

**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 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - Year A**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**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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**WEEK DAY  
MASSES**

**ALL MASSES  
CANCELLED  
TILL NEW  
ADVICE.**

**Online Masses  
available from  
the Cathedral  
website and  
also from  
Shalom TV**

**ALL GROUP  
GATHERINGS**

Cancelled till new  
advice



Dear Friends,

The story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is probably the greatest of the post-Easter accounts of encounters with the risen Lord. These two disciples, Cleopas and his unnamed companion, were not Apostles or intimate friends of Jesus but among many of those who were followers. Disciple, of course, means follower.

They were part of the crowd of those who listened and followed Jesus, trusting, hoping that Jesus was the one generations had been waiting for – the Messiah. At the crucifixion of Jesus, they were shattered and it seems they were going home. No point staying in Jerusalem. They had heard about the women going to the tomb and finding it empty but of him the women had seen nothing!

Obviously Cleopas and his companion didn't take too seriously the women's story. The atmosphere in Jerusalem had been very dark and gloomy, and with their hopes and dreams gone, they set off to begin again.

On this road to Emmaus of about 7 miles, we 'oldies' still know how far that is, they are joined by someone they don't recognise 'something prevented them from recognising him and Jesus walks by their side. He asks the seemingly innocent question 'what are you discussing'. They can't believe that this stranger hasn't heard about the recent happenings in Jerusalem about Jesus of Nazareth and they proceed to tell him the story and their hopes. Jesus listened attentively and his response would have ensured that they listened. "You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets". They had been unable to see the hand of God in Jesus' suffering and death, as shown in all the Scriptures beginning with Moses.

The Hebrew Scriptures had presented time and again the occasions when God raised up the lowly, bringing joy out of sorrow, of the vocation of Israel as the 'Suffering Servant' constantly defeated and yet always raised up again by the Lord. The Exodus is the story of new life, of death-resurrection. The Psalms speak of the stone rejected by the builders becoming the corner stone, and of one who is beaten down becoming vindicated. These and many stories of God bringing life out of death show common patterns. God so often in the past had done the impossible, restoring people who were either dead or as good as. Such deeds were characteristic of God throughout the whole of the Hebrew Scriptures and these two 'foolish' disciples hadn't understood the message of their Scriptures. They listened now, trying to take it all in, trying to understand.

They wanted more, inviting Jesus to stay with them and share a meal. They recognised him at 'the breaking of the bread.' Their hearts had burned within them as Jesus shared the Scriptures and they then hurried back to Jerusalem to tell their story.

Many of us who regularly celebrate Eucharist are feeling tremendous loss at not being able to meet Jesus in the 'breaking of the bread'. We miss coming to Mass, listening to God's word, being fed by these words and being fed by Jesus in Communion. Maybe it can be a time for us at home to pay more attention to being fed by the 'Word' of God.

We still struggle to give equal emphasis to the 'Word of God', the Liturgy of the Word, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Prior to Vatican II, we could arrive at Mass before the Offertory and were credited as being at Mass. It kind of gave the impression that the 'Scriptures' "God's Word" wasn't all that important. But it is! God is present in his Word! Until we can be together again at Mass, get your Bibles out and read God's Word. We are trying to 'Live Stream' Mass from Star of the Sea this Sunday. Hopefully it works, and hopefully you will join us. It will be available from our new Facebook page.

God bless,

**Fr Ashley Warbrooke - Parish Priest**

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## **PARISH NEWS**



**STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC PARISH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK:**

Look for us on Facebook. We will be **live streaming this Sunday Mass at 8.30am**

Follow the link to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.staroftheseachurch.org/>



### **ANZAC DAY MASS:**

Will be live-streamed from the Cathedral this **Saturday 25 April at 11.30am**. This mass will be viewable at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

### **SUNDAY MASS FROM ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL LIVE:**

To watch Mass online, follow these steps:

1. Open your Internet Browser (Google Chrome, Internet Explorer, Safari, Firefox)
2. Go to the website: [www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast](http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast)
3. Click on the play button on the video.

**Sundays at 8am and 10am and Weekdays at 8am.**

Other prayer resources are also available from this link.

At times when Mass is not being live-streamed, you can watch archived Masses at [www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw)  
[www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast](http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast)

### **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION IN A TIME OF CORONAVIRUS** by Fr. Dantus Thottathil

This will be a Lent we all remember, I am sure. In the midst of the growing spread of COVID-19, all the Masses have been suspended in our Archdiocese. For many of us, Sunday Mass is a staple of our week and our spiritual life. This is an opportunity and a challenge to us to live Sunday as something different, as something holy. When it is not possible for us to participate at Mass, how can we still keep holy the Lord's Day?

The Catholic Church encourages the faithful to make frequent, even daily, Communion. But when we cannot make it, however, **we can still make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in His Presence in the Eucharist, and we ask Him to unite Himself with us.** The basic elements of an Act of Spiritual Communion are an Act of Faith; an Act of Love; a desire to receive Christ; and an invitation to Him to come into our heart. The most common occasion for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when we cannot fulfil our obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation, whether because of illness or bad weather, or some other reason outside of our control. It is also good to make an Act of Spiritual Communion when we can attend Mass, but not able to receive sacramental Communion.

