

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 22 January 2017

3rd Sunday in Ord Time

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 4:12-17

***He went to Capernaum,
that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.***

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

**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.

Dear friends,

The Prophet Isaiah in our First Reading today is speaking about people in darkness who would see a great light – a light of good coming from the land of Zebulun and Naphtali; Nazareth and Capernaum were in that area. This northern area around Galilee had been the first part of Israel to be plunged into darkness through their defeat at the hands of the Assyrians in 734 BC, Isaiah's time of writing. At this time the Assyrian ruler, Tiglath Pileser III, with his ruthlessness as a totalitarian despot, deported the local populations and dispersed them throughout his expanding empire, giving birth to the fable of the "lost tribes of Israel". Isaiah held out hope for a future restoration of "the people who walked in darkness".

In Matthew's view Jesus was the fulfilment of the prophetic words of Isaiah and Galilee would be the first to hear of the promised salvation. The sparkling pear-shaped Lake of Galilee had a warm climate and a beautiful shoreline thick with fishing boats of prosperous towns. On its shores the town of Tiberius attracted tourists from the whole Greco-Roman world; it had more in common with famous resorts like the Riviera today than with a sleepy fishing village. This didn't help the local people's morals. As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus leaves Nazareth and goes to live there again. It was the beginning of something new.

Capernaum's position was ideal for reaching a wider audience. Situated on the high road from Jerusalem in the South to Damascus in the north, and serving as the frontier post of Palestine, it was the centre of attraction for both Jews and foreigners. There Jesus could preach effectively. His proclamation that the people repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand, announced a new intervention of God. Jesus was calling the people to conversion and transformation of life. To spread this message Jesus chose not the professionally religious, but tax collectors, zealots, itinerants and fishermen like Peter, Andrew, James and John. These were very ordinary people, of no great scholarship, influence, wealth or prestige. To become fishers of men they had to risk abandoning their former means of livelihood. Jesus began his new ministry by going around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News and curing the sick. The light prophesied by Isaiah so many years before had begun to deal with the darkness.

Let's remember that a candle is lit for us at baptism which symbolises that we have been enlightened by Christ. Like those first chosen by Jesus on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, we are called to continue to make the light of Christ overcome the darkness.

We welcomed back our Star of the Sea School teachers on Wednesday as they spent several days in preparation for the beginning of school next Tuesday. Please keep the teachers, children and their families in your prayers as they do their best to open themselves to the light in 2017.

God bless,

Fr Ashley Warbrooke
Parish Priest

PARISH NEWS

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS: will be celebrated **Thursday 26 January at 9.15am**, at Star of the Sea.

THE LITTLE KINGS MOVEMENT FOR THE HANDICAPPED- FUNDRAISING: Next weekend, 28 and 29 January.



Little Kings will be conducting their annual appeal.

This movement was founded in 1968 under the umbrella of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. IT provides an opportunity for persons with disability to access a social life, gatherings, and activities to help overcome loneliness and for them to enjoy the advantages of today's world in company, education and acceptance into a friendly atmosphere, all based on Christian values.

A special emphasis is placed on helping parents as well as the disabled with their personal, spiritual and social lives.

Although based on Catholic beliefs, it is ecumenical and all members and people with disabilities are welcomed.

The members of the Little King's Movement commit themselves to bringing to people with disabilities a sense of worth, a sense of being valued and a sense of being loved.

There are no Government subsidies, and most activities are voluntary. All activities for our disabled friends are free of charge.

This is the major fundraiser for the year. In previous years this Parish has been very generous even in the most difficult financial times, for which the Movement is most grateful.

PARISH DINNER



Venue: Parish Hall

Date: Saturday, 18th February 2017

Time: 6.30pm (after mass)

Cost: \$15 per adult, \$7 per child less than 12 or \$50 per family (2 adults & 3 children)

The menu includes, nibbles on arrival, slow cooked roast beef with a mustard selection, roast Kingaroy pork with apple sauce, bread rolls and a selection of salads and desserts. Tea/coffee/cordial/ will be provided so BYO any other beverages.

Star of the Sea Parish Community, Cleveland



TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER EACH MASS AT THE FRONT DOOR.

MASS AT STRADDIE: as school holidays come to an end, Mass at Stradbroke Island will be celebrated again at St Paul of the Cross Dunwich from Sunday 29 January 2017.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: will start again on Wednesday 1 February 2017 at Star of the Sea church, at its usual time 4.30pm. For more information ring **Norma 32863532**. Everyone welcome.

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**. For information please ring **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.

SAFETY AT PASSAGE ST CROSSING: As students start their school year next Tuesday, please ensure that you adhere to the speed limit on Passage Street, and help us keep our children safe.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

29 Jan 2017

First Reading: [Zep 2:3; 3:12-13](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3](#)

Second Reading: [1 Cor 1:26-31](#)

Gospel: [Mt 5:1-12](#)

RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 22 Jan 2017

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

PRAYERS

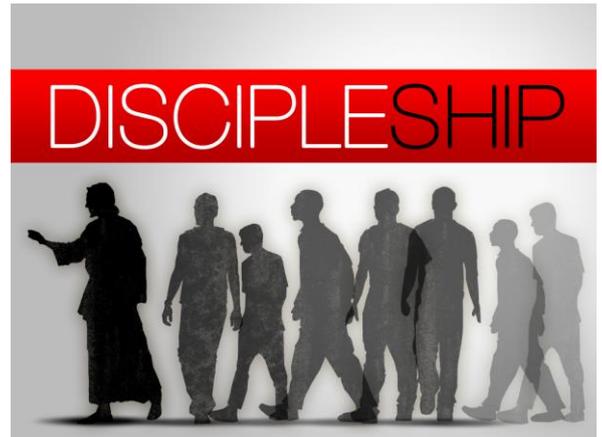
HEALING We pray for those who seek healing in their lives. Especially for Elaine Robertson.

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

DECEASED We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God. Especially for Giovanni La Spina and Malcolm Syme.

Reflection BY DIANNE BERGANT CSS

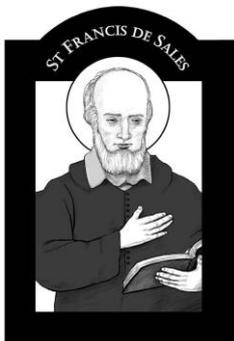
Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.



There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

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Life of Saints



St Francis de Sales was born in 1567 to the noble family of Count de Sales of Savoy. After studying at university he was ordained a priest and in his first mission worked to convert the Calvinists of his native region. In 1602 he became the bishop of Geneva and several years later formed the Order of the Visitation with the help of St Jane Frances de Chantal. St Francis de Sales' writings on devotional life are still widely read today and in the Western Church he is honoured as a doctor of the church. Pope Pius XI declared him to be the patron saint of journalists.

MINISTRY – 29 Jan 2017

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min - Bread	Communion Min - Wine
5.30 pm	Tony Moore	Daphne Bartels Teresa Coates	Tony Moore Victoria Quinlan Pauline McKay	Lil Predl Jo-Anne Lavery John Lavery Peter Hunter
7.00 am	Sid Steele	Denis Ryan Olga Johnstone	Margaret Bina Flor Birkett Dennis Kennedy	Mary Fehlberg Barbara Mant Maria Paukofe Aurora Stronach
8.30m	Sue Fairbairn	Annette Nicholls Terry Larsen	Judith Barker Donna Smyth Teresa Gerada	Cheryl Webb Annette Nicholls Lilia Barajas Trish Aumuller

NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS & CLEANERS	Counters	Team 4
	Cleaners	Team 1