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 - 22 December 2019
4th Sunday of Advent - 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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Dear Friends,

Have you spent time looking into the Christmas crib? The parents, Mary and Joseph are there but the manger is still empty. The child Jesus' birth is now very close.

On this Fourth and final Sunday of Advent we continue to read Matthew's Gospel and today we have a story about Joseph. There are very few stories where Joseph is even named in the New Testament and in today's story Joseph doesn't' say a word. Interestingly, there are no recorded words of Joseph in the whole of the New Testament. He is a quiet but righteous man doing what is right in the sight of God. Joseph's decision to end the relationship with Mary quietly upon finding her to be with child is in keeping with his character. According to the law of the time had Mary's pregnancy be reported to the religious authorities her sentence could have technically been a death sentence. But Joseph has decided to handle the matter discreetly so as to protect Mary. This was his intention before the appearance of the angel in a dream.

As Luke tells the story, an angel by the name of Gabriel appeared to Mary. In Matthew's story today an unnamed angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke tell different stories about the birth of Jesus. They complement each other but it is interesting to read them side by side in this season.

The appearance of the angel to Joseph is enough to put his mind to rest and he takes his wife into his home in Bethlehem where the child will be born.

This is not Luke's story where the family in Nazareth go to Bethlehem for the census. Matthew's Gospel has no census; Joseph and Mary live in Bethlehem where the child Jesus is born.

Matthew's Gospel about the birth is not as familiar to us as Luke's version, as it is Luke's Gospel we read at Christmas.

Just prior to the holidays I visited our Year 2 children to speak about the Christmas story. They were well prepared and had been reading Matthew's and Luke's Christmas stories and noting the differences which is a very interesting exercise. Give it a go yourselves.'

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.

Carmel College
No mass on School Holidays.

THURSDAY 9.15am
Star of the Sea

FRIDAY 9.15 Dec:
Star of the Sea

SUN 11am
At **St Peter Chanel Point Lookout** from 8 Dec to 19 Jan 2020
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.
(Break from the 17 Dec to 7 Jan 2020)

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent the stage is set for the birth of the infant, Jesus. A discreet, quiet man who does what is right in the sight of God, has taken his beloved, pregnant Mary into his home as his wife. What was a scandal under the law has been directed by an angel in a dream into safety and security for a woman and her unborn child.
Joseph may not speak a word in the Gospel, but his actions say it all: 'Yes Lord, thy will be done.'
The waiting of Advent is nearly over. In a couple of days, the Christmas crib will be complete when the child Jesus will be laid in the manger.
Christmas is such a special time. We struggle to comprehend that God loves us so much that his beloved son is born for us. As God so loves us, let us love one another.

God bless,

Fr Ashley Warbrooke - Parish Priest

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PARISH NEWS

THE PIOUS GOODS SHOP: has for sale – Christmas cards, 2020 Columban calendars, Christmas wrapping paper and Nativity scene and figurines.

VINNIES RAFFLE WINNERS: A big thank you to everyone who kindly and generously supported our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Raffle. **CONGRATULATIONS to all of the lucky winners:**
Bill (bike)
Anne ($100 Hogs Breath Voucher) – claimed
Ali (Champagne) – Claimed
(Tapestry) – claimed
Carmel (Landscape painting)
Maria (Body Shop Beauty Box)
Lyn (print)
Pauline (Print)
Val (Bottle of wine)
Michelle (Box of biscuits)
Your generosity helped us raise the grand sum of approximately $1000. This will help us provide Christmas Hampers to families doing it tough in the local community.

PLENARY COUNCIL NEWS: Our parish, Listening and Discernment Group, met Sunday 1st December to discern 'How is God calling us to be Open to conversion, renewal and reform. This has been the final theme to be discerned and the emerging actions identified were:

- Return to the spirit of the early church, a church:
  - -That is Spirit lead and works in the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit
  - -Of humility
  - -Servant church
  - -That is pastoral and compassionate to all
  - -Community Church
  - -Of equality, across all areas of church
  - -Of shared leadership
  - -That loves one another
- As a church lower the age of retirement for all clergy – Rome to parishes
- Reform leadership structures e.g. form a cooperative organizational relationship consisting of clergy (all levels) and laity in the management and oversight of leadership at all levels of church governance.
- Australia to have a global voice at all international councils
- Deanery's to have a national voice across all areas of church life in Australia
- Parishes to have financial support to employ Chaplains or Pastoral Associates in order to facilitate pastoral care along with the development and delivery of faith education programs

These actions have been submitted to the Theme's Discernment and Writing Group.
Our group will be meeting again mid-January to finalise the emerging actions of week 4's theme Prayerful and Eucharistic and they will be reported in the newsletter the following week end. Please continue to pray for the Plenary Council and if you wish to keep up to date with its progress log onto https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: will take a break from Wed 11 December 2019 to Wed 22 Jan 2020.
We will be back on Wednesday 29 January at 4.30pm.

