

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 14 March 2021 - Year B
4th Sunday of Lent

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
Presbytery: 3821 1953
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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)

Reconciliation: Sat 4.45pm

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Sacraments & Baptism Coordinator: Alba Bran
Finance: Gabrielle Linning (Thursday)

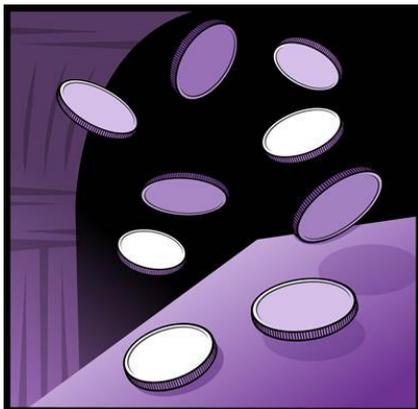
Holy Cross Funerals
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Dear Friends,

It isn't always true that the love we give will be returned. Maybe somewhere along your life's journey you felt deep love for someone but it remained a one sided love. That's true of relations between people and God too. At the end of last Sunday's Gospel Reading, we were told that many came to believe in Jesus but not all, and 'Jesus did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him'.

Jesus well knew the fickleness of human nature.

Today we read that Nicodemus came to visit Jesus. He was a good man and a leader among the Jews. Nicodemus is mentioned three times in the Scriptures, always in John's Gospel. His caution in coming at night implies the heavy opposition to Jesus in Jerusalem and his desire not to be seen by others. This is the only time on record that Nicodemus actually met Jesus. To help his night visitor to come into the light of understanding, Jesus uses a story that would have been well known by Nicodemus, how in the wilderness after the Israelites deliverance from Egypt, the people grumble against God and are struck by a plague of serpents whose bite brought death. They admit their sinfulness to Moses and appeal to him for help. God tells Moses to forge a bronze serpent, fix it to a standard and raise it up before the people. If they gaze upon it they will be saved. The rabbis explained that it wasn't the bronze serpent that gave life but God, who commanded Moses to act in this way. The bronze serpent was only a sign and symbol to point to God.

Jesus uses this story as a parable of himself. He told Nicodemus that he himself would be lifted up on the cross for the salvation of the world. Through Nicodemus he also tells us, that if we look at Jesus and believe he can give us eternal life. Jesus summed it all up by saying that "God loved the world so much, that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life". God's love is so deep and broad that it embraces the whole world. St Augustine said, "God loves each one of us as if there was only one of us to love." The very fact that God gave his only son to come into this world and die, showed the incredible extent of God's love. As we gaze upon Jesus on the cross we ask ourselves how God can love me so much?

MASS TIMES

WEDNESDAY 8.40am

Carmel College
No mass on School
Holidays.

THURSDAY 9.15am

Star of the Sea

FRIDAY 9.15am

Star of the Sea

Sunday 8.30am

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

available also from
YouTube (not live):
<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)

**CHRISTIAN
MEDITATION:**

Time: 4pm
every Wednesday



But love offered is not necessarily love accepted. Jesus never tried to force people to believe in him or follow him. He told his disciples on mission, that if people don't accept you and the message you bring, walk away and shake the dust from your feet. We can turn away from God's love and the messages he sends us through our friends, neighbours, sacraments and other events of our lives. St Teresa of Avila once wrote that if for one instance we let the love of God penetrate our heart, then all things will become easy for us. To live in God's love is to live in the light.

We may be weighed down with the pressures, troubles and worries of life but in the midst of this, let us take to heart that God loves us so much that he promise us life; life in him here and now and eternal life.

This love drives away darkness and brings us into the light. Nicodemus who stealthily came to Jesus at night did come into the light and we read in John's Gospel that he is there at the end of Jesus earthly life. As Jesus is prepared for burial Nicodemus is there, bringing spices to help prepare Jesus' body for the tomb.

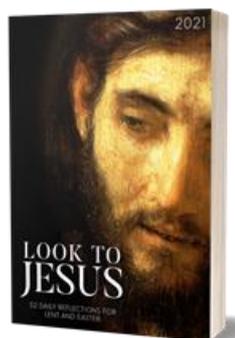
God bless,

Fr Ashley Warbrooke - Parish Priest

PARISH NEWS



THE CATHOLIC LEADER is now being printed monthly and the March issue is available at the **PIOUS GOODS SHOP** – price \$4.00. Read how “Matthew Hayden shines the light on our faith.”



LENTEN PROGRAM 2021:

Ash Wednesday is upon us and we prepare for Easter.

The Brisbane Archdiocese has prepared a Lenten Program for individuals to use. This program can be converted into a group session.

On Monday evening beginning the 22nd of February a group Lenten Program will be run in the Parish Hall. There are 6 sessions through to the Easter Week.

The session will begin at **7:00 PM** and run for about two hours. Parishioners can attend one session or all six sessions. It is up to the individual.

Anyone interested in attending can **contact the Office** or ring **Tony Moore on 0427581467**.



