

**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 31 January 2021 - Year B**  
**4<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Ashley Warbrooke  
**Presbytery:** 3821 1953  
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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)  
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Dear friends,  
'Break Open the Word' is a Liturgy resource produced by Liturgy Brisbane whose aim is to help Readers for Sunday Mass be well prepared for their reading. It includes the full text of the readings with a pronunciation guide for unusual words and names, plus a commentary on each reading. It has proved to be very helpful for readers around Australia and overseas. All Readers at Star of the sea are encouraged to use 'Break Open the Word'.

The Readings we hear on Sunday are not always easy

to understand, some are quite complex and in order to read them with meaning it is important to understand them.

Hence the importance of preparation. Often, the Second Reading on Sunday is from the Letters of St Paul, many of which are inspirational, rich in meaning, filled with beautiful expressions of the love of God. Occasionally, like today's Reading, we almost cringe as we listen to a message that seems inappropriate for our age.

Break Open the Word's comment on today's Reading says: "Some readers may feel uncomfortable proclaiming today's passage from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. He plainly argues that marriage is a distraction from devotion to the Lord. Husbands and wives must put energy into pleasing one another rather than giving 'undivided attention to the Lord'. The unmarried, on the other hand, only have to worry about being holy in body and spirit.' Such teaching goes against the Church's contemporary understanding of marriage as the primary matrix for us to live out our discipleship of Jesus. Paul's advice must be interpreted in the light of his conviction that the end times were at hand." (Break Open the Word 2021).

We know how highly Jesus himself regarded marriage and he used marriage to explain the intimate relationship between Him and the Church.

**MASS TIMES****THURSDAY 9.15am**

Star of the Sea

**FRIDAY 9.15AM**

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**Sunday 8.30am****Live-stream****Mass available****from our****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**

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



At the time of Paul's writing of this Letter, Christians and Paul himself, were expecting the second coming of Christ at any moment. The time was very near. It was in this light that Paul wrote that virginity was a nobler calling than marriage. He wasn't contradicting a person's freedom to marry and he wrote that he had no desire to impose a restraint upon married people or those planning to marry but as the end was near, his advice was to put God and the relationship with God before everything else.

The question is asked whether Paul's advice would be true for times when there was no evidence of Jesus' second coming? We, of course, can only speculate, but his belief that the time was near clearly influences his expression in today's extract.

It doesn't seem right, however, to suggest that today, a spouseless and childless life is free of worry. I and many single people can testify to that, just as celibacy and virginity are no guarantee of wholehearted devotion to the Lord. According to reports, there is no great evidence that all husbands are overwhelmingly concerned with pleasing their wives or wives their husbands. We know very well that among married people we find some of the holiest people and among the clergy and religious some of the most ordinary. The most important goal for everyone, in all times and in all circumstances, is, in Paul's words, that we be devoted to God.

Paul has been condemned in some quarters as being antimarriage and antiwomen, but it is important to understand why he says what he says. He was a man of his time and some of his writings jar on the modern ear but we need to get behind his words to his motivation which today is that nothing in life is more important than our relationship with God. Whether we be married, single or celibate we are all called to grow in our relationship with God. We are all called to be holy, no more in the monastery or the presbytery than in the home. Our journey to God, for all of us, began in the home, for you and me and Paul.

God bless

**Father Ashley Warbrooke**  
**Parish Priest**

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## **PARISH NEWS**



Ash Wednesday is the first day in the Christian Season of **Lent**, and begins about 40 days before Easter. The 40 days of Lent represent Jesus' time in the desert and the 40 years the Israelites spent in exile. In the Bible the number 40 is symbolic.

The ashes are traditionally the burnt palms from last year's Palm Sunday, and worn by Catholics and other Christians as a sign of repentance, humility and renouncing pride, which is why when the ashes are distributed it is proclaimed: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" or "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return".

Ash Wednesday is the day when many Christians focus their attention on three practices: fasting, praying and almsgiving.

Why we fast? Depriving ourselves of basic necessity reminds us of our utter dependence on God.

Why we give? What we are given by God is meant not just for us, but for us to share with others.

Why we pray? We are not totally self-sufficient. We have a need inside that cannot be filled by us or others. We have a holy longing and must look to God.

**Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated on the 17 February at 9.15am at 7pm.**

All welcome at Star of the Sea Church.

