Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A — 19 July 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 20 July: Gladstone Mission to Seafarers Chapel | 1:00pm
Tuesday 21 July: Star of the Sea | 5:30pm
Wednesday 22 July: Star of the Sea | 7:00am
Thursday 23 July: Chanel College | 10:40am
Friday 24 July: Star of the Sea | 9:00am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 25 July
St Patrick's, Calliope | 5:00pm

Sunday 26 July
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 25 July
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 DEVOTIONS?

One of the riches of our Catholic tradition is the array of devotional practices that exist. Devotions are practices of prayer or penance that can help a believer to draw closer to God and grow in the spiritual life. They often take the form of a more or less fixed ritual of prayers or penitential practices with a particular focus. Perhaps the best known Catholic devotion is the Rosary, but there are many others such as the various devotional prayers dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the practice of attending Mass on 9 first Fridays of each month, devotions to St Joseph, and many more.

It is important to distinguish devotions from the Church's liturgy and from canon law. Liturgy is the formal, official rites of the Church (e.g. the sacraments, funerals, the Divine Office); canon law is the body of laws the church has laid down for various elements of Church life. Devotions on the other hand are non-official practices that a person may freely choose to commit themselves to (provided they are not forbidden by the church), but they are not required in order to be a faithful Catholic.

While many devotions include traditional expectations or 'rules' (e.g. saying a prayer a certain number of times), it is not violating church or divine law for a person to modify the practice if their conscience advises them to do so. Ultimately, devotions are a precious part of our spiritual heritage that can bring growth in holiness, but each person should discern for themselves what will help them the most.

Fr Andrew

SEMINARIANS IN THE DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON FOR MISSION WEEK

Two seminarians from the Holy Spirit Seminary Provincial Seminary for Queensland will be visiting the Parish from the 20-26th of July for their mission week. The purpose of this experience is not only to expose them to the joys and challenges of ministering within other dioceses of Queensland, but it also provides parishes an opportunity to engage with the process of priestly formation and hopefully, it might also inspire vocations to the priesthood along the way. The two seminarians coming to our parish are Gabriel Guillaume and Charles Nguyen. Here is what they had to say about their upcoming visit:

"Hi Gladstone Parish, we are both very thrilled about our visit and we hope to encounter as many of you as possible! Just a very short introduction to the two of us who are seminarians for the Archdiocese of Brisbane: I, Gabriel, am in my sixth-year of formation and have just finished my first semester of a Master of Theological Studies. I am of Anglo-Indian descent, grew up on the Gold Coast, and for hobbies I enjoy fishing and cricket. As for Charles, he is in his fourth-year of formation. Charles is of Vietnamese descent and came bravely to Australia when he was just 15 to complete his school education, which then took place in 2021. He enjoys watching films, gaming, and martial arts as his hobbies. The both of us are very much looking forward to meeting you all!
Pax, Gabriel & Charles."

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. Net Teams from Darwin and Rockhampton will be attending the Conference, and Children's Ministry will be available for the whole of the Conference.

Children's Ministry will be available throughout the conference.

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

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

MIGRANT JUBILEE CROSS

To mark the Jubilee of Migrants in October 2025, the Australia Catholic Bishops Conference commissioned the migrant jubilee cross to travel on pilgrimage throughout the 28 dioceses of Australia. The cross was created as a symbol to honour the faith, resilience, and contributions of migrant communities across the country. The cross is crafted from Australian timber and is set on a boat-shaped base, symbolising migration and journey. It also contains relics of the Holy Family and of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop.

The migrant cross will be present in our parish on **Friday 28 August**.

If you would like to help with the planning of a simple prayer ritual in the presence of the cross, please contact Suzanne Manhertz via the Parish Office P: 49721025 or E: sosgladstone@rok.catholic.net.au

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

On Site Accommodation Options Available

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

MERCY ASSOCIATES GATHERING

Parishioners are welcome to joint the **Mercy Associates** on **Saturday 1 August** in the **Parish Hall** starting at **9:30am**. Our Guest Speaker will be **Melissa Davey**. She has a wonderful life journey to share and some photos to show us on her topic ***"I love two-sunburnt countries".*** We will commence with a cuppa, please join us.

Fan into Flame

~ Resources for growing your Faith ~

Parish Library

'The Message of St Francis'

edited by Sister Nan CSF

Illustrated with frescoes from the Basilica of St Francis at Assisi, this book offers the reader extracts from his writings and from biographies of the saint.

~ Bookcase 2 | Bookshelf 2 ~

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.

BECOMING CATHOLIC | RCIA

Our parish RCIA meetings are about to begin again from **Thursday 20 August 2026**. The RCIA is the Catholic journey towards baptism as an adult and involves regular meetings to discuss and learn about our Church's beliefs in Jesus Christ.

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 on Ph: 4972 1025 or Email: sosgladstone@rok.catholic.net.au for more information.

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

SECOND COLLECTION - SEMINARY APPEAL

There will be a second collection next weekend **26 July 2026**.

Every priestly vocation is shaped by prayer, formation and the quiet support of the faithful. Your gift helps form the men discerning God's call to serve our parishes and communities. It reminds our seminarians that they are held in prayer and accompanied by people who care deeply about the future of our Church.

To make your tax deductible gift, scan the QR code, call (07) 3324 3200, or visit catholicfoundation.org.au/provincialseminary

NEW LIFE CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Prayer meetings are held fortnightly. The next meeting will be held on **20 July** 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** ✧

READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A

First Reading

◊ 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12

Second Reading

◊ Romans 8: 28-30

Gospel

◊ Matthew 13: 44-52

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

26 July 2026

Readers:
8:00am: M. Chapman, D. Mason
6:00pm: J. Mullane, J. Pepito

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

Minister of Holy Communion:
8:00am: **Body:** H. Vale, L. McKee
Blood: L. Columbus, J. Graham
6:00pm: **Body:** M. Reyes
Blood: S. Manhertz, S. Meiring

Data Projector:
8:00am: E. Nagy
6:00pm: E. Lee

Altar Servers:
8:00am: A. Columbus, M. Bryant
6:00pm S. Jinto

Church Cleaners: P. Holman, A. Holman, P. Davison

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Vincent Manual, Fr John Hayes, Wendy Tomlin, Carolin Rita Mariasoosay, Wayne Murkins

For others who have died

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, 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, Jan Domoney

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

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✧ Thank you for your support ✧