

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 4 October 2020 - Year A
27th 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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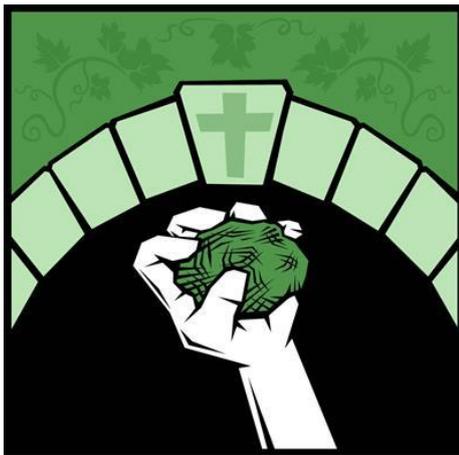
Weekend Masses: Sat 5.30pm and Sun 7am and 8.30am
PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE FROM OUR WEBSITE:
<http://www.staroftheseachurch.org/> (attendance by booking only)
Reconciliation: Sat 4.45pm

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Dear Friends,

The Bible uses many metaphors to describe God's relationship with his people. One of these metaphors was "covenant" – that God has established a contract or covenant with his people. The parable that Jesus tells today uses the metaphor of a "vineyard" and was obviously from the "Song of the Vineyard" which we read today from the Prophet Isaiah. Through the prophet, God sees his people, the people of Israel, as his own vineyard into which God has put a great deal of effort. Every Jew would have been familiar with

stories of vineyards as the symbol of the vineyard is mentioned over a hundred times in the Scriptures. The vineyard was depicted in the golden vines decorating the entrance to the Temple. It was a sign of prosperity and was a summary of the rewards which awaited those who remained faithful. The prophet Micah's picture of happiness was that every man shall sit under his own vine."

The choice of the people of Israel as God's people wasn't because of any merit or distinction on their part. It was God's mysterious and free choice but Israel's election to be a holy nation carried with it a responsibility and obligation towards all people and not just a privileged few. Israel was meant to show the loving presence of God for them, to the world. Too often, though Israel was a vineyard that produced bitter, rotten grapes. God expected faithful fulfilment of his will from the people, and instead they yielded social injustice. He expected righteous care for the poor but the poor suffered oppression. By the end of the "Song of the Vineyard" today the prophet's lesson is clear, "God has given you everything and you have yielded nothing. You are a harvest of unfaithfulness."

It is very clear that this Reading from Isaiah was chosen for this Sunday in view of the parable of the wicked tenants that we read from Matthew's Gospel. In fact, it seems quite clear that Jesus was basing his parable on Isaiah's, and Jesus' listeners would have recognised this as soon as Jesus began to tell his parable.

But Jesus changes Isaiah's parable which is no longer about the people at large but about tenants brought in to tend the vineyard. These tenants end up taking over for their own

MASS TIMES

THURSDAY 9.15am
Star of the Sea

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.
1st & 3rd Sun of
month

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



benefit what properly belonged to the owner. Here was a new kind of unfaithfulness, not of the people but of the religious leaders who misused the vineyard, that is God's people.

The purpose of both parables is to underline unfaithfulness (of the people as a whole in Isaiah and of the religious leaders in Jesus' story), by contrasting it with the loving care of God and God's rightful expectation of the production of a good yield.

As with all parables, they have an application beyond the people in the story to people of the present day – to us. God has certainly given so much to us to ensure our faithfulness, our fruitfulness. In Baptism we are grafted into the life of God so that we live with God's energy.

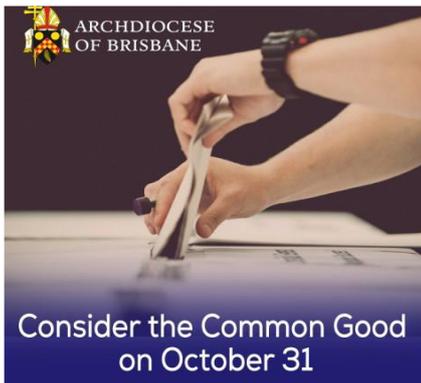
In Eucharist we are further cultivated and enriched by the gift of Jesus, himself. The other sacraments deal with various aspects of our lives, each sacrament expressing an aspect of the Lord's care for us. Then there is God's Living Word in Scripture which gives us light, inspiration and direction. Our brothers and sisters who journey with us in faith support us and improve the quality of our lives as disciples on the road together.

And how faithful have we been, how responsive have we been to God's care for us – individually and as a community? There is still selfishness and pettiness in our hearts, still injustice in our community and the world, still lukewarmness in the Church. As Isaiah said to the people in the eighth century BC, God's word says to us today: "He expected justice but found bloodshed, integrity but only a cry of distress".

God bless,

Fr Ashley Warbrooke - Parish Priest

PARISH NEWS



BISHOPS OF QUEENSLAND ELECTION STATEMENT

The Queensland State Election is coming up on October 31. This is an important opportunity for us to use our voice and our vote for the benefit of the whole community.

