Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A — 12 July 2026

PARISH OFFICE AND CONTACTS

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday | CLOSED
Tuesday | 9am - 1pm
Wednesday | 9am - 12pm
Thursday | 9am - 4pm
Friday | 9am - 4pm

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest
Fr Andrew Chase

Assistant Priest
Fr Peter Doherty

Parish Secretary | Admin
Emma May

Faith Co-Ordinator | Admin
Hayley Lanzon

Finance Officer
Helen Oram

OUR PARISH INCLUDES THE COMMUNITIES OF:

Agnes Water
Calliope
Gladstone
Miriam Vale
Mount Larcom
Tannum Sands
Ubobo

PARISH SCHOOLS

St Francis (Tannum Sands)
(07) 4973 3600

St John Baptist (Gladstone)
(07) 4978 1799

Star of the Sea (Gladstone)
(07) 4972 1305

Chanel College (Gladstone)
(07) 4973 4700

LITURGIES THIS WEEK

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 14 July: Star of the Sea | 5:30pm
Wednesday 15 July: Star of the Sea | 7:00am
Thursday 16 July: Chanel College | 10:40am
Friday 17 July: Star of the Sea | 9:00am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 18 July
St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands | 5:00pm

Sunday 19 July
Star of the Sea, Gladstone | 8:00am and 6:00pm
St Mary's, Ubobo | 11:00am
St Agnes, Agnes Water | 11:00am *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Saturday 18 July
Star of the Sea, Gladstone | 8:30am to 9:20am
St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands | 4:15pm to 4:45pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday 18 July
Star of the Sea, Gladstone | 8:30am to 9:20am

Did you know?

WHY DO WE HAVE A PROCESSIONAL CROSS AT MASS?

At the beginning of Sunday Mass, the first sign we usually see is the processional cross. This is not just a practical marker for the entrance procession. This is a reminder that we enter the Mass by following Christ crucified.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) describes the order of the procession: the thurifer with incense, ministers with candles and between them the minister carrying the cross, other ministers, the Book of the Gospels (not the Lectionary!) if carried, and then the priest.

This means that, liturgically, the Cross leads the Church to the altar. We are not gathering around a general or vague idea of community, but around the saving mystery of Jesus Christ: his Passion, Death and Resurrection.

When the procession reaches the sanctuary, the cross may be placed near the altar to serve as the altar cross (GIRM 122; cf. 188). The GIRM also says that this visible cross calls to mind for the faithful *"the saving Passion of the Lord"* (GIRM 308).

So, when the cross passes by, we are invited to remember: Christ goes before us, and we follow him to the altar. There, during the Communion Rite, we shall receive Him; and then after the dismissal, we shall return to the world – we shall *'go and announce the Gospel of the Lord'.*

References: GIRM 20, 117, 120, 122, 188, 296, 308; Sacrosanctum Concilium 47; Catechism of the Catholic Church 1348, 1364–1367.

Fr Peter

OCEANS MAX26 - NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING

When ~ 7 - 9 August 2026
(Friday evening to Sunday early afternoon)

Where ~ Luther Heights Camp, David Low Way, Coolum Beach

What ~ Another step in your journey to find the deeper purpose of your life.

Be inspired, challenged, and energised alongside other men.

Registration: https://menalive.org.au/max

Registrations close on 23 July 2026

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed this week on **Thursday 16 July 2026**.

If you require assistance please phone the Parish Office and follow to prompts to leave a message.

Ph: 07 4972 1025

Alternatively you can email the office with your enquiry or message

Email: sosgladstone@rok.catholic.net.au

MINISTRIES ROSTER

We will be compiling the ministries roster for the months of **August - September 2026.** If you are not available anytime during this period please contact the Parish Office to allow sufficient time for completion and checking.

If you wish to volunteer for a ministry please contact the Parish Office.

Ph | 07 4972 1025
Email | sosgladstone@rok.catholic.net.au

MARIST FOURVIERE EVENT - 28 JULY 2026

Marist Way Australia has been busy preparing for the Marist Fourvière Celebration on Sunday, July 28, from 10 am to 2 pm at Hunters Hill. It would be wonderful if you could join us and bring others along — please RSVP as soon as possible. As Marists, we are called to be a bridge to one another, so do encourage others to come too.

https://www.maristway.org/Events/1644.php

EUCHARIST28 UPDATE – THIS IS MY BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a life-time' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation.

The theme for Eucharist28 is 'This is My Body, Given For You', which invites us to reflect on the words that Christ spoke as he instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

At each Mass, the priest repeats Jesus' words from the Last Supper, and the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

This miraculous change does not end with the gifts. As we receive the Body of Christ, we are transformed into the Body of Christ, carrying His presence into our homes, workplaces, schools, parishes and communities.

Just as He gave His life for us, we too are called to offer our lives in sacrifice and service to God and to those around us.

This national journey to Eucharist28 is an invitation for all of us to share in the breaking of the bread and allow Christ's presence to transform us. The journey begins now, in our own hearts and in our own parishes.

For catechetical material to help your parish and community prepare for this moment, head to **eucharist28.org/resources.**

Fan into Flame

~ Resources for growing your Faith ~

Parish Library

'A Biblical Walk Through the Mass'

by Edward Sri

I highly recommend the revised edition of A Biblical Walk Through the Mass by Edward Sri. In this simple yet profound Bible study, Sri unveils the rich biblical roots of the Liturgy. Line by line, he explains the significance of every word and gesture of the Mas that may be so familiar to Catholics yet so poorly understood.

