

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 November 2018
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

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
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Gospel
Mk 13:24-32

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.



Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

WEEK DAY MASSES

MONDAY 9am
Redlands Hospital
1st Mon of month
(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Monday)

TUESDAY 9am
Mater Hospital
2nd & 4th Tuesday of month
No mass on Public Holidays.

WED 8.40am
Carmel College
No mass on School Holidays.

THURSDAY 9.15am
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FRIDAY 9.15am
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SUN 11am
St Paul of the Cross, Dunwich.
1st & 3rd Sun of month
(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sunday at 9am)

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



GOSPEL COMMENTARY by *Richard Leonard SJ*

Several years ago, the film 'The Pianist' won Best Picture at the Oscars. It's the true story of Wladyslaw Szpilman (Brody) who was a celebrated classical pianist in Warsaw during the 1930s. He came from an affluent and intellectual family. Like all Jews of Warsaw, in November of 1940 the Szpilmans are herded into the Jewish Ghetto. Unlike most of the others Wladyslaw comes out each day to work as a cocktail pianist in a Warsaw café. Polish Jews and Christians remember and admire his playing. So much so that in the summer of 1942 while the rest of his family are deported to Treblinka, Wladyslaw is rescued from the train by a Jewish collaborator. The Polish resistance hides him in Warsaw. When his whereabouts are discovered Wladyslaw goes on the run and survives in a city which barely survives the war. Toward the end of the film there is a magnificent scene where the now-skeletal Wladyslaw is caught by a Nazi Army officer hiding in one of the few Warsaw houses left standing. He asks Szpilman what he did for a living, and then invites him to sit and play the piano in the drawing room of the house. In the midst of the almost total destruction of the world around them, Wladyslaw enables beauty to have the last word over the horror of war. It changes both men. It's the first time the pianist has played in years, and his concerto touches something human in the German soldier which leads him to protect Wladyslaw.

In today's Gospel we get a very vivid picture of how the end of the world might break in upon us. It's clear that Mark thought it was going to happen in the lifetime of some of his hearers. It didn't, and many generations later we're still waiting.

This is not to say that the reign of God doesn't regularly break in upon us. Wladyslaw's playing shows how music can do it. We believe that every day more good is done in the world than evil; else this world would destroy itself. And we hold that the source of all love is Christ. So, every time we are kind rather than cruel, patient rather than intolerant, generous rather than selfish, beautiful rather than ugly, the reign of God bursts into our lives.

One translation of verse 27 in today's Gospel reads, 'Then he will send out the angels and gather together his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven'. The whole idea of 'the elect' has exercised the imagination of several generations of Christians ever since this verse was written. The Protestant Reformation was, in part, based on who Christ elects to be his own, how we get elected, and how we stay that way. John Calvin was especially interested in this question and he rightly linked the goodness of our lives with those elected by Christ. But Calvin and many Catholic scholars have interpreted the meaning of this text too narrowly.

Remembering that Mark thinks the end of the world is soon, that his community is being persecuted for their Christian faith and that Christianity has not spread all that far by the time he writes this Gospel around 65 AD, it's somewhat surprising to read that the elect might be made up of people who come from the ends of the earth. We can safely assume that at this time not many people, beyond the Mediterranean basin, had heard about Christ. Even if this more generous and inclusive reading is not what Mark means when he refers to this world, it would be mean-spirited of us to imagine that all he means in reference to the elect in heaven are only those professing Christians who had died in his lifetime.

The more consoling reading of who is in the elect, is to understand it as including anyone, anywhere, whose life enables faith, hope, love, beauty, justice and peace to break in upon the world.

And so what makes being a Christian so special? We know who's doing the electing and why, and we have each other as we struggle to live out Christ's reign every day – until he comes again.

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PARISH NEWS



BAPTISMAL CLASS TEAM: We are looking for another volunteer to join the Baptismal Class Team. The classes are on the 1st Sunday of the month, after the 8.30am Mass.

POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS VOLUNTEER NEEDED: We are seeking a volunteer to join our Power Point Presentations Team for our Masses.

If you can help us, please contact our parish office: 38214902.

NOTE TO CHURCH CLEANERS: Thank you for the wonderful work you do in keeping our Church clean and tidy each week. On 5th November, the windows and glass doors of the Church were cleaned professionally and that will be done once or twice per year. There is no need for cleaning groups to clean windows any longer.

CANCER COUNCIL QLD – REDLANDS BRANCH'S CENT AUCTION: We are back and bigger and better! Come and support your local branch. **Saturday 17th November at 1.30pm at Star of the Sea Parish Hall. \$10 per person includes lucky door ticket. RSVP Heather 3286 1803 or Patricia 0102 678 120.**

SINGLES OUT TO LUNCH: Our final outing for 2018 will be on **Sunday 18th November** at the **Alexandra Hotel**, Finucane Rd, commencing 12 noon. All welcome. Please call **Jean Hunter on 3821 3071 or 0447 550 338 by Friday 16th November.**

BREAK OPEN THE WORD BOOK 2019: is now available at the Parish Office. All Readers are encouraged to get one. Cost: \$20.

