

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 28 February 2021 - Year B
2nd Sunday of Lent

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.

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Ashley Warbrooke
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Weekend Masses: Sat 5.30pm and Sun 7am and 8.30am

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE FROM OUR WEBSITE:

<http://www.staroftheseachurch.org/> (attendance by booking only)

Reconciliation: Sat 4.45pm

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Finance: Gabrielle Linning (Thursday)

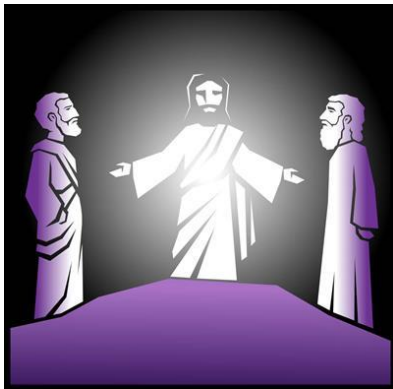
Holy Cross Funerals
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Dear Friends,

God acts in mysterious ways in many places in the Old Testament but the story of Abraham being asked to sacrifice his son, Isaac, renders God's ways almost completely incomprehensible. For this Sunday we have an abridged version of the story which omits many of the details that occur in the full text from Genesis. At the Easter Vigil each year we always read this dramatic story in full and this story of God asking Abraham to sacrifice his son, is one of only five Old Testament stories that are read more than once during the year.

The first sentence of our reading clearly announces the purpose for what God asks of Abraham: to put Abraham to the test. God has spoken to Abraham many times, usually words of encouragement and promise, but this demand to "offer up your son Isaac to me in sacrifice" is something most bewildering. Abraham has been told by God that he is to be the father of many nations and this was to take place through this son of Sarah and Abraham. God seems to be telling Abraham now to cut the link between himself and his promised future. God's messenger, seeing Abraham's willingness to obey, calls on him to spare the boy. Instead of Isaac, Abraham offers God a ram that was nearby for sacrifice.

There are several levels of significance in this disturbing story. Sacrificing a child to a local divinity was not unusual for the Canaanites among whom the Israelites lived and it seems clear that some Israelites, who had slipped into idolatry, also engaged in this practice. God is telling his people that human sacrifice is not an acceptable religious practice for those who worshipped the one true God.

More importantly, the story was meant to offer a stunning example of Abraham's trust in God. It's important for us reading this story in 2021, to realize that the main point of the story is not what Abraham must have thought about sacrificing his son, but what Abraham must have thought about God. He knew what God had promised him and he knew the part that Isaac was to play in the fulfillment of that promise. Yet against every human sentiment, against a seemingly irrational demand on God's part, Abraham trusted in God. If God is incomprehensible, Abraham's steadfast faith and trust stands out more boldly.

MASS TIMES

THURSDAY 9.15am
Star of the Sea

FRIDAY 9.15am
Star of the Sea

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

<https://fb.me/StaroftheSeaCleveland>

available also from
YouTube after the
Mass has finished
(not live):

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIF45MwAUgNh1P1ALe7NIAw>

SUN 11am
St Paul of the Cross,
Dunwich
1st & 3rd Sun of
month

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

CHRISTIAN
MEDITATION:
Summer time 4.30pm
every Wednesday



Let us now put the sacrifice of Isaac in our First Reading side by side with our Second Reading from Romans which speaks of how God "did not spare his own Son." In Jesus' death, God is not the one to demand the sacrifice but the one to make the sacrifice. In the Jesus story, God is more like Abraham than like God in the Isaac story. So what made God believe in us? God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

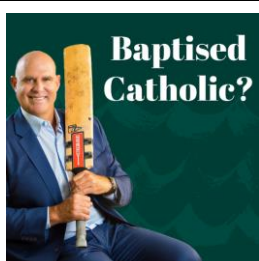
As we still struggle to understand God's incomprehensible ways, in what he asked of Abraham, how hard it is to truly understand that God's love for us, sinners though we are, is so great that he willingly gave his Son Jesus to live and to die for us. God's love for each of each one of us is beyond our understanding but each time we look at the beautiful cross in Star of the Sea Church we face the reality of God's love.

The Star of the Sea Sacramental Program began on Wednesday with a meeting of parents whose children are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The children will be enrolled in their preparation at all the Masses this weekend. Keep these children and their families in your prayers as they come to experience the love of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

God bless,

Fr Ashley Warbrooke - Parish Priest

PARISH NEWS



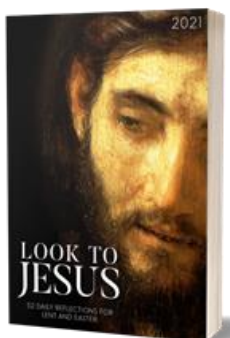
In an advertising campaign in February and March featuring international cricketer, Matthew Hayden, the Archdiocese of Brisbane is inviting all baptised Catholics to reflect upon what it means to be baptised Catholic with.

