



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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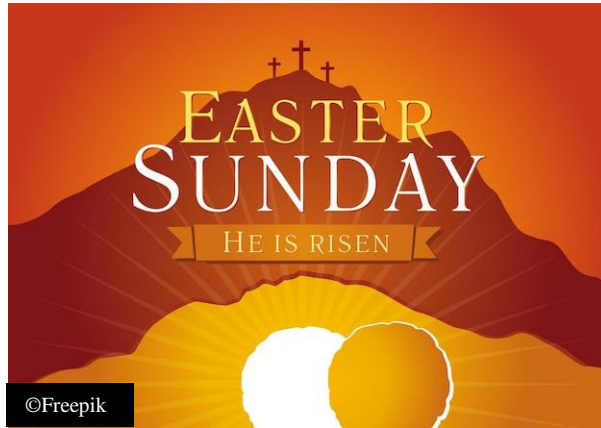
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A blessed and Holy Easter to you all. More than hot cross buns, easter eggs and easter bunnies the real reason for the Easter season – Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Jesus is identical to us in all ways except sin. So even Jesus experienced death. We recite in the Apostles Creed that Jesus descended into Hell referring to the realm of the dead (Sheol in Hebrew and Hades in Greek). This does not mean Jesus was condemned into eternal damnation,

rather Jesus descended there as Saviour and preached the Good News to those there who were deprived of the vision of God to draw them to himself.

At Jesus' resurrection, which we hear in today's Gospel, the Angel reminds the women visiting the tomb of Jesus to 1/ to not be afraid and 2/ go and tell others about what had happened.

Last week I had the privilege of bringing every class from Star of the Sea across to the Church and leading them through an experience of The Stations of the Cross. After the 14th Station where Jesus is laid in the tomb, I was conscious to remind the students that the death of Jesus is not the end of the Jesus story and that in fact the passion of Christ ends in triumph over death which we celebrate today. A happy ending indeed. Furthermore, this end is in fact not the end at all, but more so where our faith begins. We have only come to know this because of the millions of people who were not afraid to pass on the greatest story ever told. Now we are tasked to do the same. – **Deacon Gerard Lai.**

The Egyptian pyramids are world-famous as one of the "Seven Wonders" of the ancient world. But they are actually gigantic tombs containing the mummified bodies of Egyptian Pharaohs. Westminster Abbey is famous, and thousands visit it, because the dead bodies of famous writers, philosophers, and politicians are entombed there. But there is a Shrine of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, and pilgrims from all over the world visit a tomb there which is empty with a note at its entrance which says, "**He is not here.**" It is famous because Jesus Christ, Who was once buried there, rose from the dead, leaving an empty tomb, as He had told his disciples he would. **Yes, He is Risen!** A very Happy Easter to everyone...

Easter is the celebration of an empty tomb! The Gospel of Luke presents us empty tomb - "why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has Risen" (Luke 24: 5-6). This empty tomb means that Jesus is risen and is living among us and we should not look for him among the dead. Unfortunately, we humans look for life in things that have no life in them. We turn to money, war, drugs and other worldly things. We never find love, joy and peace in these things - instead we become spiritually empty tombs. Yet we continue trying these things in the hope that they will give comfort and peace.

Easter breaks that feverish human cycle of searching for life in things that are dead. Easter calls us to shed the old life and accept new life. Easter calls us to get out of the tomb of bad habits. Easter invites us to accept a new heart, new birth and a new person. Start with yourself the new life of Easter and spread this joy to your family, to your friends and your workplace or place of studies. May God bless you all with a Holy and peace-filled Easter.

Fr Rony Karapurackal Chacko – Parish Priest

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

TUESDAY

Redlands Hospital
1st Tuesday - Mass 9am
Mater Hospital
2nd & 4th Tues - Mass 9am
Star of the Sea
Christian Meditation – 4pm

WEDNESDAY

Carmel College
No Mass during School
Holidays
Cleveland Gardens
1st Wed - Mass 2.30pm
Moreton Shores
No Mass 12 April
Arcare
3rd Wed - Mass 11.00am
Seaton McKenzie
4th Wed - Mass 10.45am

THURSDAY

Star of the Sea
Rosary 8.45am
Mass 9.15am
Healing Mass
1st Thurs of the month
Holy Adoration and
Benediction
Every other Thursday
9.45 to 10.45am
Redland Residential
2nd Thurs - Mass 11.00am

FRIDAY

Star of the Sea
Rosary 8.45am
Mass 9.15am
Aveo Cleveland
1st Friday - Mass 2.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

RESPONSE: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!



Easter to Pentecost
Discussion Series

In September 2021, Archbishop Mark Coleridge publicly endorsed the Uluru Statement From the Heart and made an historic commitment on behalf of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Evangelisation Brisbane, in partnership with the Edmund Rice Centre, have created a resource that invites Catholics to reflect with Christ when reading the Uluru Statement From the Heart. Designed to take people on a journey in the weeks between Easter And Pentecost, Voice Crying in the Wilderness includes scripture, prayer, and discussion questions for individuals or groups to engage with the significance of the Uluru Statement and our response to it.

If you require any further information, please contact Joni McCourt, Reconciliation Action Plan manager for the Archdiocese of Brisbane at mccourtj@bne.catholic.net.au You can download the resource here: <https://tinyurl.com/VWresource23>

CONNECTED YOUTH 2023

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

Friday 28th April

Friday 19th May

Thursday 1st June (Social Night)

Friday 23rd June

For youth aged 8 - 16

Games, fellowship, food and getting closer to Jesus!



