

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.

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CHRIST THE KING
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.

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Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45 – 5.15pm

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Gospel
Jn 18:33-37

You say that I am a king.

‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ Pilate asked. Jesus replied, ‘Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?’ Pilate answered, ‘Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?’ Jesus replied, ‘Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.’ ‘So you are a king then?’ said Pilate. ‘It is you who say it’ answered Jesus. ‘Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.’

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
Star of the Sea

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*

Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King in the Holy Year of 1925. It appears to have its roots in the 1880s when many European bishops were worried with what they saw as the rise of secularisation. I'm pleased they're not around today! These bishops were concerned at how governments were increasingly asserting more power over and against the church. Especially in France and Italy Bishops started to venerate Jesus as the Universal King. This devotion took off. By 1922, at the Eucharistic Congress in Rome, sixty-nine cardinals petitioned the Pope to establish this feast. Within three years the Vatican had been inundated with requests, and so the solemnity was established.

It's clear from today's Gospel, and the New Testament in general, that while Jesus frequently spoke of his Kingdom, is hailed like a king on Palm Sunday and is facetiously given the title of king by Pilate, his kingship is vastly different from those of Caesar, Herod and even David and the other Kings of Israel.

The earliest Christians seem to have understood this very well. We find very little writing or artistic representation of Jesus as a king before 324 AD. In that year Emperor Constantine becomes a catechumen and Christianity becomes the religion of the Roman Empire. After this time Jesus starts to appear wearing a crown and holding an orb. Mary is styled as the Queen of Heaven and begins to be pictured as such. This is all understandable as the previously persecuted Christian sect now emerges to become the most powerful unifying force in the Roman Empire. It was a sweet victory, but it meant that whatever was said of the Roman Emperor, even more must be true of Christ the Universal King and Lord.

As centuries passed and the Roman Empire passed away, the Church maintained many of its now long-standing royal prerogatives and language. Just as an example, to this day the Pope and some bishops live in places called palaces. They wear jewels and rings and have feudal coats of arms. Worse still by far, however, is the mentality and behaviour of a very few Bishops, who seem to think that the church is above the scrutiny of the faithful, and the law of the land.

The problem with all these historical accretions is that they directly contradict the way in which Jesus spoke about himself as a King. Almost all references to Jesus' kingship occur within the passion narratives. Today's extract from John's gospel is among the most famous of them all. 'You say I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

There are not too many Kings or Queens today who would love their people so much that they would be prepared to die for them. We know from history that when the going gets tough many monarchs get going. But what we get in Jesus as King is one who did not compromise his humanity, who would not yield from his preaching and does not abandon us in our desolation. Jesus' kingship is revealed in his utter fidelity to us – even to the end.

So let's not be seduced by the power, pride, riches and greed which worldly rulers so crave. Let's keep our own eyes on Christ our King who loved people more than things, who spoke the truth with love, and who died that we might live. And let's not shrink from challenging the entire Church to do the same.

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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.



THURSDAY SOCIAL GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 6th December
(after 9.15am Mass)

- **Morning Tea provided**
- **Christmas Raffles**

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 24 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.

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.

PRAYERS

ANNIVERSARY We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. Especially Trina Cambourne, Moya D'Arcy and Suzanne Cawthray.

DECEASED We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God. Especially for Neville Tingle.

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



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

The children of Star of the Sea Parish have been invited to sing at the Christmas Eve Mass.

It would be wonderful to have as many children sing as possible.

There will be two rehearsals on the holidays in the lead up to Christmas. The dates for these rehearsals will be **Wed 19th December and**

Friday 21st December

from 9.00am until 11.00am.

In the school grounds.

If your child would like to be involved please email me on erin.hardy@bne.catholic.edu.au

the lights of 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

RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 25 NOV 2018

Resp. Psalm :

(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- 2 Dec 2018

First Reading: [Jer 33:14-16](#)

Resp. Psalm: [Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1](#)

Second Reading: [1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2](#)

Gospel: [Lk 21:25-28. 34-36](#)

Ministry – 1 / 2 Dec 2018

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min - Host	Communion Min – Chalice
5.30pm	Elizabeth Fisher	John Mott Terry Hughes	Lil Predl Sue Wilson Lesley Tapson	Teresa Coates Elizabeth Fisher Judith Seery Fill in Minister
7.00 am	Sid Steele	Sherry Sawarde Michelle Hopton	Tom Kirby Maria Paukofe Di Macnaughtan	Sid Steele Valerie Curley Michael Dahm Maria Cudicio
8.30 am	Lee Brand	Helen Hunter Judi-Ann Zacka	Peter Hunter Theresa Thompson Donna Smyth	Lee Brand Cheryl Webb Caroline Santagiuliana Fill in Minister

NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS & CLEANERS

Counters

Team 4

Cleaners

Team 2