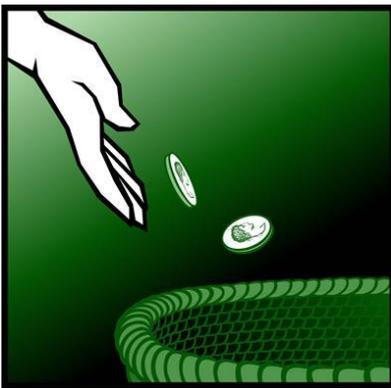


STAR OF THE SEA**CHRIST OUR LIGHT**

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 7 November 2021- Year B**
32nd Sunday in Ord 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***Weekend Masses:** Sat 5.30pm and Sun 7am and 8.30am
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Dear friends,

Not all scribes were like the one we met last week. He sounded genuine and sincere as he asked Jesus what was the most important commandment. He listened to Jesus' reply with respect and reverence and deeply appreciated the insight of Jesus, such that Jesus declared that 'you are not far from the Kingdom of God'.

Jesus is seen in today's Gospel sitting in the temple with his disciples and watching the people. He is not impressed by these scribes. He relates how these experts in the law

weren't genuine in their piety. It was all about putting on a good show to impress the people. Some of them had found a way to win people's admiration by their perceived piety. They liked to go around in long robes, using their prayer shawl (tallit) outside of prayer time as a showy display of what passed for piety. They accepted the deep ceremonial bows of the people as marks of respect for their alleged superiority. They pushed themselves though the crowd of ordinary people to take the front seats at the synagogue, got seats on the dais at banquets and made their public prayers long. To Jesus' charge of hypocrisy and pride against them, he added devouring the savings of widows.

Widows in the Scriptures were looked upon as the most powerless and unprotected having no husband to provide for them. To survive each day was a major task. In today's story of a poor widow, we don't even know her name. She sat in one of the temple courts where there were many collection boxes and would certainly not have made a show of her small contribution. We can imagine her furtively dropping her two small coins into the 'trumpet' shaped collection box.

The 'lepton' was the smallest copper coin made, worth about on sixty-fourth of the daily wage of a labourer. She gave not one but two of these small coins. She gave quietly, from a loving heart. Jesus noticed her and drew his disciples' attention to the incredible generosity of this widow. The worth of an offering is not the amount given but in the self-giving involved. This widow's faith meant a great deal to her and her commitment to it called forth generosity of spirit.

Jesus said that she gave more than all of other large donors.

When Elijah arrived at the door of another widow at Zarephath, he at first asked for a drink of water. This Phoenician, a pagan who didn't know anything about Elijah, obliged.

MASS TIMES**WEDNESDAY 8.40am****Carmel College**
No mass on School
Holidays.**THURSDAY 9.15am****Star of the Sea****FRIDAY 9.15am****Star of the Sea****Sunday 8.30am****Live-stream Mass**
available from our
FACEBOOK PAGE:
<https://fb.me/StaroftheSeaCleveland>available also from
YouTube (not live):
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiF45MwAUgNh1P1ALe7NIAw>**SUN 11am****St Paul of the Cross,**
Dunwich**1st Sun of month***(Liturgy of the Word with
Communion – every
other Sunday at 9am)***CHRISTIAN
MEDITATION:**

Wednesday 4pm



So Elijah went further and asked for bread. Her reply was that she had virtually nothing and barely enough in this time of famine, for one last meal for herself and her child. Nevertheless, with generosity that was simple, complete and reckless, gave the little she had to feed the prophet before she fed herself and her son.

Jesus considered this story of the widow feeding Elijah so impressive that he told it in the synagogue instruction at Nazareth. When he used the example of this pagan widow and another pagan, Naaman, a leper cured by Elisha, the townspeople of Nazareth tried to kill him (Lk 4. 20-30).

As we listen to these wonderful, generous widows today, we can't help but look within ourselves. How generous are we? It's not just about money. How generous are we to offer our help and our time for others?

God bless,

Fr Ashley Warbrooke
Parish Priest
Star of the Sea Parish

PARISH NEWS



Christmas Eve Mass Children Choir

It is that time of year again! We are looking for children who would love to come along and sing at our Christmas Eve Mass at Star of the Sea. This is a wonderful mass for the children held in the car park at Star of the Sea. We sing Christmas carols from 5.30pm until the mass begins at 6.00pm, we also sing the parts of the mass and all carols throughout the mass. It would be wonderful to have as many children as possible up the front singing!

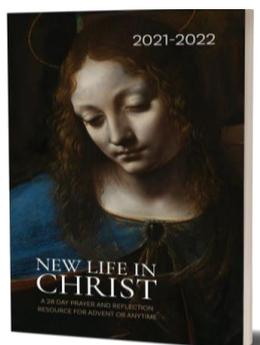
Children of all ages are welcome, and the children do not have to be part of the Star of the Sea school choir to participate. Everyone is welcome!

There will be two rehearsals (from 9am – 10am):

**Monday 20th December and
Wednesday 22nd December.**

Our rehearsals will take place in the Star of the Sea school library. There will be a sign in front of the school directing people where to go if they are unfamiliar with the school. The children only need to bring along a water bottle.

**Please email me to let me know if your child is able to sing with us on
erin.hardy@bne.catholic.edu.au**



ADVENT REFLECTION BOOK: At the beginning of every liturgical year, we experience the mercy of God incarnate. That God so loves each of us that he is prepared to become one of us, and in so doing revealing the depth and breadth of his love and mercy, deserves our sustained reflection and prayer. This resource will offer the daily opportunity to do just that.

