Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A — 16 August 2026

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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:

Monday 17 August: Gladstone Mission to Seafarers Chapel | 1:00pm
Tuesday 18 August: Star of the Sea | 5:30pm
Wednesday 19 August: Star of the Sea | 7:00am
Thursday 20 August: Chanel College | 10:40am
Friday 21 August: Star of the Sea | 9:00am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 22 August
St Patrick's, Calliope | 5:00pm

Sunday 23 August
Star of the Sea, Gladstone | 8:00am and 6:00pm
St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands | 8:00am *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*
St Agnes, Agnes Water | 11:00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Saturday 22 August
Star of the Sea, Gladstone | 8:30am to 9:20am
St Patrick's, Calliope | 4:15pm to 4:45pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Star of the Sea, Gladstone | 8:30am to 9:20am
St Patrick's, Calliope | 4:15pm to 4:45pm

Did you know?

ABOUT PAPAL INFALLIBILITY?

Saturday 15th August was the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast day celebrates the long held faith of the church that after her death, God did not allow Mary's body to decay but assumed her, body and soul, into heaven.

However even though this was a commonly held belief since the early church, it was not defined as a dogma until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. That definition was an example of the exercise of what we commonly call *Papal Infallibility*. Papal Infallibility is the assurance given by God to the church that a solemn dogmatic definition by the pope is guaranteed to be free from error.

Despite what some people think, papal infallibility does not apply to everything the pope says. In fact it is rarely exercised and it only applies in certain circumstances:

a) when he solemnly defines a dogma concerning faith or morals;
b) when he does so his role as supreme pastor of the church (*ex cathedra*); and
c) when he intends that this dogma is to be held definitively by all Christians.

When Pope Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption, he didn't create a new teaching, he simply gave a guarantee to something the church had generally believed all along, and gave it a clear dogmatic definition.

Fr Andrew

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to those who received Christ in Holy Communion for the first time this weekend.

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. Net Teams from Brisbane and Rockhampton will be attending the Conference.

Families are encouraged to attend - Children's Ministry with activities will be available throughout the conference.

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

MIGRANT JUBILEE CROSS

On **Friday 28 August** the migrant cross will be present in our parish. The cross will be present in Star of the Sea Church during the day and there will be a prayer service in the evening.

More details will be announced in next week's bulletin.

PALMS SIMPLICITY SEPTEMBER

This September, simplify one thing in your life and discover what truly matters.

Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for Palms International Volunteering, Australia's only Catholic lay organisation that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering.

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BECOMING CATHOLIC | RCIA

Our parish RCIA meetings begin this **Thursday 20 August 2026**. If you or someone you know would like to explore becoming a Catholic we would love to have you join us. Please contact the Parish Office.

IGNITE CONFERENCE: ASCEND

Ignite is a National Catholic Conference for young Catholics to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way. All students in Years 7-12 are invited to travel to Brisbane for the 2026 conference as part of our diocesan group. This year Ignite runs from September 24th to 27th. For more details scan the QR code or contact Mick on 0433 897 973 or youth@rok.catholic.net.au

REAL TALK EVENT | PRIMARY SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Star of the Sea Parish invites families with primary school-aged children to attend a session with Real Talk on "Love & Life" ~ **Monday 31 August** 3:30pm-5:00pm at Star of the Sea Church

www.realtalkaustralia.com

This session is held particularly for children who will miss the Real Talk sessions booked at Star of the Sea and St John the Baptist Primary Schools.

Fan into Flame

~ Resources for growing your Faith ~

Parish Library

'Christians: The Urgent Case for Jesus in Our World'

by Greg Sheridan

From the historical Jesus and his disciples through to the present-day Christians, Australian journalist Greg Sheridan has written an impassioned, informed and compelling case for the truth and importance of Christianity in our lives.

~ Bookcase 3 | Bookshelf 4 ~

Online Video | 54 mins

'How Dr Jerry A. Johnson Converted to Catholicism'

by TFP Student Action

An interview with a former Baptist pastor and scholar, who converted to Catholicism, on the Eucharistic, unity and Church doctrines and Scripture passages that convinced him that the Catholic Church was home.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will close at 2:30pm this Friday 21 August.

NEW LIFE CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Prayer meetings are held fortnightly. The next meeting will be held on **17 August** at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall | Herbert Street, Gladstone

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Prayer meetings offer a welcoming space for people to deepen their spiritual lives and encounter the love of God in a meaningful way. Praise is central to Catholic Charismatic Renewal and reflects the wider Catholic tradition, where praise is woven through liturgy, song and prayer.

If you have any enquiries please contact

Maryanne Shaw | 0409 898 895

Kim Swadling | 0412 626 619

Source ~ https://www.ccr.org.au/item/2-what-is-a-charismatic-prayer-meeting

CENACLE PRAYER GROUP GATHERING

✧ 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

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** ✧

READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A

First Reading

◊ Isaiah 22: 19-23

Second Reading

◊ Romans 11: 33-36

Gospel

◊ Matthew 16: 13-20

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

23 August 2026

Readers:
8:00am: D. Conley, D. Rendo
6:00pm: A. Borbon, G. Melrose

Co-Ordinator:
8:00am: M. Hodge
6:00pm: A. Rowe

Minister of Holy Communion:
8:00am: **Body:** K. Singh, A. Platt
Blood: D. Jordan, E. Hughes
6:00pm: **Body:** D. Mason
Blood: M. Reyes, A. Babijis

Data Projector:
8:00am: R. Malig
6:00pm: E. Lee

Altar Servers:
8:00am: C. Villanueva
6:00pm F. Melrose, J. Jinu

Church Cleaners: Star of the Sea School

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Wayne Murkens, Brendan Maguire, Trevor O'Brien, Jan Domoney, Mary Patricia (Pat) O'Mara

For others who have died

Joyce Bartlett, Cedric Spanos, Sybil Field, George Hansen, Estrella Gaviola, Jesus Gaviola, Lydia Octava, Wilfredo Octava, Felix Lopez, Nondy & Lourdes Lozapa, Nestor Canete Nestor Cortez, Remedios Lopez, Peter & Kalene Griffiths

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, 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, Joe Ariens, Ida Liddell

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

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

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

✧ Thank you for your support ✧