



# 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 5 February 2023



Today's Gospel reading is taken from Matthew Chapter 5. It is taken from a cluster of teachings from Jesus called the Sermon on the Mount, which we will hear for the next two Sundays until we find ourselves in Lent. Last week we heard Jesus preaching about the 8 Beatitudes and this week he speaks about salt and light. Salt and light are two things which we can all easily relate to because we rely on them every day. Salt used to be a precious commodity and the oldest salt production site was believed to date back to 4500 BC, in Bulgaria. Salt was so valuable in fact, that it was even used as

currency. Hence the proverb that people who did their job well were "worth their salt."

Nowadays, salt is mainly used as a preservative and gives flavour to food. Can you imagine a world without salt? That would mean no Vegemite, pretzels, playdough, flavourless hot chips, ultra bland ham and bacon, a world without cheese and all your favourite dipping sauces. Now that would be a seriously tasteless, bland, and sad world.

How about light? Well, through our sense of sight, light is a primary tool for perceiving the world and interacting within it. Without light the world be in permanent pitch-black darkness. Additionally, we wouldn't be able to flourish, plants wouldn't be able to photosynthesise, TVs and traffic lights wouldn't work, the world would be dark as well as freezing cold as well. The world would be a pretty chaotic place and most living organisms would struggle to live.

Salt needs to be integrated into the food to transform it. When salted, food can be preserved or has its flavour enhanced. The same goes for our faith, when we become like salt, we preserve our faith and enhance the flavour our life and those around us. If you don't use it (your faith), you lose it (your faith), and then it is useless and it's a good as gone (good for nothing and can only be thrown out...). But when you share your faith it spiritually multiplies and enhances not only your life but those around you too! Try it some time, I dare you.

Light needs to be integrated into the elements around us to transform us, if it is hidden (under a tub) then it too is useless. When the world is illuminated, people come alive, quite literally. Everything becomes easier to perceive and communication becomes possible once more.

Now, Jesus declares in his Sermon on the Mount that "You are the salt of the earth" and "You are the light of the world." Notice how he doesn't say: You "will be" or you "ought to be" salt and light. Jesus is indicating this in the present tense, in the right now. Therefore, when we strive to be the best version of ourselves and integrate our faith into our lives we become like salt and light. And when we flavour and illuminate our lives, it positively impacts the lives of those around us too.

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We were all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us, it's in everyone. And as we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we're liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others." -Marianne Williamson, *A Return to Love*.

Rev Gerard Lai

## 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/StaroftheSeaCleveland>

And YouTube not live)

Mass 11.00am  
St Paul of the Cross,  
Dunwich

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of month  
(Liturgy of the Word with  
Communion – every other  
Sundays at 9am)

### TUESDAY

Redlands Hospital

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

Mass 9.00am

Mater Hospital

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Mass 9.00am

Star of the Sea

Christian Meditation – 4pm

### WEDNESDAY

Carmel College

Mass 8.40am

Cleveland Gardens

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

Mass 2.30pm

Moreton Shores

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

Mass 11.00am

Seaton McKenzie

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

Mass 10.45am

### THURSDAY

Star of the Sea

Rosary 8.45am

Mass 9.15am

Healing Mass

1<sup>st</sup> Thur of the month

Holy Adoration and  
Benediction

Every other Thursday

9.45 to 10.45am

Redland Residential

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

Mass 11.00am

### FRIDAY

Star of the Sea

Rosary 8.45am

Mass 9.15am

Aveo Cleveland

1<sup>st</sup> Friday

Mass 2.00pm

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RESPONSE: **A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me will have the light of life.

**Alleluia!**

# Word of God Sunday

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

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In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of Word of God Sunday when issuing the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis* (External site). The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on the first Sunday in February each year -- February 5 in 2023. Many countries celebrate the occasion on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

## SAFEGUARDING:

Are you interested in being involved? Are the Safeguarding rules hard to navigate? The process of becoming a volunteer can be daunting but with help it becomes easy. **On the first Tuesday's of the Month, between 10:00 AM and 12:00 AM the Safeguarding Officer will be available to help.**

We can help with registration, Blue card applications, police check and safeguarding training.

**The first session will be February the 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in the Parish Office Meeting Room.**

Any queries please contact **Tony Moore Ph 0409 025 595**

## LENTEN PROGRAM:

**On Fridays during Lent** the Parish will be holding a Lenten Program  
"From Ashes to Hope"

There will be six sessions starting on

Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February at 9:45 following Mass.

If you are interested please contact the Parish Office, Tony Moore or Gerard Lai.  
(Resource book \$5)



## ASH WEDNESDAY:

Ash Wednesday marks the First day of Lent.

This year it will be celebrated on 22 February 2023

9.15am – Mass

11.30am – School Mass (you are welcome to join us)

7.00pm – Ecumenical Service (without communion)

# YOUTH LAUNCH NIGHT YOUTH LAUNCH NIGHT YOUTH LAUNCH NIGHT

Free Food, live music, games, and lots of fun!