We're looking for your help to:

- Pray for the opening of hearts
- Accompany those who are seeking
- Welcome new faces

There will also be fliers in our parish that you can give to family, friends, or colleagues who might be interested. To sign up to be an accompanier or join the prayer, or to find out more, go to:

www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic.



LENTEN PROGRAM 2021:

Ash Wednesday is upon us and we prepare for Easter.

The Brisbane Archdiocese has prepared a Lenten Program for individuals to use. This program can be converted into a group session.

On Monday evening beginning the 22nd of February a group Lenten Program will be run in the Parish Hall. There are 6 sessions through to the Easter Week.

The session will begin at **7:00 PM** and run for about two hours. Parishioners can attend one session or all six sessions. It is up to the individual.

Anyone interested in attending can **contact the Office** or ring **Tony Moore on 0427581467**.



Dear Friends,

Unfortunately, our lovely Youth Leader Ella has moved on. But fortunately, your lovely Resident Seminarian, Isaac, has taken up the roll as Youth Leader. So, **GET EXCITED, WE'RE BACK!!**

For this to happen I will need your help. I am looking for some more volunteers to help me throughout the year. I am looking for two youth leaders (yrs 9-12) to help lead and plan events and 1 person

to be trained up to take over this role next year when I leave. No prior experience is necessary.

This year Connected Youth will run twice a month on a Saturday night after Mass. These events will be aimed at years 4-9. It will be a blend of fun, games, and a deep encounter with God. Furthermore, once, or twice a term there will be a combined youth group between the surrounding parishes. The first two events will be on 13th and 27th March. More information will be available shortly.

For more information or to express interest in a leadership role email isaacfalzon@gmail.com. See you there!



Footy season is almost here!
That means it's footy tipping time.
Entry fee is \$10 all money collected will go to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and last place.
That means the more that enter the more the prize money.
If you are interested in joining the Star of the Sea footy tipping competition please email Isaac at isaacfalzon@gmail.com



Second Sunday of Lent 28 February 2021



Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes.



ECUMENICAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021 – PRAY FOR VANUATU: THIS COMING FRIDAY 5th March at 10am.

It will be celebrated at **St Paul's Anglican Church**, 4 Cross St Cleveland QLD.
This year's Theme is **"Build on a Strong Foundation"**.

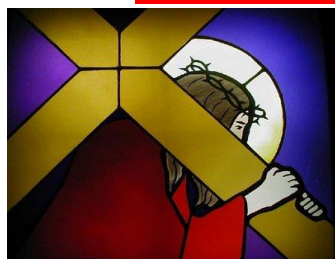
A cash collection during the service will support a Trauma Healing Project in the Pacific Islands. **PLEASE REGISTER (for Covid-19 protocol) - Ph 3821 2443**

CANCER COUNCIL CENT AUCTION: Saturday 6 March 2021 at Star of the Sea Church Hall. Doors open 12.45pm, Afternoon Tea 1.15pm & Auction Starts 1.45pm. **Admission: \$10 pp** (includes 1 free sheet of tickets & afternoon tea). Extra sheets of tickets at \$1. **RSVP to Marion 32075461 or dmbesgrove@hotmail.com**



"Vocation Brisbane runs a women's and men's discernment group for anyone aged 18-35 who are considering their Vocation. Throughout the year, the group journeys to deepen their understanding of themselves on a spiritual and human level through prayer, discussions, hearing talks, physical activities, hiking, retreats, social evenings". – **Cosme Cham, Vocations Officer.** Ph 07 3324 3348
Email chamc@bne.catholic.net.au W: vocationbrisbane.com.au **Cleveland contact: Isaac Falzon.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:



**After the 9.15am Mass
Every Friday of Lent
in the Church.**

A MORNING'S PRAYER

March 13, 2021
9 AM - 12 PM
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre



A MORNING'S PRAYER:

Are you in need of a retreat but don't have the time? Could you spare 3 hours?

Evangelisation Brisbane is launching a new series of mini retreats - 'A Morning's Prayer' - to facilitate a profound engagement with God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – who loves us and desires to walk with us in our lives as they are. Throughout 2021 there will be 6 opportunities at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre to unpack just this.

Each morning will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing, and aim to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life.

The first will be held on **Saturday 13 March from 9am-12pm for \$15 (includes morning tea)** and will have a Lenten theme. Spaces are limited, so **RSVP by 7 March** at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/PrayermorningSTSC1>

RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 28 February 2021

Resp. Psalm:

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

7 March 2021

First Reading: Ex 20:1-17

Resp. Psalm: Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:22-25

Gospel: Jn 2:13-25

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. Especially Michael Leatherwood and Desmond Miscamble.

ANNIVERSARY We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. Especially for Marjorie Buckler and Matthew Farrell.

Ministry - 7 March 2021

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min - Host	Register
5.30pm		Gemma Tapson Pauline Hall	Lesley Tapson	Keith Fernandes
7.00 am		Sherry Sawarde Emil Hayes	Margaret Simpson	Dennis Kennedy
8.30 am		Helen Hunter Lee Brand	Peter Hunter	Annette Nicholls

NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS & CLEANERS

Counters

Team 6

Cleaners

Team 1