Dear Friends,

It was great to meet you all last weekend. You certainly live up to your parish mission statement as being “a welcoming community dedicated to sharing the light of Christ.” I felt very welcomed by you all either in person or online. Furthermore, your bright and friendly nature definitely showed me that “the light of Christ [and] spirit of faith” dwell within you.

A little bit about me: I grew up in a devout Catholic family at The Gap. I went to school at Marist Ashgrove. I left school in grade 10 and completed an apprenticeship in cabinet making. During my apprenticeship, I started working at the Gabba on my weekends to earn extra money. After my first shift, I thought it was the easiest money I ever made so I continued to do hospitality for the next 4 years. After I finished with hospitality, I also did sales, welding, and steel polishing.

I have also done some traveling. I have visited America, Germany, Thailand, Indonesia, The Netherlands, and England. I would love to do some more traveling at some point.

After spending some time away from the Church and God I had another conversion in 2016. I was privileged to go on a mission trip to Uganda. All my life I had been searching for joy and peace in the things of the world. However, when I went to Uganda these people had very little possessions yet were filled with so much joy and peace. I realised that their source of joy and peace came from God and not possessions. My trip to Uganda led me to volunteer a year with Net Ministries.

Net Ministries is a peer to peer ministry that specialises in evangelising young people. My time with Net Ministries was filled with lots of joys, learnings, and challenges. I was privileged enough to be on the national team. The national team travels across Australia running retreats in schools and parishes. It was on my year with Net Ministries that I felt God calling me to discern the priesthood.

The next year I joined the Holy Spirit Seminary and 5 years on I am still there and still enjoying it. The last 4 years at the Seminary have been amazing. I feel at peace and at home; it is the place that I am meant to be at this point in my life. God willing, one day, I will become a priest.

I hope you have enjoyed this little snapshot of my life and I hope that I will be able to share more of my story with you in due time. Furthermore, I hope that I will get to hear your stories as well.

God bless,  
Isaac



**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:** Summer time 4.30pm, every Wednesday in the church. All welcome. “God speaks in the silence of the heart” – Mother Teresa.



**World Day of Prayer**

**AUSTRALIA**

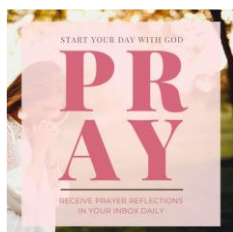
**ECUMENICAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** The day of prayer is coming soon; this year it will be at the St Paul’s Anglican Church on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

If you would like to participate in any way in the organisation, please ring the parish office on 38214902. There will be a meeting to distribute little roles on Tuesday 2 Feb at 10am at St Paul’s Anglican Church (4 Cross St, Cleveland QLD). Let’s unite our voices in prayer as one.

**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](mailto:dmbesgrove@hotmail.com)**

**FOR SALE:** A Colourbond roller door has been used as internal door, in very good condition. Dimensions: 2.1mt high x 2.7mts wide. Enquiries contact John 0417717609. Price \$300 ONO.



**SPEND TIME WITH GOD EVERY MORNING** Sign up to receive the Daily Gospel Reflection. These reflections are mailed to your inbox at 6am each day (Monday to Friday) and are just a three-minute read that could be done over breakfast, intended to invite you into prayer. Written by Catholic lay people (men and women from the team at Evangelisation Brisbane), for Catholic lay people about the gospel of the day to help you start your day with God. Subscribe via the Evangelisation Brisbane website <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

## 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 31 January 2021

#### Resp. Psalm:

R. If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

#### Gospel Acclamation

#### *Alleluia, alleluia!*

A people in darkness have seen a great light:  
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

#### *Alleluia!*

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

#### 7 February 2021

**First Reading:** Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

**Resp. Psalm:** Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

**Gospel:** Mk 1:29-39

### **PRAYERS**

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

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

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

### **Ministry - 7 February 2021**

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min - Host	Register
5.30pm		Vanessa Wright Gemma Tapson	Pauline McKay	Keith Fernandes
7.00 am		Sherry Sawarde Tom Kirby	Graeme Ramsden	Dennis Kennedy
8.30 am		Annette Nicholls Lee Brand	Clarita Cleavelly	Donna Smyth

### **NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS & CLEANERS**

**Counters**

**Team 2**

**Cleaners**

**Team 3**