- A small book that is easy to carry, and read, while commuting or sitting at home (18cm x 11cm)
- For each day there is a double page spread with: the date; a Scripture verse; a short reflection; a quote from Pope Francis; and a short prayer

Cost \$5 limited copies available from the Parish Office.

PARISH FINANCES

For the 9 months ended 30 September 2021

<u>Income</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
1 st and 2 nd Collections	\$108,381.65	\$106,936.28
Liturgy Offerings (Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and funerals and Catering)	\$ 8,570.00	\$ 11,531.82
Operating Activities (Columbarium and Candles Sales, Donations, Liturgy Sales and interest earned)	<u>\$ 11,271.69</u>	<u>\$ 22,334.02</u>
Total Income	<u>\$128,223.34</u>	<u>\$ 140,802.12</u>
Expenses		
Office Expenses	\$ 10,694.96	\$ 12,651.32
Property Costs (Rates, Hall Cleaner, R & M, Telephones <i>(includes new fans for hall Insurance - Churches, Hall, Presbytery incl. Contents, Public Liability, etc.</i>)	\$ 45,968.00	\$ 29,393.47
Liturgy, Ministry and Evangelisation Expenses (Church Supplies, Columbarium Expenses, Sacramental Programs incl. Funerals and Youth Ministry)	\$ 23,441.02	\$ 22,105.96
Clergy and Motor Vehicle Expenses (Stipend, Health Insurance, Clergy Supply, Motor Vehicle running costs)	\$ 12,050.60	\$ 11,791.76
Staff Expenses – (Salaries & Super)	\$ 33,666.73	\$ 29,294.63
Diocesan Levies	\$ 50,297.21	\$ 30,559.85
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 196,092.82</u>	<u>\$152,800.30</u>
Shortfall	<u>\$ 67,869.48</u>	<u>\$ 11,998.18</u>

Parish Collections over the last 12 months have been greatly reduced due to Covid with only one collection being taken up but the Parish has continued to operate. You can assist by contributing your Offerings via direct debits to bank accounts or credit cards – forms are available at the back of the Church. Income from other sources - Hall Hire (\$11,859.12), Child Care Centre lease \$28,250.56) and Outside School Hours Care (\$20,332.00) also assists with the Parish finances but still leave the Parish loss of \$7427.80.

Thank you for your continued support to the Parish.

BREAK OPEN THE WORD BOOK: Books are now available from Parish Office. Readers are encouraged to get a copy to prepare themselves to proclaim the Word of God. Cost: \$20.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER – NOVEMBER 2021 ISSUE: Yours to take home for \$4

- Archbishop endorses Uluru statement from the heart
- Blessing of all creatures great and small at ACU's on St Francis' feast day
- Ipswich teenagers stepping up to make faith in God part of their lives
- Reshaping the Church for mission – five pages of Plenary council coverage
- Eucharistic revival is the key to Church's future
- Shanelle Bennett knows the privilege of loving others to the hour of death
- Opening up day by day to the counsel of the saints
- All Saints and All Souls – praying for those in heaven and commemorating and praying for the dead.



CANCER COUNCIL QUEENSLAND NON STOP CENT AUCTION:

Saturday 20th November. Doors open 1.30pm. Afternoon Tea will be 1.45pm and Auction Starts at 2.15pm. Admission: \$10 pp (includes 1 sheet of tickets and afternoon tea). Extra tickets at \$1 per sheet, available on the day. We have a COVID-19 plan in place. Please **RSVP to Marion 3207 5461** or dmbesgrove@hotmail.com. All funds raised donated to Cancer Council QLD.

QUO VADIS RETREAT FOR WOMEN—NOVEMBER 27: Are you a young woman who would like to explore a call to Religious Life? Is God stirring on your heart about the possibility to give your life in serving God and His people in a radical way? Come along to our Vocations Brisbane Quo Vadis Retreat, **27th November 2021**, and learn more about what Religious Life really looks like. Register your interest at <https://app.tickets.org.au/vocbne/Quovadis4women21#vocationsforwomen#vocationbrisbane#quovadisforwomen> tickets.org.au - tickets.org.au - Your Events Made Simple tickets.org.au - Your Events Made Simple app.tickets.org.au



COVID-19 Update for Parishes (Bishop Ken Howell)

Reminder regarding Mask Requirements: Masks must be worn indoors if you are standing and moving around **and** you cannot maintain 1.5 metres physical distance from people who are not in your household.

- Masks should be worn while entering and leaving the Place of Worship
- Masks should be worn while processing to receive Communion
- Readers may remove their mask at the microphone
- Masks are not required while seated or kneeling while at your pew
- Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist should wear a mask while distributing communion (as they would be standing and less than 1.5m apart)

PARISH MISSION 2021 BOOKLET: Hard copies of the booklet were distributed at the end of the Mission, and sent by email. Some emails were hard to read though, if you have not received your copy, please send us an email to cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au and we will attach the booklet on our reply, or pop in the Parish Office during office hours to collect a hard copy.

RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 7 November 2021

Resp. Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

14 Nov 2021

First Reading: Dn 12:1-3

Resp. Psalm: Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

Second Reading: Heb 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mk 13:24-32

PRAYERS

DECEASED We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God. Especially Richard Biernet.

HEALING We pray for those who seek healing in their lives. Especially for Graeme Ramsden.

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

Ministry – 14 November 2021 – 33rd Sunday in Ord Time

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min - Host	Register
5.30pm		John Mott Pauline Hall	Lil Predl	Keith Fernandes
7.00 am		Emil Hayes Mary Fehlberg	Sid Steele	Dennis Kennedy
8.30 am		Lucy Paneda Annette Nicholls	Carmen Scandar	Donna Smyth

NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS & CLEANERS

Counters

Team 6

Cleaners

Team 1