

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 February 2021 - Year B
5th 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
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Dear Friends,

Today you have a special guest offering a reflection on the Readings for this Sunday. I have met many of you at church already and am very happy to share this reflection with you.

In order to paint a more complete picture of the healing power of Jesus, we need to hold last week's and this week's Gospel in tension. Last week we heard about how Jesus taught and drove out a demon in the temple. More specifically, the demon was driven out by Jesus

using only a few words. Namely, "Be quiet! Come out of him!"

This week Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law along with "all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils." However, this week the healing takes place by a touch. Mark states that "He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up."

It is important to note that during those times physical illnesses were also a mark of demonic possession and satan's rule over someone. Therefore, the majority of the infirm were classed as unclean. Anyone who came into close contact (those who did not abide by social distancing rules) with the unclean were also classed as unclean and were banished from the Temple for some time. (They had to self-isolate). This had serious ramifications for the daily life of an Israelite.

The Gospels are filled with Jesus breaking these ancient social distancing rules. Jesus is constantly going to the fringes of society, going down to their level, into their mess, and lifting them up again. We see that Jesus does not catch any diseases, or become sick, or possessed. However, the opposite happens; He reverses the ancient laws of uncleanness. The people he encounters catch healing and power.

Many of us are sick, run-down, troubled, tired, the list goes on. But just like Simon's mother-in-law or the man in the Synagogue we too can hear and be touched by the healing power of Jesus Christ in just a few moment's time. Each week we come face to face with the Son of God and He wants nothing more than for us to experience fullness and wholeness in Him. So as you hear the Word of God proclaimed and receive the Body of Christ, speak to Him and He will answer your cry.

Isaac Falzon

MASS TIMES

THURSDAY 9.15am
Star of the Sea

NO MASS
FRIDAY 12 Feb at
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
(Liturgy of the Word with
Communion – every
other Sunday at 9am)



PARISH NEWS

CALLING ALL CATHOLICS CAMPAIGN: Today is **'Word of God' Sunday**. Pope Francis said that "devoting a specific Sunday... to the Word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." Today therefore has been declared 'Word of God Sunday' in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Archbishop Mark in his homily says that "we want to invite you to join in sharing the Good News of Jesus with everyone in the Archdiocese especially perhaps those who have been baptised but no longer walk with us... we are making a call to all Catholics to encounter the Word of God in a new and deeper way. If you are a baptised Catholic, but feel estranged from the Church, this call is for you."

The Archbishop asks those hearing these words to get involved. He suggests three simple things you can do:

1. Sign up for the prayer outreach through the Evangelisation Brisbane website
2. Offer yourself as a volunteer to accompany those starting the journey by enrolling on Evangelisation Brisbane website.
3. Be a welcoming presence in your community to ensure that new faces are greeted in a warm and friendly way, so that in finding you they will find Jesus.

As we listen to the Word of God today, may we embrace it and share it with those we meet. – **Fr Ashley Warbrooke**.

CHILDREN AND THE SACRAMENTS: The Sacramental Policy of the Brisbane Archdiocese states that children in Year 3 who have been baptised are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Children in Year 4 are eligible to receive their First Communion and must experience Reconciliation before First Communion.

Covid's impact meant that Year 3 children didn't receive Confirmation last year and can do so this year in Term 3. They are now Year 4. They are also eligible for First Communion.

Because of Covid restrictions last year, this year's Sacraments at Star of the Sea are different.

All of this means that Year 4 children this year may enrol for Reconciliation (First Term), First Communion (Second Term) and Confirmation (Third Term).

Year 3 children who have been baptised are eligible to enrol to celebrate Confirmation in September.

Year 4 parents may prefer that their child celebrates only Confirmation this year and they can make their Reconciliation and First Communion in 2022.