#### **How to make an Act of Spiritual Communion?**

1. Make the sign of the Cross
2. If possible, read the Mass Readings
3. Recite the Prayer of Spiritual Communion

You can also make an Act of Spiritual Communion at the time of Communion while watching Mass on TV or online.

#### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

# FAMILY PRAYER

## WEEK BY WEEK

FOR FAMILY WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

### Third Sunday of Easter - Year A

26 April 2020

**“They recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread.”**

#### **Something to Think About**

The disciples in today's story don't recognise Jesus at first - even when he is walking beside them. We need to recognise Jesus in all people in our daily activities, in our family, friends, and even those people we don't know very well. Let's give a joyful welcome to those we meet each day!

#### **The Scriptures**

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:14-16, 28-31**

As two of Jesus' disciples were talking and thinking about what had happened, Jesus came near and started walking along beside them.

But they did not know who he was.

When the two of them came near the village where they were going, Jesus seemed to be going farther. They begged him, "Stay with us! It's already late, and the sun is going down."

So Jesus went into the house to stay with them.

After Jesus sat down to eat, he took some bread.

He blessed it and broke it. Then he gave it to them.

At once they knew who he was, but he disappeared.

**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### **The Story**

This is a post-resurrection story from Luke's gospel. The disciples are disillusioned and disappointed because Jesus died on a cross, was buried in a tomb, and now his body is missing and they have been told 'he is risen from the dead'. Into this gloom walks Jesus, who walks with the two disciples along the road to Emmaus but the disciples do not recognise him.

#### **Family Discussion**

How do you think the two disciples felt as they left Jerusalem? Why do you think they did not recognise Jesus? When they realised they had been speaking with Jesus, what did they do?

Jesus shows us how to welcome the stranger – those who are different, those we do not like as much as some others. We need to recognise Jesus in all people in our daily lives. How do we welcome those who are on the outside of our group?

#### **Video**

Click to watch the video:

[Jesus Appears on the Road to Emmaus](#)

**SHALOM TV – AVAILABLE ONLINE:** Shalom World, through the Grace of God, been able to launch a new channel - **DAILY MASS LIVE TV**. This is a dedicated 24-hour channel to broadcast LIVE Holy Mass and Holy Week Services from dioceses all around the world. The channel is available on the website: [shalomworld.org/dailymass](http://shalomworld.org/dailymass)

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER ONLINE:** In these unprecedented times, The Catholic Leader has decided to share our news for free. We are making our digital newspaper free at our website: [www.catholicleader.com.au](http://www.catholicleader.com.au)

**PARISHIONERS IN NEED:** We are reaching out to any parishioners who need assistance in this time of need. Please advise our parish office if you require any assistance with essentials. Our Parish telephone number is (07) 3821 4902.

**OFFERINGS:** If your method of contribution is by cash donations to the parish, and you wish to continue your contributions during this difficult time. You could make your donations directly to the Parish Bank Account:

**Archdiocesan Development Fund  
BSB 064786 A/C 310130102**

Please indicate your envelope number if you are enrolled in the planned giving or just use the reference “Giving” if you don’t have an envelope number. You could also contact the Parish Office if you wish to set up a Direct Debit. Email: [cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au) or Ph 3821 4902.

**Pope shares his vision for COVID-19 aftermath** *By Gerard O’Connell, America Magazine (extract)*

The Pope shared his plan in an exclusive meditation for *Vida Nueva*, the Spanish religious weekly, in which he reflects on the coronavirus pandemic in the light of the resurrection of Jesus.

“A plan for rising up again” is the title he chose for the reflection. In it he does not conceal his concern over the crisis caused by a pandemic that has infected more than two million people, caused the deaths of over 140,000 and wreaked havoc on the world’s economy.

Pope Francis describes the present moment as a “propitious time” to be open to the Spirit, who can “inspire us with a new imagination of what is possible”. He recalls that the Spirit does not allow itself “to be closed in or manipulated by fixed or outmoded methods or decadent structures” but rather moves us to “make new things”.

At this moment in history, Francis says, “We have recognised the importance of joining the entire human family in the search for a sustainable and integral development.” We have also understood that “for better or worse all our actions affect others because everything is connected in our common home, and if the health authorities order that we remain confined in our home, it is the people who make this possible, aware of their co-responsibility in stopping the pandemic.”

He insists that “an emergency like COVID-19 is overcome in the first place by the antibodies of solidarity.” This lesson “breaks all the fatalism in which we have immersed ourselves and allows us to return to be the architects and protagonists of a common history,” he says, and it enables us “to respond together to the many evils that are affecting so many of our brothers and sisters across the globe.”

**RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 26 April 2020**

**Resp. Psalm :**

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

**Alleluia!**

**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

**26 April 2020**

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14, 22-33

**Resp. Psalm:** Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

**Second Reading:** 1 Pt 1:17-21

**Gospel:** Lk 24:13-35

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**3 May 2020**

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14. 36-41

**Resp. Psalm:** Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

**Second Reading:** 1 Pt 2:20-25

**Gospel:** Jn 10:1-10

**PRAYERS**

**ANNIVERSARY** We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. Especially Debra Emily Drake.

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

**HEALING** We pray for those who seek healing in their lives. Especially for those affected by the spread of the coronavirus.