(Review by Mary Healy, general editor, Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture)

Online Video | 1hr 20 min

'Every Denomination Thinks They Got It Right'

by the Lila Rose Show

Kimberly Hahn is interviewed by Lilah Rose on her journey to the Catholic faith. Kimberly's dreams of being the wife of a Protestant minister came crashing down when her originally anti-Catholic husband converted to Catholicism. She shares her experience of confusion, loneliness and pain and what she learnt about Catholicism as she navigated her husband's conversion and eventually surrendered to God's plan for her own conversion.

CENACLE PRAYER GROUP GATHERING

The Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Meeting | Rosary, Prayers for the Popes Intentions, Priests, Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

✧ All Welcome | Every Wednesday 9am ✧

Margaret Swadling's Home | 35 Heritage Drive, Telina

If you have any enquiries please contact

Kim Swadling | 0412 626 619

NEW LIFE PRAYER COMMUNITY

The next Prayer & Praise Meeting will be held on 20 July, 3 August & 17 August at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall | Herbert Street

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If you have any enquiries please contact

Maryanne Shaw | 0409 898 895

Kim Swadling | 0412 626 619

BIBLE STUDY AND MEDITATION

Bible Study and Luncheon Meditation is held every Tuesday at the Parish Centre.

✧ **We meet from 11:00am - 12:00pm on Tuesdays at the Parish Office** ✧

✧ **Meditation will also be held each week at 12:30pm in the Parish Chapel** ✧

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE

You are warmly invited to a powerful weekend of renewal, encounter and mission at the Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference. From 6pm Friday 28 August to 1pm Sunday 30 August at Our Lady's Hall, The Cathedral College, Rockhampton QLD.

Guest Speaker will be Fr Steve Fletcher, Moderator of the Missionaries of God's Love. You can expect a Spirit filled experience of praise, worship, teaching, prayer and healing. Families are encouraged to attend. Children's Ministry will be available throughout the conference.

To register visit - https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1569770

OR scan the QR Code for Early Bird prices.

READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A

First Reading

◊ Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

Second Reading

◊ Romans 8: 26-27

Gospel

◊ Matthew 13: 24-43

Readings for Mass today?

Scan this QR code with your smart phone

We acknowledge the Gooreng Gooreng, Bailai, Gurang, and Taribelang Bunda people, traditional custodians of what we now call Gladstone.

DIOCESAN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER To view:
rok.catholic.net.au/news-events/bishops-newsletter

STAR OF THE SEA LITURGY ROSTER

19 July 2026

Readers:
8:00am: K. Swadling, E. Wilson
6:00pm: G. Melrose, B. McAuliffe

Co-Ordinator:
8:00am: M. Hodge
6:00pm: C. Mullins

Minister of Holy Communion:
8:00am: **Body:** D. Jordan, A. Platt
Blood: J. Graham, K. Swadling
6:00pm: **Body:** P. Grace
Blood: K. Bourke, A. Rowe

Data Projector:
8:00am: H. Evangelista
6:00pm: O. Peiris

Altar Servers:
8:00am: E. Fernandes
6:00pm Peiris Family

Church Cleaners: P. Todd, L. Keating

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Vincent Manual, Fr John Hayes, Wendy Tomlin

For others who have died

Graham Allison, Lorna Bacon, Melecio Vicitacion Capim, Angela McKay, Aaron Liddell, Joyce Bartlett, Cedric Spanos, Sybil Field, George Hansen

For those we love who are ill and frail

Tony Gibb, Eli Colin Vale, Ron O'Brien, Noon Family, John & Joy Massingham, Brian Booxson, Evie Trenamen, Patricia Lynch, Nicole Knox, Julian Watkins, Christopher Marra, Dolly O'Sing, Jacque Rive, Cedric Philps, John Walker, Dorothy Thompson, John Judge, Timothy Howard, Justin Nelson, Amanda Ward, Paul Van der List, Stacey Eccles, Rosemary Ross, Gizella Laurance, Gizella Andrews, Henry Seal, George Nagy, Salude Marshman, Sally Donovan, Henry Norman, Joanne Pond, Gerard Watts, Rosie Baravilala, Silvia Walker, Craig Jenkinson, Linda Benz, Julieanne Jarram, Anita Tanna, Peter Vale, Robyn Cavellerie, Joe Mobbs, Tom Walker, Jill Neill, Wayne Burrows

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE OTHER THAN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands
- 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the month
- 8:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion 2nd & 4th Sunday

St Patrick's, Calliope
- 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Larcom
- 11:00am Mass 1st Sunday of the month

St Peter Chanel, Miriam Vale
- 11:00am Mass 2nd Sunday of the month

St Mary's, Ubobo
- 11:00am Mass 3rd Sunday of the month

St Agnes, Agnes Water
- 11:00am Mass 4th Sunday of the month
- Liturgy of the Word with Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays at 11:00am

RECONCILIATION

Star of the Sea
- 8:30am - 9:20am Saturday

St Peter Chanel (Tannum Sands) & St Patrick's (Calliope)
- 4:15pm - 4:45pm (*before Vigil Mass*)

BAPTISMS

Star of the Sea Church: 1st & 2nd Saturday 9:45am

Other Mass Communities ~ *Available on request*

Bookings are essential. Parents are to take part in a baptism preparation class held on the 1st Sunday of the month in the Parish Hall at 9:15am, 38 Herbert St Gladstone.

ROSARY

Star of the Sea Church
- Saturdays 9:30am

St Peter Chanel Church
- Each Wednesday 10:00am

Parish Centre Chapel
- 3rd Thursday of the month 9:45am

MEDITATION

Star of the Sea—Tuesday, Parish Chapel 12:30pm

MANAGING COMPLAINTS IN THE DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the *National Catholic Safeguarding Standards* (2022), and is committed to Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk. For further information or support, or to voice a concern, please contact the *Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office:*

Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call) or
Email: pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au

You can manage your own financial contribution to the parish by scanning this code with your smart phone.

✧ Thank you for your support ✧