"Vocation Brisbane runs a women's and men's discernment group for anyone aged 18-35 who are considering their Vocation. Throughout the year, the group journeys to deepen their understanding of themselves on a spiritual and human level through prayer, discussions, hearing talks, physical activities, hiking, retreats, social evenings". – **Cosme Cham, Vocations Officer**. Ph 07 3324 3348
Email chamc@bne.catholic.net.au W: vocationbrisbane.com.au **Cleveland contact: Isaac Falzon.**



YOUTH GROUP OPENING NIGHT

This Saturday 13 March

6.30pm (after Mass) in the Parish Hall

2 Streams available: Grade 4 to 6 & Grade 7 to 10

Special Guests: THE NEW ZEALAND NET MINISTRIES TEAM

Don't miss out!!

FREE EVENT - REGISTER AT THE DOOR.

For more information email connectedyouth.cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au Mob: 0499 024 309

PARISH FINANCES

For the 12 months ended 31 December 2020

<u>Income</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
1 st and 2 nd Collections	\$ 147,957.83	\$ 200,406.25
Liturgy Offerings (Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and funerals And Catering)	\$ 9,781.82	\$ 8,700.00
Operating Activities (Columbarium and Candles Sales, Donations, Liturgy Sales and interest earned)	\$ 32,400.02	\$ 19,885.11
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$ 190,139.67</u>	<u>\$ 228,991.36</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Office Expenses	\$ 15,732.86	\$ 12,408.63
Property Costs (Rates, Hall Cleaner, R & M, Telephones	\$ 38,364.30	\$ 52,970.47
Insurance - Churches, Hall, Presbytery incl. Contents, Public Liability, etc.	\$ 22,105.96	\$ 20,842.12
Liturgy, Ministry and Evangelisation Expenses (Church Supplies, Columbarium Expenses, Sacramental Programs incl. Funerals and Youth Ministry)	\$ 16,050.29	\$ 20,223.93
Clergy and Motor Vehicle Expenses (Stipend, Health Insurance, Clergy Supply, Motor Vehicle running costs	\$ 41,489.69	\$ 47,770.64
Staff Expenses – (Salaries & Super)	\$ 101,543.27	\$ 65,015.68
Less Govt. Job Keeper payments received	-\$ 58,500.00	
Diocesan Levies	\$ 20,291.18	\$ 36,966.56
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 197,077.55</u>	<u>\$ 256,198.03</u>
<u>Shortfall</u>	<u>\$ 6,937.88</u>	<u>\$ 27,206.67</u>

As can be seen there has been a substantial reducing in Parish Collections. Offerings via direct debits to bank accounts or credit cards will assist the Parish if you are able to contribute this way – form are available at the back of the Church. The Archdiocesan Assessment Levy has also been reduced to assist Parishes. Income from other sources - Hall Hire, Child Care Centre lease and Outside School Hours Care also assist with the parish finances. Job Keeper payments have greatly assisted the Parish
Thank you for your continued support to the Parish.



Fourth Sunday of Lent
14 March 2021



Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the practice of open defecation. Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad and his community improved hygiene and sanitation, and funded their own toilets.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:



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

EASTER MASSES 2021

Please register online – attendance by booking only: www.staroftheseachurch.org

PALM SUNDAY – 28 March:

Sat 5.30pm	Star of the Sea	- Cleveland
Sun 7.00am & 8.30am	Star of the Sea Parish	- Cleveland
Sun 9.00am	St Paul of the Cross	- Dunwich (Liturgy of the Word with communion)
Sun 2.00pm	Palm Sunday Ecumenical Service	(TBC)

RECONCILIATION MASS – Monday 29 March:

7.00pm	Star of the Sea Parish	- Cleveland
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HOLY THURSDAY – 1 April:

7.30pm	Star of the Sea Parish	- Cleveland Mass + Adoration <u>till midnight</u>
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GOOD FRIDAY – 2 April:

10.00am Stations	Star of the Sea Parish	- Cleveland
3.00pm Lord's Passion	Star of the Sea Parish	- Cleveland

VIGIL HOLY SATURDAY – 3 April:

6.00pm	Star of the Sea	- Cleveland
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EASTER SUNDAY – 4 April:

7.00am & 8.30am	Star of the Sea Parish	- Cleveland
9.00am	St Peter Chanel	- Point Lookout

RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 14 March 2021

Resp. Psalm:

R Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

21 March 2021

First Reading: Jer 31:31-34

Resp. Psalm: Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

Second Reading: Heb 5:7-9

Gospel: Jn 12:20-33

PRAYERS

DECEASED We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God. Especially for Mike Peters

HEALING We pray for those who seek healing in their lives. Specially Nilda Greber.

ANNIVERSARY We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. Especially for Tom Williamson, Nick Cutri and Jessie Fox.

Ministry - 21 March 2021

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min - Host	Register
5.30pm		Kathy Bakker Pauline Delaney	Juliette Warnick-Hayne	Keith Fernandes
7.00 am		David Smith Emil Hayes	Sid Steele	Dennis Kennedy
8.30 am		Bev Sweeney Lucy Paneda	Annette Nicholls	Jocelyn Lebumfacil

NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS & CLEANERS

Counters

Team 2

Cleaners

Team 3