



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.

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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Star News 27 February 2022

Dear friends,

Jesus draws our attention to practical points of Christian living and challenges us to use our words as He used his in his preaching and healing ministry — to heal, to restore, and to bring back life, joy, and hope. Today's readings also instruct us to share our Christian life, love, and spiritual health by our words, and to avoid gossiping

about and passing rash, thoughtless, pain-inflicting judgments on others, thus damaging their good reputation and causing them irreparable harm.

The first reading of this Sunday, taken from the **Book of Sirach**, teaches that what is inside us is revealed through our conversation- as the grain and husks are separated in a farmer's sieve, as the quality of the shaped clay is revealed in the potter's fire and as the size and quality of a tree's fruit reveal the care it has received from the planter. Sirach's teaching serves as an excellent preview for today's Gospel, which reminds us, when we are feeling judgmental, to think before we speak because what comes out of our mouth reveals our heart.

St. Paul advises the Corinthian Christians "to be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain," instead of wasting time on useless and sinful conversations, which bring punishment instead of the victory of resurrection and eternal reward.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus condemns our careless, malicious and rash judgments about the behaviour, feelings, motives, or actions of others by using the funny examples of one blind man leading another blind man and one man with a log stuck in his eye, trying to remove a tiny speck from another's eye.

We should avoid judging others because no one except God is good enough to judge others because only God sees the whole truth, and only He can read the human heart. Hence, we should leave all judgment to God, practice mercy and forgiveness, and pray for God's grace to get rid of all forms of hypocrisy in our lives.

The 2nd March is a day of obligation as we celebrate the Ash Wednesday. Pope Francis invites us to make this Ash Wednesday as a Day of Prayer and Fasting for peace.

On Ash Wednesday there will be two Masses in Star of the Sea- 9.15 am (will be live streamed) and 7pm (with Ecumenical Communities). Once again, we are reaching to a Lenten Season. The word "Lent" comes from an old English word, which means "springtime" so it reminds us of spring-cleaning and the new life in nature during spring. This season of Lent is a time of special grace for us in which we want to do some spring-cleaning in our lives and enjoy new life as a result. We want to clean up our lives during Lent. We want to leave sin behind and grow closer to the Lord. We want a change of heart this Lent. Therefore, dear friends, let us urge for the change of heart. Wishing you all a blessed and fruitful Lent.

Fr Rony Chacko - Parish Priest

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY: *Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

Reconciliation

4.45pm - 5.15pm

Mass 5.30pm

SUNDAY

Mass 7.00am

Mass 8.30am

(Live-stream Mass

available from our

FACEBOOK PAGE:

<https://fb.me/StaroftheSea>

[Cleveland](#)

And YouTube not live)

Mass 11.00am

St Paul of the Cross,

Dunwich

1st and 3rd Sun of month

(Liturgy of the Word with

Communion – every other

Sunday at 9am)

TUESDAY

Redlands Hospital

1st Tuesday

Mass 9.00am

Matter Hospital

2nd & 4th Tuesday

Mass 9.00am

WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Mass

Star of the Sea

9.15am and 7.00pm

Cleveland Gardens

1st Wednesday

Mass 2.30pm

Moreton Shores

2nd Wednesday

Mass 11.00am

THURSDAY

Star of the Sea

Mass 9.15am

Redland Residential

2nd Thursday

Mass 10.30am

FRIDAY

Star of the Sea

Rosary 8.30am

Mass 9.00am

(this Friday only)

Aveo Cleveland

1st Friday

Mass 10.30am



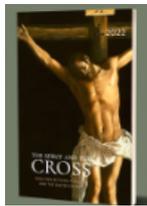
ASH WEDNESDAY MASS:

will be celebrated on the 2nd March

at 9.15am – morning Mass will be livestreamed,

and an Ecumenical service at 7pm at Star of the Sea Church.

All welcome.



LENTEN PROGRAM

Weekly reflection commencing Monday 7 March at 6pm in the Parish hall.

This group will be using the Archdiocesan Lenten Program titled 'The Spirit and the Cross'

If you would like to be part of this Lenten Group, please ring Tony Moore on 0427 581 467. Cost of the book \$5 (limited copies available).



World Day of Prayer

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ECUMENICAL WORLD DAY OF

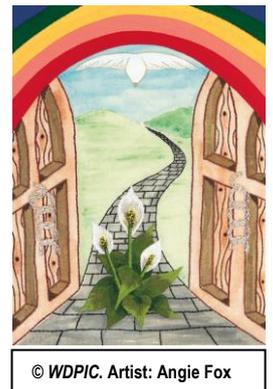
PRAYER 2022: will be celebrated

this Friday 4th March 2022 at

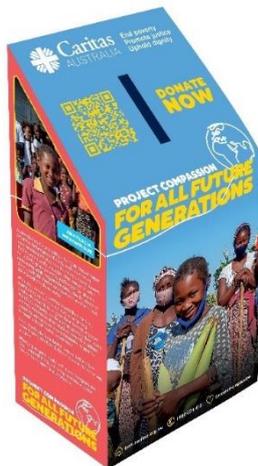
10am, our Parish Community will

have the honour to host this event at Star of the Sea church. Everyone is welcome to attend. This year's Theme was prepared by the people of England, Wales and Northern Ireland: "I know the plans I have for you". The theme is God's promise to his people in exile in Babylon, found in the book of Jeremiah 29:11. If you would like to join the organising committee, please contact Pauline Hall. Mob 0412 038 467 pshall3860@gmail.com for more information.