FRI **24** FEB  
7-9PM  
PARISH HALL

AGES 8 - 16

STAR OF THE SEA  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
CLEVELAND



RSVP: Youth Coordinator Sam ☎ 0499 024 309 ✉ [sachse.sam24@gmail.com](mailto:sachse.sam24@gmail.com)

**10c Bottles and Cans donation bins:** Sam is fundraising to go to World Youth Day in Portugal! He needs to fundraise \$4000 by April this year. There will be two yellow 10c bottle and can bins out the front of the church and near the entrance of the parish office. Any bottles or cans you have at home would be greatly appreciated! If you would like to make a money donation please see Sam after Mass or contact him: [sachse.sam24@gmail.com](mailto:sachse.sam24@gmail.com)

**"NRL FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION.** For all NRL football enthusiasts or if you just wish to have some fun, the Parish is again running a footy tipping competition through [tips.com.au](https://tips.com.au). This is the same website used previously when Isaac Falzon was in the Parish. The cost to join is \$10 per person, with a small prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and the balance being donated to a ministry within the Parish. This of course is dependent on the number that join in the fun. The competition commences 2 March 2023.

The joining fee (\$10) can be left in an envelope at the Parish Office or handed to John or Jo-Anne Lavery or Bill and Cheryl McLennan after Mass. **Instructions to join** - 1. Log-in or set-up an account with "Tips.com.au" (News Limited Pty Ltd) and complete your profile. 2. Select Join "League" - The league is "SOS Cleveland" and the code is "650313". If you require any assistance with joining the competition, please contact **John Lavery, 0400 860 442** or **Jo-Anne Lavery 0417 776 828**. Good luck!"



## **CHRISTMAS REPORT 2022:**

Our Christmas was busy this year again 50 hampers were delivered on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of December.

Mainland hampers - 33 Hampers – 87 people helped.

Value of donated goods - \$5320.00.

Value of donated presents- \$720.00 – 44 children.

North Stradbroke Island 18 Hampers – 62 people helped

Value of Hampers- \$2845.00.

Value of donated presents \$650.00- 46 children.

Total of Christmas hampers and presents - \$9535.0082 Children and 67 Adults.

We all share in the collective joy returned from the hamper recipients and know that our small part in their Christmas made it a little easier to cope.

On behalf of our Conference, we give thanks for the generous support and keep the Parish Community in our prayers.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** February 11, 2023 is **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK**. This day was initiated by St John Paul II in 1992. It coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. World Day of the Sick is a Catholic Church awareness day, or observance, aimed at praying and sharing, sacrificing one's suffering for the welfare of the church, and urging everyone to see the face of Christ in his or her ailing brother or sister. Let us pray for all the sick members in our community.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

Enrolment is now open, please contact the parish office and enrol your children before  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

### RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

#### Term One and Term Two - Yr 4 or above

Only for students who made their Confirmation in 2022 or earlier.

#### Reconciliation:

Parents Meeting - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 7pm (at the Parish Hall)

Commitment Mass - Weekend of 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> February (Masses are Sat 5.30pm, Sun 7am and 8.30am)

Session 1 (for children) - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 10am

Session 2 (for children) - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 10am



### RCIA PROGRAM 2023:

Are you someone or do you know someone who:

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptised
- Was baptised but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist

We are starting a small group to join together and learn more about our Catholic faith, and help you to prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist. If you would like to join us, please contact **Fr Rony Chacko** or send your expression of interest to [cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au) or Parish Office.



#### Link-Up (Qld)

Commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the National Apology to our Stolen Generations.

Join us on **Monday 13 February in the Concert Hall Foyer** at the **Queensland Performing Arts Centre**, South Brisbane. Our event will begin at 10am with a deadly program of guest speakers and performers. (10am-12noon).

Cnr Grey & Melbourne Sts, South Brisbane.

**RSVP** [contact@link-upqld.org.au](mailto:contact@link-upqld.org.au) or (07) 3638 0411

#### **PRAYERS**

##### **HEALING**

We pray for those who seek healing in their lives. Especially Marianne Hein.

##### **ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. Especially Helen Freestone, Dean Joseph and Judith Barker.

##### **DECEASED**

We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God. Especially Luke Dunn.

### **MINISTRY- 12 February 2023- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min- Host
Sat 5.30pm	Ashley Viegas	Glenis Viegas Jennifer Viegas	Gerard Lai
Sun 7.00am	Dennis Kennedy	Emil Hayes David Smith	Aurora Stronach
Sun 8.30am	Annette Nicholls	Dionne Lloyd Donna Smyth	Annette Nicholls
<b>COUNTERS &amp; CLEANERS</b>		Counter	Team 5
		Cleaners	Team 6