

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 24 January 2021 - Year B

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Weekend Masses: Sat 5.30pm and Sun 7am and 8.30am
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MASS TIMES**THURSDAY 9.15am**

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FRIDAY 9.15AM

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Sunday 8.30am**Live-stream****Mass available****from our****FACEBOOK****PAGE:**

<https://fb.me/StaroftheSeaCleveland>

It will be available also from **YouTube** after the Mass has finished (not live) through this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiF45MwAUgNh1P1ALe7NIAw>

SUN 11am**St Paul of the Cross, Dunwich**

(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sunday at 9am)



Dear friends,

We all know something of the story of Jonah and the whale. It's a very short book of only 4 chapters. It would be good to read this book during the week as today's reading just give us a taste. This Sunday is the only time during our three-year Sunday cycle that we hear from this book of Jonah.

You'll find Jonah among the twelve minor prophets but it is very different from the other eleven minor prophets and different from most of the other books of the Old Testament. The author gets his message across by telling a

story, a fable about a rather difficult man named Jonah. Today's extract sounds as if Jonah willingly obeyed God's call to go to Niniveh and preach repentance but nothing could be further from the truth. When Jonah was first called he tried to run away. A good Jew, but narrow, Jonah didn't want God to show the Assyrians mercy. They didn't deserve God's mercy. They had destroyed the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722BC and were remembered as a cruel and harsh nation, the epitome of barbarism. Jonah was happy to see them destroyed. After being called Jonah tried to escape by boarding a ship that was heading far away from Nineveh, the capital of Assyria. The ship was caught up in a massive storm and all lives were in danger. When Jonah confessed that he was running from God's call, the superstitious sailors threw him overboard. The story has it that he was swallowed by a 'great fish' and when after three days he was freed, he decided that, considering what he had gone through, going to Niniveh to preach may not be so bad after all, and so up he went. Reluctant though he was, Jonah wasn't unhappy to announce that Nineveh would be destroyed but much to his chagrin and amazement, the Ninivites, from the King to the lowest peasants repented and God didn't carry out his threats.



The story of Jonah speaks eloquently of the constancy of God who 'is slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.' Whoever turns to God will be gathered in love. The story also cautions against putting boundaries on God's care and concern. Israel cannot claim God exclusively for itself. Jonah's story suggests that if God cares for the enemies of Israel so much, then God will care for Israel that much more. Jonah couldn't conceive that God could care for and have mercy for these Assyrians. This book was written about 5 centuries BC with the message that God's love is for all. God didn't love as Jonah did, God doesn't love as we love. 'God is love'.

Do have a read of the Book of Jonah and remember that it is a story. In the scriptures we find every kind of literature - poetry, prose, history, allegory – and short stories, of which Jonah is one. It is the nature of such folk-tales, to force us to re-examine our values. It presents a good lesson in human reform and God's mercy, contains ironically humorous events and provides parallels and contrasts to today's Gospel. Jesus himself referred to the story of Jonah when the religious leaders demanded a sign from him in Luke 11:30.

School returns this week on Wednesday. Keep the children in your prayers that this year will be a time of growth, in wisdom and knowledge and faith. We pray for all families facing an uncertain 2021. May we know God's love for us all.

Welcome to Isaac Falzon as he, like the first disciples Simon, Andrew, James and John, continues to answer God's call to service in the priesthood. He begins his 'internship year' in Star of the Sea Parish today. Make him welcome.

God bless

Father Ashley Warbrooke
Parish Priest



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.

"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.

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS: will be celebrated at **8.30am Tuesday 26 January**. Please register at the door.

FRIDAY MASS: has recommenced at 9.15am. Please register at the door.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: **Summer time 4.30pm, every Wednesday in the church.** All welcome. *"God speaks in the silence of the heart"* – Mother Teresa.



World Day of Prayer

AUSTRALIA

ECUMENICAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: The day of prayer is coming soon; this year it will be at the St Paul's Anglican Church on Friday 5th March.

If you would like to participate in any way in the organisation, please ring the parish office on 38214902. There will be a meeting to distribute little roles on Tuesday 2 Feb at 10am at St Paul's Anglican Church (4 Cross St, Cleveland QLD). Let's unite our voices in prayer as one.

FOR SALE: A Colourbond roller door has been used as internal door, in very good condition. Dimensions: 2.1mt high x 2.7mts wide. Enquiries contact John 0417717609. Price \$300 ONO.



Ash Wednesday is the first day in the Christian Season of **Lent**, and begins about 40 days before Easter. The 40 days of Lent represent Jesus' time in the desert and the 40 years the Israelites spent in exile. In the Bible the number 40 is symbolic.

