



# 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.*

## **STAR NEWS 6 August 2023**

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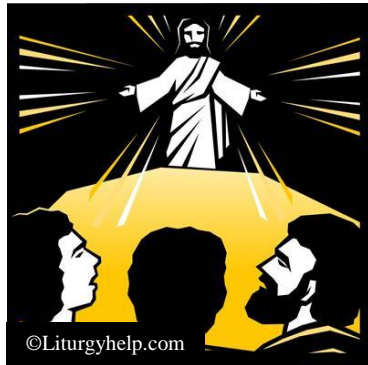
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## **GOSPEL** *Matthew 17:1-9*

### **His face was shining like the sun**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION** *by Greg Sunter*

Jesus takes his most trusted disciples up a high mountain to allow them to share in what he knows is about to occur. It is a very clear teaching moment in which Jesus hopes the disciples are going to finally grasp the truth about him. As the disciples stand by, Jesus is transformed before them – suddenly bathed in light and his clothes become dazzlingly white. The disciples also see Moses and Elijah standing and talking with Jesus. Moses was the great Law-giver of Jewish tradition and Elijah the great prophet. Together, they represent the Law and the Prophets – the combined wisdom that make up the tradition of Jewish teaching and Jewish scripture. It is the Law and the Prophets that Jesus' life and ministry brings to fulfilment. It is fitting that Moses and Elijah appear beside Jesus, as the three figures combined represent the fullness of Jewish tradition – the Law of Moses; the challenge and promise of the Prophets; and the compassion of Jesus that completes the other two. Sadly, the disciples don't really get the point of what they see before them. Peter, caught up in the moment, wants to build tents on the spot to mark the moment and to continue to dwell in the moment. Jesus, however, leads them back down the mountain – back into the valley; back into the reality of life; back into the tragedy that he knows lies before them. No matter how powerful a religious experience may be, Jesus shows us that we always have to return to real life. It is not possible to remain on the 'mountaintop' as Peter would have liked to do; we have to take the experience back into the everyday of our lives.

## **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD- YEAR A**

**RESPONSE:** The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

**Alleluia!**

## MASS TIMES

### SATURDAY

Star of the Sea  
Reconciliation  
4.45pm - 5.15pm  
Mass 5.30pm

### SUNDAY

Star of the Sea  
Mass 7.00am  
Mass 8.30am

(Live-stream Mass from our  
FACEBOOK PAGE:  
[https://fb.me/StaroftheSea  
Cleveland](https://fb.me/StaroftheSeaCleveland))

St Paul of the Cross,  
Dunwich - Mass 11.00am  
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  
No mass during August

Mater Hospital  
No mass during August

### WEDNESDAY

Carmel College  
8.40 am

Cleveland Gardens  
No mass during August

### Moreton Shores

No mass during August

### Arcare

No mass during August

### Seaton McKenzie

No mass during August

Star of the Sea  
Christian Meditation – 4pm

### THURSDAY

Star of the Sea  
Rosary 8.45am  
Mass 9.15am  
Healing Mass  
1st Thurs of the month

Redland Residential  
No mass during August

### FRIDAY

Star of the Sea  
No mass during August

Aveo Cleveland  
No mass during August

## FR RONY'S ANNUAL LEAVE:

Dear Parishioners I am taking my annual leave from 1 August to 3 September. In my absence Monsignor John Butler and Fr Ashley will be offering Masses. Please see the important changes of Mass timings on those days.

Masses on every Thursday (No Benediction)

No Masses on Fridays



## National Vocations Awareness Week

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates National Vocations Awareness Week in August, coinciding with the feast of the country's first saint: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. In 2023, National Vocations Awareness Week is being celebrated from **August 6-13**.

It begins with the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). The call to a discipleship of courage and witness, made real and personal through Christ, is clearly evident in the life of Mary MacKillop.

Jesus is the tree of life who plants us in the heart of God. As we pray for vocations and support those who will remind us of this through giving witness in the church and in the world, we also commit ourselves to praying constantly for a deeper understanding of our own vocation. On this Transfiguration Sunday, may we all be touched by Jesus who speaks directly and personally to each of us: "Stand tall, be courageous, and be my witness to the promise of new life." -

Fr Anthony Mellor

STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC PARISH,  
CLEVELAND (IN THE HALL)

# CONNECTED YOUTH

## Adventure of a Lifetime!

Friday the 25th of August 6-8pm

For Youth Aged 8 - 16

Listen to Sam share about his experiences at World Youth Day in Portugal! + Games, food, prayer and fun!