(Please note Rosary will be at 8.30am and Mass at 9am on Friday 4th March, so we can start the World Day of Prayer at 10am).



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Project Compassion Sunday 26 & 27 February

Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

As St Pope John Paul II said,
"The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.





On September 26, 2021 Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge publicly endorsed **The Uluru Statement From the Heart** – a historic commitment by the Catholic Church to back indigenous leaders from across Australia demanding a constitutional voice. The Parish RAP Working Group will provide info on *The Journey to Deliver Real Change*. To find out more go to the Parish web site, look under Reconciliation Action Plan or go to The Uluru Statement from the Heart web site.

The Uluru Statement from The Heart (Uluru Statement) represents a historic consensus of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in seeking constitutional change to enable a Voice to Parliament in the Constitution. The Journey started 85 years ago in 1937.

1937: The journey towards the Uluru Statement has been long and challenging. In 1937, Yorta Yorta elder William Cooper petitioned King George VI calling for representation in parliament. The Yirrkala Bark Petitions (1963), the Larrakia Petition (1972) and the Barunga Statement (1988) are just some examples of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's efforts to find a fair place in the Australian nation. Australia is the only country in the world yet to formally recognise its Indigenous people in the form of a treaty or constitutional recognition, unlike our key allies such as Canada and New Zealand.



APPEAL

My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

Franciscus



SYNOD OF BISHOPS – EXTENSION:

The local consultation period for the international

Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal **until Sunday, March 13**. Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? Find out more and share your contribution at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL:

We believe in the sanctity of life from the moment of conception. That's why 40 Days for Life has been praying to end abortion through Lent for the past 14 years here in Brisbane. **This year we start on Ash Wednesday 2 March through until Palm Sunday 10 April.** We will continue our physical prayer vigil at **20 Abbotsford Rd Bowen Hills** as well as having an online prayer vigil for those unable to make it in person. For more details email us on 40daysbrisbane@gmail.com, visit our website 40df1.net or leave a message at 07 3149 3289

LED BY THE SPIRIT

A Lenten Letter to the People of God in the Archdiocese of Brisbane (Extract)

Dear sisters and brothers,

“Grace be with you who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an incorruptible love” (Eph 6:24)

The Gospels tell us that Jesus is led by the Spirit into the desert where he fasts for forty days (Matt 4:1-2; Luke 4:1-2). The same Spirit now leads the Church into the forty days of Lent as we prepare for Easter when the desert becomes a garden as “death is swallowed up in victory” (1 Cor 15:54). The Spirit can take us to some strange places, even to places we would rather not go (cf John 21:18), but always for the sake of love’s transformation.

In 2016 the same Spirit led the Church in Australia to begin a journey to a new place. This was when the Bishops Conference, after years of uncertainty, decided for a Plenary Council in order to chart a course into the future. The Council was to have not one but two assemblies, taking its cue from the two Synods on marriage and the family convened by Pope Francis in 2014-2015.

This is no time for turning inwards and looking just to our own institutional interests. It is no time to be a judgmental Church which never notices the plank in our own eye but makes a fuss about the splinter in the eyes of others (cf Luke 6:42). We need instead to be a humble and compassionate Church that looks outwards, asking how we might be more like Jesus who “came not to be served but to serve” (Mark 10:45). That will require a practical, evangelical imagination which takes to heart the words of St Mary MacKillop: “Never see a need without doing something about it”. This is the kind of Church to which both the Plenary Council and the global Synod are looking. This is what the Spirit is now saying to the Church (cf Rev 3:13), speaking to all of us in these desert days of Lent.

+ Mark Coleridge - Ash Wednesday 2022



PARISH APP: You can also give your donation via

<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>
We thank you for your kind support.

PRAYERS

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

HEALING We pray for those who seek healing in their lives, especially **Margaret Simpson**, and every person affected by the spread of the coronavirus.

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

Ministry – 6 March 2022 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min - Host
5.30pm	Tony Moore	John Mott Pauline Delaney	Theresa Thompson
7.00 am	Dennis Kennedy	Emil Hayes David Smith	Dennis Kennedy
8.30 am	Jocelyn Lebumfacil	Annette Nicholls Carmel Stone	Carmen Scandar

NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS & CLEANERS

Counters

Team 4

Cleaners

Team 5