

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 13 September 2020 - Year A
24th 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.

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Weekend Masses: Sat 5.30pm and Sun 7am and 8.30am
PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE FROM OUR WEBSITE:
<http://www.staroftheseachurch.org/> (attendance by booking only)
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Dear Friends,

The book of Sirach, our First Reading today, was written in the second century BC. It is a sort of handbook of practical ethics and consists of short collections of teachings and proverbs concerning various aspects of human behaviour. Until the late nineteenth century only the Greek text of this book was known, and so it was not accepted as being part of the Hebrew Bible and isn't included in Protestant Bibles.

The Book was written at a time when pagan Hellenistic culture was becoming very influential in Second Century Palestine. It

was also used as a guide for moral education in the early Christian Church, to the extent that it became known as "the church book" or Ecclesiasticus. Even today, Sirach or Ecclesiasticus is the Old Testament book that is most frequently used in the Christian liturgy, second only to the Psalms.

As we listen to the Readings this Sunday it is easily seen why this reading from Sirach was chosen. It serves as a commentary on Jesus' teaching about forgiveness. Peter asks Jesus how often should he forgive someone who offends him. Our Sirach Reading contrasts vengeance, anger and hatred on the one hand and forgiveness, pardon and mercy on the other. In several different ways, the author teaches that hostility towards our neighbour is destructive and that forgiveness brings blessings. "Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray your sins will be forgiven." In several different ways this reading tells us that God expects us to be merciful, to forgive whatever wrong our neighbour may have done to us.

This is the same lesson Jesus teaches Peter ("not seven times but seventy-seven times") and then illustrates it with the parable of the unforgiving servant. Jesus also gives us this teaching in the prayer he taught us to pray: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." If we expect forgiveness, then we must be forgiving.

We all need forgiveness and none of us deserve God's forgiveness or love because of our own virtue or goodness. We are all sinners, and we all need God's forgiveness.

As God forgives us, so are we called to forgive one another. God wants us to follow his example by being merciful and forgiving. Forgiveness doesn't mean that we pretend that nothing was done to hurt us, that there are no wounds to heal. Forgiveness doesn't mean that we simply forget the offence. Rather, forgiveness means loving the person in spite of the offence that was done to us.

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)



It means acknowledging that the one who has so offended us is a precious child of God and for that reason has to be precious to us. Forgiveness means waiting and doing good to the person who has done bad to us. The other fundamental element in forgiveness is that God doesn't forgive us because we deserve forgiveness. God forgives because He is a loving and forgiving God. It must be the same with us. We are not called to forgive because our 'offender' deserves forgiveness, but because God calls us to forgive, to express his love even to those who may not deserve that love.

Forgiveness is rarely, if ever easy. Yet we are forgiven and must forgive. Our failure to forgive is destructive of ourselves as Sirach says "Resentment and anger, these are foul things".

Maybe today we can pray for someone who has deeply offended us. Let us pray for God's grace to let it go and commend them to God's love.

God bless,

Fr Ashley Warbrooke - Parish Priest

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PARISH NEWS



HOLY LAND (GOOD FRIDAY) RETIRING COLLECTION – TODAY Sunday 13 September

2020. The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis **moved the date for this collection to Sunday September 13th to coincide with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14th.** This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local

Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and the increasing cost of living. This year, we are again facing great challenges due to COVID-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Sunday September 13th and please also keep them in your prayers.

MARIAN VALLEY- MOTHER TERESA SHRINE:

The second anniversary of the St Teresa of Calcutta Shrine at Marian Valley, Canungra, is on **Saturday, 03 October 2020.** This year, the annual bus pilgrimage for the parishioners to the Marian Valley is **not** being organised due to the COVID restrictions and social distancing requirements.

The event will be celebrated with Mass at 11 am followed by a procession to the Shrine at 12 pm.

Registration: If you are self-driving, attending the event is by registration only.

Numbers are restricted for the event and you can now register online.

The Eventbrite link is available from the Star of the Sea Cleveland Parish website: <http://www.staroftheseachurch.org/> or the Mother Teresa Shrine website: <http://www.motherteresashrine.com.au/>

Prior to the event, please check the Mother Teresa Shrine website for late changes or cancellations due to updated local lockdown conditions. Please contact Keith Fernandes (M: 0401142043) for further information.

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>





CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY: Star of the Sea Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.



SEASON OF CREATION

SEPTEMBER 1- OCTOBER 4

SEASON OF CREATION: Pope Francis is encouraging parishes and schools to participate in a Season of Creation, commencing September 1 and ending October 4, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. We are called to prayer, reflection and action towards care of our common home, the planet Earth.

A Pray for Our Earth Encyclical: Laudato Si':

On Care for Our Common Home Pope Francis All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Learn more about Pope Francis's Encyclical on Climate Change at: <http://iqsol.net/pope-ecology>

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

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



CANCER COUNCIL QLD'S CENT AUCTION: Prices, raffles, lucky door price and special draws. **Saturday 3rd October 2020. At Star of the Sea Church Hall.**

Doors open: 12.45pm

Afternoon Tea: 1.15pm

Auction starts 1.45pm

Admission: \$10 per person (includes 1 sheet of tickets and afternoon tea) – Extra sheets of tickets at \$1 each.

Limited numbers, please RSVP – Marion 3207 5461 or dmbesgrove@hotmail.com or Heather 3286 1803.

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.

RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 13 Sept 2020

Resp. Psalm :

R. The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

13 September 2020

First Reading: Sir 27:30 – 28:7

Resp. Psalm: Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

Second Reading: Rom 14:7-9

Gospel: Mt 18:21-35

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

20 September 2020

First Reading: Is 55:6-9

Resp. Psalm: Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

Second Reading: Phil 1:20-24. 27

Gospel: Mt 20:1-16



2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAING

Our Church Our Mission Our Community

Next weekend **19 – 20 September**, our Church will be supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign. It is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and local community. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly, retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

PRAYERS

DECEASED We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God. Especially Justin DeSagun, Jovie Casuso-Reyes and Santa Batellino.

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

ANNIVERSARY We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. Especially Marye Riley, John Riley and Lilly Viegas.

NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS & CLEANERS (20-09-20)

Counters

Team 6

Cleaners

Team 1