time before being ordained a priest. This is different from a man ordained to the permanent diaconate who is not required to complete seminary studies, but instead partakes in formation through a diaconate program. Permanent deacons follow God’s call to serve the Church in a way that does not eventually lead to the priesthood, and married men may be ordained as a permanent deacon.

Image (R-L): Transitional Deacon Gerard Lai and Permanent Deacon Graeme Ramsden, OAM. Deacon Graeme is a parishioner at Star of the Sea Parish Cleveland and served as a chaplain for the Australian Army and Police before his retirement from active ministry. Deacon Graeme was the first military deacon chaplain in the world and was ordained in 1992.



PRAYERS

HEALING

We pray for those who seek healing in their lives. Especially Janet Carter.

ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. Especially Tom Williamson and Jozef Wasiel.

DECEASED

We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God. Especially John Dwyer.

CONNECTED YOUTH 2023

UPCOMING EVENT DATES



For youth aged 8 - 16
Games, fellowship, food and getting closer to Jesus!

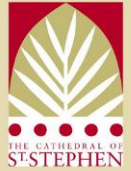


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6-8pm, Star of the Sea Catholic Parish, Cleveland

Archbishop Mark Coleridge
invites you to the annual



CHRISM MASS

Thursday 30th March 2023
@ 7:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street,
Brisbane

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese

All Welcome

car parking available from 6:00pm



WORKING BEE:

on
Tuesday 28 March at 7am
to **clean the church windows** for Easter.
Come and join us!
For more information, contact
Mary 0407 111 825.

EASTER MASSES 2023 AT STAR OF THE SEA – CLEVELAND

PALM SUNDAY – 2 April

- Sat 5.30 pm MASS
- Sun 7.00 am MASS
- Sun 8.30 am MASS
- Sun 6.00 pm ECUMENICAL SERVICE (at St Paul's Anglican Church - 4 Cross St, Cleveland)

RECONCILIATION - Mon 3 April:

6.30pm SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION (No Mass)

HOLY THURSDAY – 6 April:

7.30pm MASS + ADORATION till midnight

GOOD FRIDAY – 7 April:

- 10.00am STATIONS
- 3.00pm LORD'S PASSION

EASTER VIGIL – 8 April:

6.00pm MASS

EASTER SUNDAY – 9 April:

- 7.00am MASS
- 8.30am MASS

MINISTRY- 19 March 2023- 4th Sunday of Lent

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min- Host
Sat 5.30pm	Tony Moore	Sandra Storck John Mott	Theresa Thompson
Sun 7.00am	Mary Fehlberg	Mary Fehlberg Lyn Bartley	Gerard Lai
Sun 8.30am	Annette Nicholls	Carmel Stone Lucy Paneda	Gerard Lai
COUNTERS & CLEANERS		Counter	Team 4
		Cleaners	Team 5