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## *St. Mary MacKillop*



Also called Saint Mary of the Cross, (born January 15, 1842, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia—died August 8, 1909, North Sydney, New South Wales, Australia; canonized October 17, 2010; **Feast Day August 8**), religious figure, educator and social reformer who was the first Australian beatified by the Roman Catholic Church and the first Australian to be recognized as one of its saints.

### **Prayer**

God, through the intercession of Mary MacKillop,  
we pray that the fire of your compassion will ignite many hearts.  
May Mary's attentiveness to your dream inspire us.  
May her energy to overcome injustice empower us.  
May we, like her, make manifest your Presence in our troubled world.  
We pray that the beacon of her holiness shine  
as a blessing for the universal Church and our world.  
We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

"Think of Mother Mary MacKillop and learn from her to be a gift of love and compassion to one another, for all Australians and for the world." **Pope John Paul II, January 1995**

### **SPECIAL DAY MASSES**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 9.15am at Star of the Sea - Feast of St Mary of the Cross**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 9.15am at Star of the Sea - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Redlands ReSet



### **NOTICE – Housing for Refugee Group:**

After ten years of displacement, a Syrian family (mum, dad, two older sons and two young daughters) have been approved for permanent settlement in the Redlands. ReSet, a local community group, is urgently looking for a rental house for the family - affordable, and close to shops, schools and public transport. Can you help give this family a home? Long-term preferred (but temporary could be helpful) from the end of August. Contact Darryl & Lyn Jackson at [dwljackson@gmail.com](mailto:dwljackson@gmail.com) or 0481536555.

**FRAUD MESSAGES IN MY NAME:** Please be aware of recent scam attempts in my name to one of our parishioners. I will never ask you for money, cards or anything else. If this happens again, you can block those numbers and report them as scam. – *Fr Rony*

**RCIA PROGRAM (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):** Taking expression of interest.

The RCIA aims to assist those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with a view to becoming a Catholic through small group discussion. Do you know of anyone, friend or family who may be interested? Please have them register at the Parish Office Ph 3821 4902, email [cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au).

*Save the Date*  
YOU'RE INVITED

**24 SEPTEMBER 8.30AM**  
**ALL NATIONS MASS &**  
**MORNING TEA**





With the ending of Fr Gerard's tenure at Star of the Sea,

**we are in need of more Communion Ministers.**

Each week we need 5 ministers for 5:30 and 8:30 Masses and 3 ministers for 7:00 Mass. We are encouraging Parishioners to come forward to help in this most blessed ministry. Your experience as a Catholic is all that is required.

Training will be available. **Contact Tony Moore** either by email or phone.

[tonyandmareemoore@bigpond.com](mailto:tonyandmareemoore@bigpond.com) - 0409025595

*"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".*

**THE SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT  
FROM THE AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS 2023-2024:**

**"Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples"**, will be launched on Wednesday, 23rd August. Through consultation with many First Nations communities, the statement's focus is justice for First Nations People in Australia. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, with NATSICC, invite all Catholics to join them on a journey to restore justice with the oldest living culture on our planet. Br Damien Price will speak in response to the Statement.

**Date: 7pm, 23 August 2023 - Venue: St James' Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo - RSVP: [app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement\\_2023](http://app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement_2023)**



**World Youth Day**

It is inspiring to see many young people from Australia heading off to the World Youth Day in Lisbon. The transformative power of these global events is evident and the engagement of our youth in a synodal Church as envisaged by Pope Francis brings great energy and hope to the world.

We wish them all safe travels and many blessings.



**PRAYERS**

**HEALING** We pray for those who seek healing in their lives. Especially Margaret Rose Evans.

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

**DECEASED** We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God. Especially Daryl Petersen.

**60<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to our long time parishioners **Ann and Barry Shaw** on their **60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**,

may our Father continue to bless their lives together and they continue to be an example to our new generations.

**MINISTRY- 13 August 2023- 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min- Host	Communion Min- Chalice
Sat 5.30pm	Ashley Viegas	Glenis Viegas Jennifer Viegas	Lesley Tapson Judith Seery Lil Predl	Pauline Hall Keith Fernandes
Sun 7.00am	Dennis Kennedy	Lyn Bartley Tom Kirby	Dennis Kennedy	Mary Fehlberg
Sun 8.30am	Annette Nicholls	Bev Sweeney Donna Smyth	Annette Nicholls Trish Aumuller Lilia Barajas	Joanne Shorthouse Caroline Santagiuliana
<b>COUNTERS &amp; CLEANERS</b>		Counter Cleaners	Team 1 Team 2	