Covid which has impacted every aspect of society has changed the way children can receive the sacraments in 2021 in Star of the Sea – **Fr Ashley Warbrooke**.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Term One and Term Two - Yr 4 or above

Only for students who made their Confirmation in 2020 or earlier and students who enrolled for Confirmation in 2020 and was postponed for COVID-19

Reconciliation:

Parents Meeting: Wednesday 24th February 2pm (at the Church) or 7pm (at the Parish Hall)

Commitment Mass: Weekend of 27th / 28th February (Masses are Sat 5.30pm, Sun 7am and 8.30am)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday 25th March at 4.30pm or Saturday 27th March at 4pm

First Holy Communion:

Parents Meeting: Wednesday 5th May 2pm (at the Church) or 7pm (at the Parish Hall)

Commitment Mass: Weekend of 8th & 9th May (Masses are Sat 5.30pm, Sun 7am and 8.30am)

First Holy Communion Rehearsal: Thursday 10th June at 4.30pm

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Sunday 13th June 10am or Sunday 20th June 10am

CONFIRMATION:

Term Three - Yr 3 / Yr 4

Parents Meeting: Wednesday 21st July 2pm (at the Church) or 7pm (at the Parish Hall)

Commitment Mass: Weekend of 24th & 25th July (Masses are Sat 5.30pm, Sun 7am and 8.30am)

Rehearsal: Thursday 26th August at 4.30pm

Sacrament of Confirmation: Thursday 2nd September at 5pm or 7pm

NO FRIDAY MASS NEXT WEEK: Please note there will be no Mass at Star of the Sea Church next week, as Fr Ashley will be celebrating the Opening Mass at Carmel College.



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 and 7pm.

By booking only. Please register through www.staroftheseachurch.org

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 2021 – PRAY FOR VANUATU:

This year's Theme is "**Build on a Strong Foundation**". It will be celebrated at **St Paul's Anglican Church** on **Friday 5th March**, 4 Cross St Cleveland QLD.

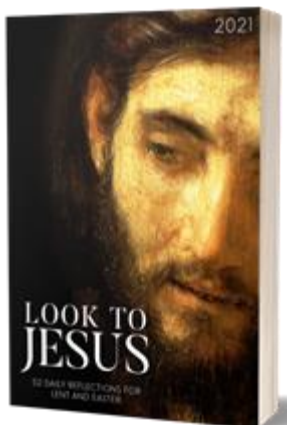
Time: 10am. A cash collection during the service will support a Trauma Healing Project in the Pacific Islands.

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**

BREAK OPEN THE WORD BOOK 2021:

available at the Parish Office. All Readers are encouraged to get one. Cost: \$20.



LENTEN PROGRAM 2021:

A new Lent and Easter resource for individuals and groups.

'**Look to Jesus**' will nourish and nurture parishioner's prayer, spirituality and discipleship each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter.

The daily reflections, written by Shane Dwyer, will invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. This reflection will be followed by a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer.

The daily reflections will only require 5-10 minutes for a person to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead the reader into a deeper questioning and examination of their daily life. As they 'look to Jesus' – in their families, workplaces and the community – they will walk as 'missionary disciples' on the path to Easter, and beyond.

The resource:

- a small book that is easy to carry, and read, while commuting or sitting at home
- daily reflections for Ash Wednesday to Good Friday, Easter Monday to the Second Sunday of Easter
- for each day there is a double page spread with the date and the day (e.g. Thursday of 2nd Week of Lent); a Scripture verse; a short reflection written by Shane Dwyer; a quote from Pope Francis; and a short prayer
- introduction and 'how to use this book'
- at the back of the book there are suggestions for group use and questions for reflection and sharing

This book is available from the parish office, cost \$5.

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 7 February 2021

Resp. Psalm:

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

14 February 2021

First Reading: Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

Resp. Psalm: Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

Gospel: Mk 1:40-45

THANK YOU: Dear parishioners, thank you for your generous response to the call for volunteers for the church's cleaning roster. We now have enough volunteers for this must needed service.

PRAYERS

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

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

ANNIVERSARY We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. Specially Rob Hyland and Helen Freestone.

Ministry - 14 February 2021

Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min - Host	Register
5.30pm		Glenis Viegas Jennifer Viegas	Betty Beauchamp	Tony Moore
7.00 am		Mary Fehlberg Emil Hayes	Margaret Simpson	Mary Fehlberg
8.30 am		Helen Hunter Jocelyn Lebumfacil	Peter Hunter	Dionne Lloyd

NEXT WEEK'S COUNTERS & CLEANERS

Counters

Team 3

Cleaners

Team 4