



# 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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### Love your enemies?!

This week marks the last week in Ordinary Time before we head into Lent (commencing on Ash Wednesday) for the next 6 weeks. And so today, we have the final segment from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which we've read as the Gospel over the past 4 Sundays. This is arguably Jesus' greatest teaching which we've no doubt heard many times (Mt 5:38-48).

The Gospel contains the famous quote "turn the other cheek." It is often cited in society and misinterpreted as meaning being humble and letting the other person have another free shot at you because you're being a 'good person' who practices non-violent passivity. However, this is not what Jesus is saying at all... Jesus is challenging his followers to offer the aggressor no resistance but to confront them in a creative way.

You see in Jesus' time, physical violence was often a right handed punch to the face. The left hand was considered unclean. Striking someone inferior was to backhand them in the face and humiliate them. However, if they turned the other cheek (the left cheek) that was a brave countermove to show them you were standing your ground and refusing to cooperate with their worldview. The antagonist would be forced to reconsider their actions because for them to strike you with their left hand would cause themselves embarrassment having had required to use their unclean hand.

In a similar vein, if someone took you to court in ancient Jewish society, and you owed a debt (sometimes the rich did this to the poor for unfair reasons), they were allowed to take the coat from your very back as collateral. However, by taking off and offering them your tunic, you are not only reassuring them you will repay them the debt, but you would be completely naked in front of the court and looking at a naked person was considered shameful, hence shifting the dishonour from the debtor to the accuser.

The third example involves the Romans, whereby Roman law permitted soldiers to ask commonfolk to carry their belongings and perform tasks for them for a maximum of one mile, and the citizens had to comply. Simon of Cyrene was one such example as he had to carry Jesus' cross for him (Mt 27:32). By "going two miles with them" you would reverse the powerplay because the Roman would have to plead for their belongings back.

What we can learn is that to love someone doesn't mean to be passive or to be a doormat to others but to challenge the attacker's worldview so as to confound and get them to reflect on their actions. It isn't necessary to pay back a bad action with another bad action but rather to discreetly confront them to learn from their misdeeds.

Mother Teresa once went begging for bread in a bakery with an orphan baby in her arms. When she asked the baker for bread, he spat in her face in disgust. Mother Teresa simply smiled and said, "thank you for your gift for me, now something for the child please."

To love is to will the good of the other (St Thomas Aquinas). As followers of Christ, Jesus is challenging us to live differently. To love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you, and to strive to be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Just as Jesus' love continues to transform us, how might we continue to love and transform others by willing their good?

**Rev 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

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of month  
(Liturgy of the Word with  
Communion – every other  
Sundays at 9am)

### TUESDAY

Redlands Hospital

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

Mass 9.00am

Mater Hospital

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Mass 9.00am

Star of the Sea

Christian Meditation – 4pm

### WEDNESDAY

Carmel College

Mass 8.40am

Cleveland Gardens

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

Mass 2.30pm

Moreton Shores

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

Mass 11.00am

Arcare

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

Mass 11.00am

Seaton McKenzie

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

Mass 10.45am

### THURSDAY

Star of the Sea

Rosary 8.45am

Mass 9.15am

Healing Mass

1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of the month

Holy Adoration and  
Benediction

Every other Thursday

9.45 to 10.45am

Redland Residential

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

Mass 11.00am

### FRIDAY

Star of the Sea

Rosary 8.45am

Mass 9.15am

Aveo Cleveland

1<sup>st</sup> Friday

Mass 2.00pm

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

RESPONSE: **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

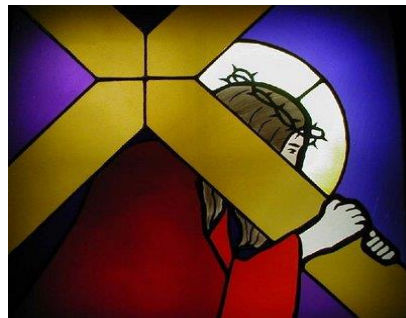
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.  
**Alleluia!**



On September 26, 2021, Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge publicly endorsed **The Uluru Statement From the Heart** – a historic commitment by the Catholic Church to back indigenous leaders from across Australia demanding a constitutional voice. The Parish RAP Working Group will provide information on *The Journey to Deliver Real Change*. To find out more go to the Parish website, look under Reconciliation Action Plan or go to The Uluru Statement from the Heart website.

