

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 18 December 2016

4th Sunday of Advent

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 1:18-24

Emmanuel
God is with us
Fourth Sunday of Advent - A
Mt 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.'

Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

WEEK DAY MASSES

MONDAY 9am
Redlands Hospital
1st & 3rd Mon of month
Mater Hospital
2nd & 4th Mon 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

FRIDAY 9.15am
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.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parishioners who give their charismas, time, effort and love in each of the ministries and services.

The complexity of the Parish entity makes it very difficult to list all people and groups that contribute to the parish community but a sincere thank you to all who contribute in any way to parish life.

We wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas and a wonderful 2017



Dear friends,

Wednesday last was the **Feast of St John of the Cross** who is held as being the most authoritative post-patristic mystic theologian and St Teresa of Avila's closest associate in founding the Discalced Carmelite Friars. His poetry ranks with the best Spanish literature, and his books in the form of commentaries on these poems combine personal experience and traditional theology to give an exact exposition of the whole course of the interior life of prayer.

No one before him had analysed so clearly the transition from more active forms of meditation and mental prayer to the simpler general and loving sense of God's presence which prayerful people tend to have. St Joh is best remembered for his teaching on "All and Nothing": loving God with all one's heart, soul, mind and strength and being totally detached from every contrary desire. His doctrine is eminently positive, however, and one of his best remembered saying is "where you do not find love, put love and you will find love".

John was the youngest of three sons and was raised in poverty by his widowed mother. He was educated by the Jesuits, spent some time as a weaver, his father's trade, became a Carmelite at twenty-one and then attended the University of Salamanca.

He first met St Teresa when he came to Medina del Campo to celebrate his first Mass. He was twenty-five, she was fifty-two. She was planning a community of friars to help her nuns whose reform she had launched five years before. She had heard of this penitential young friar who had already received permission to observe her rule. She urged him to join her, as she was planning to open a house of friars as part of her reform. He agreed on condition that it would be soon. The house was opened a year later at Duruelo, and John was the first friar to wear the Discalced habit.

Teresa wrote at the time, "although he is small in stature I believe he is great in God's eyes – he is – suited to our way of life. – For although we have had some disagreements about business a few times, and I have been the occasion of them and have been vexed with him several times, we have never seen an imperfection in him. He has courage – he is greatly given to prayer and is intelligent".

He would serve the reform through important offices and by his example for twenty-three years. And after writing his major treatises and poems in mystical theology – 'The Ascent of Mt Carmel', 'Dark Night of the Soul' 'The Spiritual Canticle', 'The Living Flame of Love' – he died at Ubeda, just as the friars were beginning the midnight office on the 14th December, 1591.

Those 'Merry Mower Man' have been at it again. The lawns around the church and the Presbytery were tended lovingly on Tuesday in readiness for Christmas. They are planning a gentle trim next Friday to handle any nasty weeds that dare to show their stalks. Sincere thanks to this great band of men who regularly mow, trim, hedge, rake and blow – keep our ground in tip-top condition.

God bless,

Fr Ashley Warbrooke - Parish Priest

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT STAR OF THE SEA:



**On Saturday 24th December, 5.30pm.
OUTDOOR MASS at 6pm
All welcome!**

BREAK FOR MEDITATION: Please note that Meditation will break from the 14 December, starting again on Wednesday 1 February 2017.

SINGLES OUT TO LUNCH: Many thanks to all who have attended and made so pleasant and enjoyable throughout 2016. Our first luncheon for 2017 will be held at **Victoria Point Tavern** on **22 January**. Please make note of the date as our church newsletter will be "on holiday". Once again thank you and wishing you a very happy and holy Christmas. **Jean Hunter 3821 3071.**

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

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION & PROTECTION POLICY: is displayed in our noticeboards. We encourage all parishioners to read it. Keeping children and vulnerable adults safe is a priority, and everybody's business.

"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." Most Rev Mark Coleridge DD.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON: From **Monday 26 December** to **Friday 13 January**.

4th Sunday of Advent - December 18, 2016

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

(Accessed on 20 Sept 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)



PRAYERS

HEALING We pray for those who seek healing in their lives. Especially for Darren Purnell.

ANNIVERSARIES We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. Especially for James Francis Henderson.

DECEASED We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God. Especially for Kathleen Kozina.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2016

RECONCILIATION MASS – MON 19th DECEMBER 2016

7.30pm Star of the Sea Parish - Cleveland

CHRISTMAS EVE – SAT 24th DECEMBER 2016

5.30pm Carols at Star of the Sea-Cleveland

6.00pm Star of the Sea Parish - Cleveland

9.00pm Star of the Sea Parish - Cleveland

6.00pm St Paul of the Cross -Dunwich



CHRISTMAS DAY – SUN 25th DECEMBER 2016:

8.30am Star of the Sea Parish - Cleveland

7.30am St Peter Chanel-Point Look Out

NEW YEAR'S DAY – SUN 1ST JANUARY 2017:

7am & 8.30am Star of the Sea Parish - Cleveland

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

25 December 2016

First Reading: [Is 52:7-10](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 97:1-6. R. v.3](#)

Second Reading: [Heb 1:1-6](#)

Gospel: [Jn 1:1-18](#)

RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 18 December 2016

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;

his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

MINISTRY – 23 /24 December 2016

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min - Bread	Communion Min - Wine
6.00 pm	Tony Moore	Tony Moore Lee Brand	Pauline McKay Betty Beauchamp Carmel Denaro Margaret Simpson Elizabeth Fisher Joh Lavery Jo-Anne Lavery	
9.00 pm	Sid Steele	Kathy Bakker Teresa Coates	Donna Smyth Sid Steele Teresa Coates	Valerie Curley Ally Vieps Olga Johnstone Di Macnaughtan
8.30am	Annette Nicholls	David Smith Annette Nicholls	Annette Nicholls Theresa Thompson Judith Barker	Clarita Cleavelly Mary Fehlberg Terry Larsen Cheryl Webb

NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS & CLEANERS

Counters

Team 5

Cleaners

Team 4