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6-8pm, Star of the Sea Catholic Parish, Cleveland

WYD RAFFLE THANK YOU:

Thank you to all that bought raffle tickets and donated to my fundraiser. I have almost reached my target of \$4000 and I couldn't have done it without your generous donations. (The raffle raised \$1009.45). The funds will go toward my trip to World Youth Day in Portugal this year in August. Thousands of young people from across the world will gather and celebrate the youth of the Church and it's an important opportunity for me. So thank you again for all your support. Happy Easter to all.

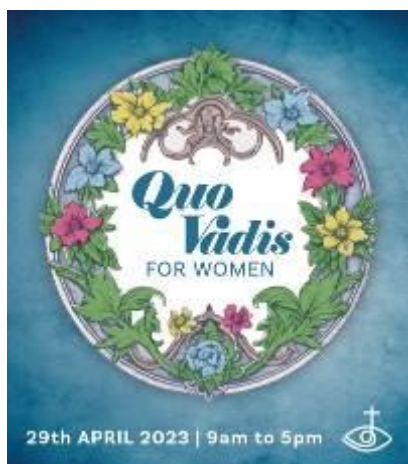


Easter Sunday 9 April



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia
Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow. **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish.



QUO VADIS FOR WOMEN: Where is God calling you?

Quo Vadis means 'where are you going?' Discern the answer at this one day retreat for women aged 18-35.

Quo Vadis is a retreat day for women aged 18-35, hosted by Vocation Brisbane, who are discerning their vocation to hear from those who are already joyfully living religious life. Morning tea and lunch included, and the day will finish with Mass together.

When: 9am - 5pm **Saturday 29 April 2023**

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington St, Ormiston)

Cost: \$55pp (includes morning tea and lunch)

Please share this opportunity with young women in your parish who may be interested. **Registrations open now:** <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/QV4W2023>



CATECHESIS CORNER

The Easter Vigil is so long because is it *the mother of all Vigils* and the *greatest and most noble of solemnities*. Ancient tradition maintains this as a night to keep vigil for the Lord (Ex 12:42). The faithful are encouraged to keep watch with lighted lamps (Lk 12:35-37) so at his coming the Lord may find us awake and invite us to sit at his table. It is an opportunity for the Holy Church to meditate on the wonders God has done for us since the very beginning until he comes

again. During this great vigil, nine readings (and psalms) are provided. However, for pastoral circumstances, three readings may be selected. On this night, where we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, it is most fitting that we also welcome catechumens to become full members into the Catholic Church. This year, we will welcome 3 catechumens into full membership of the Catholic Christian faith: Keone, Jenna and Peter. Their Baptism symbolises their dying to their old selves and becoming raised to new life with Christ, Confirmation depicting being sealed with the Holy Spirit and taking the faith for their own and Communion denoting sharing the Eucharistic banquet with our Lord.

PLEASE NOTE:

Thursday 13 and Friday 14 April, we have Liturgy of the Word with Communion instead of Mass.



DATE CLAIMER:

180th Anniversary Mass for the 1st Catholic Mission to Aboriginals in Australia.

In 1843 Bishop Polding arrived at Dunwich with the first Passionist Missionaries Fathers Lencioni, Snell. Pesciaroli and Vaccari.

When: 21st May 2023 at 11am

Where: St Paul of the Cross, Dunwich, Stradbroke Island.



**FR FRANK O'DEA 80TH BIRTHDAY
THANKSGIVING MASS**

Join us in the Eucharistic celebration of thanksgiving on the occasion of the 80th birthday of Fr Frank
(Parish Priest of Cleveland from 2002 to 2013).

Sunday 16 April 2023 at 8.30am Mass
Followed by morning tea at the parish hall.
(If you wish, please bring a plate to share)

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2023
BRISBANE**

Saturday, 22nd April
2pm
SPEAKERS CORNER,
OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT HOUSE (GEORGE ST)

more info @ www.cherishlife.org.au
signs will be provided

Cherish Life
Queensland

THE CATHOLIC LEADER: April Edition is now available from the church doors. In this edition:

- The family as key evangeliser
- Building bridges, not walls – Archbishop Mark Coleridge
- Hearts full of Easter hope
- Calling to Catholics to embrace full liturgical life
- A story from darkness to light

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Please note the parish office will be closed from Friday 7 April until Wednesday 12 April for Easter season. We wish you all a Happy and Blessed Easter season.

MINISTRY- 16 April 2023- EASTER SUNDAY			
Time	Coordinator	Readers	Communion Min- Host
Sat 6.00pm	Ashley Viegas	Glenis Viegas Jennifer Viegas	Juliette Warnick-Hayne Theresa Thompson
Sun 7.00am	Dennis Kennedy	Emil Hayes David Smith	Gerard Lai
Sun 8.30am	Annette Nicholls	Sandra Storck Dionne Lloyd	Annette Nicholls Clarita Cleavely
COUNTERS & CLEANERS		Counter	Team 2
		Cleaners	Team 3

PRAYERS

HEALING We pray for those who seek healing in their lives. Especially Janet Carter, Sadie McNamara, Margaret Simpson and Alma Despot.

ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

DECEASED

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