HOLY HOUR: will take a break from Tuesday 17 December to the 7 January 2020.

CONNECTED YOUTH: There are no activities in December – Have a blessed Christmas!
Enrol for the Ignite Youth Summer Camp (High School) from **10 to 13 January 2020**, see the website for more info and registration:
https://rego.igniteyouth.com/summercamp20
More to come in Term 1! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram.
Our webpage: www.conectedyouth.org.au

NO MASS AT CARMEL COLLEGE DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: Please note there is no Mass during school holidays at Carmel College. Next one will be at the end of January when the school resumes.

CHRISTMAS EVE
Carols 5.30pm
Mass 6pm

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON:
From **Monday 16th December to Friday 10th January.**
We wish you all a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year.

RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 22 Dec 2019

Resp. Psalm: R. Lord, come and save us.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY - 29 Dec 2019

First Reading: Sir 3:2-6. 12-14
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1
Second Reading: Col 3:12-21
Gospel: Mt 2:13-15. 19-23

A BIG THANK YOU

to all our Parish Volunteers.
Your work, commitment, and self-giving attitude have made another year flourish for our Parish Community. May God bless you and your families in this holy season.

PRAYERS
ANNIVERSARY We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. Especially Sam Dibella.
DECEASED We commend the deceased to the loving embrace of God. Especially Ivan Valetic.
HEALING We pray for those who seek healing in their lives.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2019

CHRISTMAS EVE
TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER
5.30pm Carols at Star of the Sea
6.00pm Star of the Sea Parish - Cleveland
9.00pm Star of the Sea Parish - Cleveland

CHRISTMAS DAY
WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER
8.30am Star of the Sea Parish - Cleveland
9.00am St Peter Chanel-Point Lookout

NEW YEAR'S DAY
WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY 2020:
8.30am Star of the Sea Parish - Cleveland

NOTE: From Sunday 8 December 2019 till Sunday 19 Jan 2020, Sunday Mass at Straddie will be at St Peter Chanel (Point Lookout):
11am - Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month
9am - Liturgy of the Word with Communion at every other Sunday.

Date Claimers

DECEMBER
Monday 16th
Parish Office closed for Christmas and New Year season

JANUARY 2020
Wed 1st – 8.30am
New Year's Day Mass/ Mary Mother of God
Fri 10th to Mon 13th
Ignite Youth Summer Camp (High School)
Monday 13th
Parish Office reopens for New Year.

Ministry - 24 / 25 December 2019

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min - Host	Communion Min – Chalice
6PM CHRISTMAS EVE	Tony Moore	Tony Moore Terry Larsen	**HOST ONLY:** Carmel Stone Jo-Anne Lavery John Lavery	Margaret Simpson Glenn O'Dell Jill O'Dell Peter Hunter
9PM CHRISTMAS EVE	Annette Nicholls	Annette Nicholls Lyn Bartley	Di Macnaughtan Bert Latham Dennis Kennedy	Emil Hayes Gerry Madigan Teresa Coates Fill in Minister
8.30 AM CHRISTMAS	Mary Fehlberg	Donna Smyth Juliette Warnick-Hayne	Mary Fehlberg Theresa Thompson Carmen Scandar	Caroline Santagiuliana Cheryl Webb Fill in Minister Fill in Minister

Ministry - 28 / 29 December 2019

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min - Host	Communion Min – Chalice
6.30pm	Tony Moore	John Mott Terry Hughes	Lil Predl Lee Brand Lesley Tapson	Teresa Coates Keith Fernandes Fill in Minister Fill in Minister
7am	Mary Fehlberg	Sherry Sawarde Michelle Hopton	Mary Fehlberg Emil Hayes Di Macnaughtan	Fill in Minister Fill in Minister Fill in Minister Fill in Minister
8.30 am	Jocelyn Lebumfacil	Annette Nicholls Carmel Stone	Bev Sweeney Carmen Scandar Lilia Barajas	Trish Aumuller Donna Smyth Teresa Gerada Theresa Thompson

NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS & CLEANERS	Counters	Team 6
	Cleaners	Team 5