The Uluru Statement from The Heart (Uluru Statement) represents a historic consensus of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in seeking constitutional change to enable a Voice to Parliament in the Constitution. The Journey started 85 years ago in 1937.



## 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 24<sup>th</sup> of February at **10.30am following Stations of the Cross.**  
If you are interested please contact the Parish Office, Tony Moore or Gerard Lai.  
(Resource book \$10)

For individual Reflection and Prayer at home, there is also the book *“From Ashes to Hope”*. Cost \$5. Available from the entrance of the church.



## ASH WEDNESDAY:

Ash Wednesday marks the First day of Lent.

This year it will be celebrated on **22 February 2023**

9.15am – Mass

11.30am – School Mass (you are welcome to join us)

7.00pm – Ecumenical Service (without communion) – Light refreshments to follow

# YOUTH LAUNCH NIGHT!

**Free Food, live music, games,  
and lots of fun!**

**24 Feb 7-9PM**

**PARISH HALL**

**AGES 8 - 16**

**STAR OF THE SEA**

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**CLEVELAND, QLD**

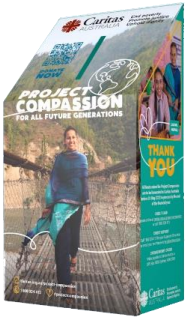
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"Young people aged between 8 - 16 are invited to join Star of the Sea Catholic parish for our annual Launch Night! Launch is an opportunity to have some free food and drinks, meet fun people, play some games, listen to some live music and have a great time! Youth Launch Night will happen on Friday the 24th of February from 7 - 9pm, can't wait to see you there. Contact Sam: [sachse.sam24@gmail.com](mailto:sachse.sam24@gmail.com), 0401803688"



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and ***For All Future Generations***.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **“The future starts today, not tomorrow.”**



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 and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**"NRL FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION"** For all NRL football enthusiasts or if you just wish to have some fun, the Parish is again running a footy tipping competition through **"tips.com.au"**. This is the same website used previously when Isaac Falzon was in the Parish. The cost to join is \$10 per person, with a small prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and the balance being donated to a ministry within the Parish. This of course is dependent on the number that join in the fun. The competition commences 2 March 2023.

The joining fee (\$10) can be left in an envelope at the Parish Office or handed to John or Jo-Anne Lavery or Bill and Cheryl McLennan after Mass. **Instructions to join** - 1. Log-in or set-up an account with "Tips.com.au" (News Limited Pty Ltd) and complete your profile. 2. Select Join "League" - The league is "SOS Cleveland" and the code is "650313". If you require any assistance with joining the competition, please contact **John Lavery, 0400 860 442** or **Jo-Anne Lavery 0417 776 828**. Good luck!"

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023 HAS STARTED!** Please keep our children and their families in your prayers, as they prepare to receive their First Reconciliation. This weekend we welcome them for their Commitment Mass.

### PRAYERS

#### HEALING

We pray for those who seek healing in their lives. Especially Helen Hanran.

#### ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. Especially Dennis O'Loughlin and Merylin Harvey.

#### DECEASED

We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God.

### MINISTRY- 26 February 2023- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min- Host
Sat 5.30pm	Tony Moore	Sandra Storck Pauline Hall	Gerard Lai
Sun 7.00am	Mary Fehlberg	Lyn Bartley Emil Hayes	Mary Fehlberg
Sun 8.30am	Annette Nicholls	Jocelyn Lebumfacil Donna Smyth	Trish Aumuller
<b>COUNTERS &amp; CLEANERS</b>		Counter	Team 1
		Cleaners	Team 2