

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 30 August 2020 - Year A
22nd 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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<http://www.staroftheseachurch.org/> (attendance by booking only)
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Dear Friends,

Jeremiah was a young man, possibly in his late teens, when he was called to be a prophet, God's spokesman. The kingdom of Judah was headed for ruin, a ruin that was finally brought about by the destruction of Jerusalem and the deportation into exile in Babylon of most of the Israelite leaders in 587 BC. Jeremiah was a most unpopular 'prophet of doom.'

The Book of Jeremiah contains five passages which are referred to as the 'confessions' of Jeremiah, in which he voices his hurt, frustration and disappointment with the mission he has received and

with God who is the source of his mission. These are intimate, sometimes heartrending conversations or prayerful arguments with God in which Jeremiah addressed God with questions like: Why do the wicked prosper? Why do I suffer for speaking God's word to the people? Why are the admonitions I speak not heeded? Why do my enemies continue to plot against me? Our reading for this Sunday gives a small portion from the beginning of the fifth of these confessions. Jeremiah says that he feels that he has been deceived by God who has forced him into an impossible situation. Nobody listens to him. He is a source of division among the people. The only words he can say are words that speak of the violence and destruction that his people will face. He is considered a traitor for speaking like this but he can't keep silence. When he tries not to proclaim God's Word, God's message becomes like a burning fire within him and he can't hold it in.

Jeremiah seems to have expected that his message from God would be listened to, but instead of getting attention and response all he gets is rejection and reproach. He feels that God has tricked him into a mission he would never have chosen for himself, yet he is unable to walk away from it. He feels no joy in his prophetic mission, yet he can't stop preaching.

Jeremiah wasn't the only one who found God's service didn't bring the expected rewards. We today, tend to expect that doing God's will will bring us happiness and contentment here and now. We have discovered, no doubt, that things don't generally work that way.

In today's Gospel the direction Jesus' mission is going is not how Peter would see it going.

MASS TIMES

THURSDAY 9.15am
Star of the Sea
(No booking required)

Sunday 8.30am
Live-stream
Mass available
from our new
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.
1st & 3rd Sun of
month
(Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sunday at 9am)



Jesus has just told his disciples that He is going to Jerusalem where He will suffer and die at the hands of the Jewish religious leaders. Peter will have none of it. "Heaven preserve you Lord, this must not happen to you." Jesus turns to Peter with the harsh rebuke, "Get behind me Satan... because the way you think is not God's way but man's." Jesus then goes on to tell all his disciples that following him requires self-sacrifice, even to the point of giving up one's life. Serving the Lord is not a source of immediate joy and fulfilment. Why is serving the Lord often so difficult? If we seek God or the Church or faith only because we're seeking self-satisfaction or because we need an emotional crutch, or because we want a solution to all our problems, we're going to be sadly disappointed. This kind of faith may, for a time, provide some degree of fulfilment but the time will come when we must shoulder the cross and give ourselves. At times, like Jeremiah, we may wonder where God is and our prayer feels empty.

Ordinary Christian living is never easy. Being loving and forgiving is a daily challenge and does involve dying to ourselves. Living and sticking up for our Christian values and being loyal to the values of Jesus in areas like abortion, euthanasia, the value of suffering and the standards of morality other than the principle that "I am number one" usually subject us to ridicule and rejection.

As disciples of Jesus when crosses come our way, in the many and varied forms they do, we pray for the grace to accept them. May we be confident that Jesus will always help us carry them when they come our way.

God bless,

Fr Ashley Warbrooke - Parish Priest

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PARISH NEWS



SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 August. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: **To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today**. The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Some copies of the Statement are available from the front door. You can also download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

WEEKEND MASSES - ATTENDANCE BY BOOKING ONLY. Mass is currently restricted to 100 people attending, including the priest and parishioners with a role for the livestreaming Mass, **YOU CAN NOW REGISTER ONLINE for the Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 7am and 8.30am (50 people limit for the 7am to allow time for cleaning), THE LINK IS AVAILABLE FROM OUR WEBSITE:** <http://www.staroftheseachurch.org/> Please follow the instructions from our marshal.

WEEKDAY MASS: Every Thursday at 9.15am. There is no need to book for weekday mass, as the numbers of attendees are lower than 100.

STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC PARISH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK:

We will be live streaming Mass from the Star of the Sea Church, this Sunday at 8.30 am. Following is the link for our NEW Facebook page where the Masses will be streamed. Please "Like" the page to receive future notices:

<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>



FAMILY PRAYER

WEEK BY WEEK

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - 30 August 2020

"All who wish to follow me must deny themselves." © Liturgy Brisbane

Something to Think About Being a disciple of Jesus is not always easy. Jesus often reminded his friends that the way of discipleship is the way of the cross. However, experiencing difficult times helps us to grow and learn. Can you think of a time when you had to do something difficult, or make a difficult decision? How did this help you to grow as a person? Although it's not always easy to follow Jesus, we need to keep trying!

The Scriptures: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:21-25

Jesus said, "I must go to Jerusalem. There the nation's leaders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law of Moses will make me suffer terribly. I will be killed, but three days later I will rise to life."

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross and follow me. If you want to save your life, you will destroy it. But if you give up your life for me, you will find it." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Story In this week's gospel story, Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to suffer, die and rise again. Peter (as usual) does not fully comprehend what Jesus is saying. How often does Peter miss the point! More than this, Peter protests strongly and dares to try to tell Jesus that this should not happen!

Family Discussion: Talk about times when it is easy to follow Jesus, maybe times when you are with your family and friends doing what you like to do. Now talk about those times when it is hard to be a follower of Jesus, times when doing the right thing can be difficult e.g., it is lunchtime at school and you are playing a game with your friends. You see someone sitting on their own, watching the game. What do you do? Do you keep playing with your friends and ignore the person on their own? Or do you go over to the person and invite them to join in the game? What if you know your friends will then walk away? Talk together about how this is what Jesus meant when he said to the disciples, and to us, "You must take up your cross and follow me."

Video Click to watch the video. **Choose Jesus**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GeKzAq6v2W8&feature=youtu.be>

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Winter time 4pm every Wednesday in the church. All welcome.

"God speaks in the silence of the heart" – Mother Teresa.

What's on in Term 3 @



CHILL OUT AFTER SCHOOL @3pm-4.30pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

5th AUGUST, 19th AUGUST, 2nd SEPTEMBER

In Year 4-6 at Star of the Seal? Yyyyyyyyyyyyyy!

Join us at our Chill Out Zone! Play some foosball, board games, watch a movie and just chill!

1st AND 29th AUGUST – CONNECTED YOUTH NIGHT @6.30PM

Have some fun with your mates on a Sat-day evening! Games, fun, food, friendships, laughs and more! Tell all your friends! (Open for students from Years 4-7)

15th AUGUST – BOWLING @6.15PM

Join us for some bowling fun! Bring your friends along too! PRICE: \$20 We meet at Zone Bowling, Capalaba @6.15pm. Pick up @8.30pm. Rego before 12th August. (Open for students from Years 4-7)

REGO ESSENTIAL! Call or message Ella on 0499 024 309



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 30 August 2020

Resp. Psalm :

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called. *Alleluia!*

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

30 August 2020

First Reading: Jer 20:7-9

Resp. Psalm: Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

Second Reading: Rom 12:1-2

Gospel: Mt 16:21-27

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

6 September 2020

First Reading: Ez 33:7-9

Resp. Psalm: Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

Second Reading: Rom 13:8-10

Gospel: Mt 18:15-20

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AT ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL: COVID restrictions are preventing the celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, held each year at the Cathedral of St Stephen, in the usual way. However, on **Saturday 26th September at the 11.30am Mass**, Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass for the special intentions of all couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage. Attendance of Mass at the Cathedral is restricted to 132, if however, any couple celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary are in good health and wish to attend the Mass in person, please contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or register on-line via the Cathedral website:

<https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass--reconciliation-times.html>

The Mass will be live-streamed via the Cathedral website for those who are unable to attend in person.

COVID-19 UPDATE - new restrictions in place: As you might be aware, the Queensland Government introduced new restrictions from Saturday 22nd August, in response to the new coronavirus cases linked to the recent case at the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre. The Chief Medical Officer has expressed confidence in organisations with COVID Safe plans and **at this stage parishes following the Industry Plan for Places of Worship can continue to hold acts of worship with no additional operating restrictions, but to limit non-essential activities to 10 people. PARISH GUIDELINES:**

- Masses and acts of worship are not affected and will continue under current the current COVID Plan for Places of Worship.
- Weddings and Funerals remain at 100 people.
- Non-essential gatherings (such as social activities, etc) are restricted to a maximum of 10 people.

We are blessed that we can continue to worship together and we ask all parishioners, volunteers, staff and visitors to keep the good work in protecting each other.

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 Gustavo Montenegro, Adrian Montenegro and every person affected by the spread of the coronavirus.

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

**NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS &
CLEANERS (30-08-20)**

Counters

Team 4

Cleaners

Team 5