Find out more about the issues you might reflect on when casting your vote at <https://bit.ly/35xXSZL>

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Winter time **4pm every Wednesday** in the church. All welcome.
"God speaks in the silence of the heart" – Mother Teresa.

PALMS AUSTRALIA ORIENTATION COURSE — JANUARY 2021: Palms Australia places Australians with communities that request their particular expertise to help develop the skills of local people. Palms will enter its 60th year with an Orientation Course in January 2021. A fresh group of skilled and committed applicants will be thoroughly prepared for this cross-cultural mission in remote parishes, schools and communities as soon as international travel resumes. If you are interested in learning more please visit www.palms.org.au

WEEKEND MASSES - ATTENDANCE BY BOOKING ONLY. YOU CAN NOW REGISTER ONLINE for the Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 7am and 8.30am, THE LINK IS AVAILABLE FROM OUR WEBSITE:
<http://www.staroftheseachurch.org/> Please follow the instructions from our marshal.

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>



Latin American Catholic Community of Brisbane

NEW LIFE RETREAT

Online



Guest Speakers

Deacon Peter Pelliccaon
(Pastor, Evangelisation Brisbane)

Deacon Adam Walk
(St. Mary's Parish / Chaplain to Old Police Service)

Sister Samuel Angleys
(Sisters of Mary Morning Star)

Deacon Ivan Ortiz
(Ministry to Latin American Community)
among others

31st Oct to 7th November 8:00pm \$20
Closing Mass Sunday 8th November 4:00pm

Registration bit.ly/NewLifeRetreat2020

RETREAT HOSTED BY LATIN AMERICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The Latin American Catholic Community is organising an **online** retreat called New Life. The purpose of this retreat is to experience God's salvation through a personal encounter with the risen Jesus and a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit to give birth to our renewed selves as children of God.

It is basic concepts paired with powerful testimonies of people who have experienced a personal encounter with Jesus that has resulted in a transformation of our lives. We have managed to invite some good deacon brothers and Sister Samuel who will be preaching along key members of the Latin American community. Since it is online we would like to invite people from all parishes that may be seeking for an opportunity to grow spiritually.

Registration: bit.ly/NewLifeRetreat2020

For more information please contact:

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FREE PUBLIC LECTURE VIA THE INTERNET: "LITURGY, PRAYER, PASTORAL CARE AND PANDEMICS" — OCTOBER 12, 2020

With the to and fro of permitting the Last rites to the Dying in Victoria very much in the news, clergy may be interested to tune into this ACU facilitated public lecture which you can watch via Zoom over the internet.

Entitled "Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics" the lecture will be hosted by Sr. Prof. Julia Upton, RSM, Ph.D. (Fordham), who is the Provost Emerita and retired Distinguished Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at St. John's University (NY), where she taught for 40 years. In addition to her expertise in liturgy and prayer, she recently completed a Masters' degree in Public Health.

The event is free but registration is essential by October 7.

The lecture will be held Online via Zoom on Monday October 12 from 10.00am-11.30am (AEDT).

The Zoom link will be provided on 9 October 2020 to those who have registered.

Registration via www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton For more information contact the ACU Centre for Liturgy via email: centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au or phone (02) 9701 4751.



PARISH REFLECTION DAY 2020:

Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston

Saturday 28th November (9am – 3.30pm) Focus: Advent

Cost is \$30 per person (includes lunch box and baked morning tea) - Payment by direct deposit (bank details forwarded after registration). Please register by email to ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3324 3440 (booking and payment essential 7 days prior to the day).



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

The parents' information meeting for children enrolled for First Holy Communion this year will be held on

Wednesday 14th October.

Parents can attend any of the following sessions:

2pm – in the church or 7pm – at the parish office

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 4 October 2020

Resp. Psalm :

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
 because I have made known to you
 everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

4 October 2020

First Reading: Is 5:1-7

Resp. Psalm: Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

Second Reading: Phil 4:6-9

Gospel: Mt 21:33-43

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

11 October 2020

First Reading: Is 25:6-10

Resp. Psalm: Ps 22. R. v.6

Second Reading: Phil 4:12-14. 19-20

Gospel: Mt 22:1-14

SAFEGUARDING NEWS - BLUE CARD CHANGES:

We have received communication from the office of People and Culture about some important changes regarding Blue Cards and Police checks and the requirements for parish volunteers.

The key change is that Readers and Communion Ministers at Mass are no longer required to hold Blue Cards or undergo Police checks, if these ministries are the only ministry they undertake.

Also, the new **Blue Card 'No Card, No Start'** legislation came into place on 31 August 2020 for those ministries working with children or vulnerable adults.

"The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all." Most Rev Mark Coleridge DD.

PRAYERS

DECEASED We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God. Especially for Bill Fitzpatrick.

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS & CLEANERS (27-09-20)

Counters

Team 3

Cleaners

Team 4