REDLANDS FOR REFUGEES END OF YEAR MUSICAL EVENING:

Sat 25 November – 7.30pm at Star of the Sea Parish Hall.

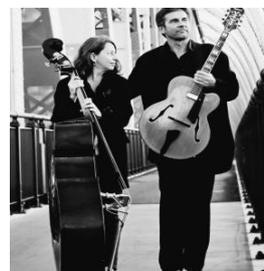
Cost \$15 at the door. Supper provided. Raffle \$5 for 10 tickets.

All proceeds to the Romero Centre.

Come and enjoy an exciting jazz and blues duo provided by Out of Abingdon.

Guests poets and singers will join in for a session. **RSVP by 20/11/18.**

Email: redlands4refugees@gmail.com Ph: 0407143689 (Lyn Moore).



REDLANDS - RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE (RSL) WELFARE NOTICE: Advice has been received from Cheryl Souvlis (Redlands RSL) trying to locate veterans within our parish who may benefit from a visit by a Wellbeing volunteer from the Redlands RSL.

Veterans from all conflicts and services who are currently in hospital or have returned to their place of residence, could be visited by a member of the RSL to support their wellbeing.

If you require more information **Linda Harcourt is the Wellbeing/ Volunteer Coordinator at the RSL sub branch and can be contacted on 3488 1102 or 0417 604 729** Email linda.harcourt@redlandsrsl.com.au

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Summer time 4.30pm, every Wednesday in the church. All welcome. Get away from the noise of the world, and experience an uplifting time with God in the silence. For more information ring **Norma 32863532. "God speaks in the silence of the heart" – Mother Teresa.**

PARISH COUNCIL MESSAGE TO PARISHIONERS ABOUT THE MASSES: Recently, there have been some expressions of concern at the levels of noise immediately before Mass and the absence of opportunity for personal prayer. Interaction as we gather for Mass helps build a sense of community and reminds us that we worship as the Body of Christ. On the other hand, all members of the Parish need to respect that the Church is not just a meeting hall but a sacred space for celebrating the rites of the Church. With this in mind, Parish Council has decided that for 5 minutes before each Mass, we will have quiet music so that we can spend a few minutes in preparation for the sacrament.

RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 18 NOV 2018

Resp. Psalm :

(R.) Keep me safe, O God you are my hope.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 25 NOV 2018

First Reading: Dn 7:13-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

Second Reading: Rv 1:5-8

Gospel: Jn 18:33-37

PRAYERS

ANNIVERSARY We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

DECEASED We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God. Especially for Colin Rex and Claudia Mossop.

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

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CHRISTMAS
CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

Wednesday 12
December until
Christmas Eve.

Join us on the lawn at St Stephen's to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary light and sound show.

An enchanting show from the creators of Sydney's Vivid Lightwalk will illuminate the cathedral from 7:30pm until midnight every night.

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Date Claimers

NOVEMBER

Saturday 10th – 9.30am

New Parishioners Morning Tea

Sunday 11th – 10am

Extraordinary Ministers of
Communion Training

Sunday 18th - 12noon

Singles out for lunch

DECEMBER

15th / 16th December

Christmas cuppa

Mon 17th December – 7pm

Reconciliation Mass



END OF YEAR EVENT “STRENGTHEN (Isaiah 54:2)”:

At CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate. Saturday 24 November 2018.

Guest speaker: Audrey Chan-Seow

Mass celebrant: Bp Emeritus Oudeman OFM Cap

Enquiries: Miriam (secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au or 31032400)

Program:

9.30am Praise & Worship

10.15am Morning tea

10.45am Audrey Chan-Seow on Strengthening the stakes

11.45am Set up for Mass

12noon Mass—love offering will be taken up

1.00pm Bring and share lunch

Ministry – 24 / 25 Nov 2018

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min - Host	Communion Min - Chalice
5.30pm	Betty Beauchamp	Barbara Wyllie Terese Coates	Judith Seery Jo-Anne Lavery John Lavery	Betty Beauchamp Glenn O'Dell Jill O'Dell Tony Moore
7.00 am	Michael Dahm	Emil Hayes David Smith	Michael Dahm Mary Fehlberg Flor Birkett	Margaret Bina Dennis Kennedy Tom Kirby Sherry Sawarde
8.30 am	Annette Nicholls	Terry Larsen Donna Smyth	Trish Aumuller Caroline Santagiuliana Cheryl Webb	Annette Nicholls Clarita Cleavelly Carmen Scandar Fill in Minister

NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS & CLEANERS

Counters

Team 3

Cleaners

Team 1