The ashes are traditionally the burnt palms from last year's Palm Sunday, and worn by Catholics and other Christians as a sign of repentance, humility and renouncing pride, which is why when the ashes are distributed it is proclaimed: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" or "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return".

Ash Wednesday is the day when many Christians focus their attention on three practices: fasting, praying and almsgiving.

Why we fast? Depriving ourselves of basic necessity reminds us of our utter dependence on God.

Why we give? What we are given by God is meant not just for us, but for us to share with others.

Why we pray? We are not totally self-sufficient. We have a need inside that cannot be filled by us or others. We have a holy longing and must look to God.

Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated on the 17 February at 9.15am at 7pm.

All welcome at Star of the Sea Church.



SPEND TIME WITH GOD EVERY MORNING

Sign up to receive the Daily Gospel Reflection. These reflections are mailed to your inbox at 6am each day (Monday to Friday) and are just a three-minute read that could be done over breakfast, intended to invite you into prayer. Written by Catholic lay people (men and women from the team at Evangelisation Brisbane), for Catholic lay people about the gospel of the day to help you start your day with God. Subscribe via the Evangelisation Brisbane website <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

40 DAYS FOR LIFE BRISBANE - the 2021 Prayer Vigil under Covid-19: Since Covid-19 stopped our 2020 Prayer Vigil, we've been looking to re-energise ourselves in 2021 - and we've got some exciting news to share with you!

1) Virtual Wine & Cheese Night: this year's Wine & Cheese night before our campaign kicks off will be on Thursday 4 February 2021 at 7pm. All you'll need is a computer to join in (PS. You can supply your own wine and cheese!)

2) TWO 40 day prayer vigils: This year we are going to have our regular prayer vigil at 20 Abbotsford Road Bowen Hills as per previous years, but ALSO an online prayer vigil! We're hoping that you make an effort to come to the physical prayer vigil, but there'll be an alternative if you can't make it in person (or Covid-19 makes it impossible).

3) Midpoint Mass: We are aiming to have our midpoint mass at 9am on Saturday 13 March 2021 - put a placeholder in your diaries! More details to follow.

Covid-19: Here are the changes that we'll need to abide by due to Covid-19:

- If you're coming in person to the prayer vigil at Bowen Hills, you must make sure you've provided us your details through the Statement of Peace AND logged your vigil prayer time on the Vigil Calendar. See blue box below.
- as for any event, stay at home if you have Covid-19 symptoms or have been in a hotspot or with someone with Covid-19. Details are being updated on our websites.

Updates for Parishes

Effective at 1:00am today (Friday, 22 January) the following protocols are in place for all places of worship in the Archdiocese of Brisbane:

- The capacity for places of worship is one person per 2 square metres.
- Funerals can accommodate a maximum of 200 people or the occupancy your space allows with one person per 2 square metre rule – whichever number is the lowest.
- Wedding ceremonies can accommodate a maximum of 200 people or the occupancy your space allows with the one person per 2 square metres rule – whichever number is the lowest as described above.
- Masks are no longer mandatory in places of worship, only recommended where social distancing cannot be maintained. Please note that Queensland Health strongly encourages individuals to carry a face mask at all times, to provide added protection if you are in a situation where you cannot maintain social distancing.
- All parishes will continue to follow the Industry Plan for Places of Worship as required prior to the most recent restrictions. Please find the Industry Plan [here](#).
- To learn more about current restrictions for the broader community please visit covid19.qld.au

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually
into my heart.
I embrace You as if You
were already there
and unite myself wholly to You. Never
permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 24 January 2021

Resp. Psalm:

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

31 January 2021

First Reading: Dt 18:15-20

Resp. Psalm: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35

Gospel: Mk 1:21-28

Life of Saints



The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle is celebrated 25 January.

Before his conversion, Paul the Apostle was known as Saul; a zealous Pharisee who persecuted the early Christians. According to the Acts of the Apostles, Saul was travelling from Jerusalem to Damascus, when suddenly he saw a bright light and fell to the ground. He heard the voice of Jesus say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?". With the loss of his sight, Saul was led to Damascus by his travelling companions. Later, a disciple of Jesus named Ananias received a divine revelation, in which he was asked to visit Saul in order to restore his sight. Ananias did this by placing his hands on Saul's eyes and saying, "Brother Saul, the Lord, Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

PRAYERS

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

HEALING We pray for those who seek healing in their lives. Specially every person affected by the spread of the coronavirus.

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

NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS & CLEANERS

Counters

Team 1

Cleaners

Team 2