Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A — 26 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:

Tuesday 28 July: Star of the Sea | 5:30pm
Wednesday 29 July: Star of the Sea | 7:00am
Thursday 30 July: Chanel College | 10:40am
Friday 31 July: Star of the Sea | 9:00am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 1 August
St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands | 5:00pm

Sunday 2 August
Star of the Sea, Gladstone | 8:00am and 6:00pm
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Larcom | 11:00am
St Agnes, Agnes Water | 11:00am *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Saturday 1 August
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

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

Did you know?

ABOUT ST JOACHIM AND ST ANNE

Church tradition has long recognised St Joachim and St Anne as parents of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. This makes St Joachim and St Anne the grandparents of the maternal grandparents of Jesus.

Much of what we have received from the Church's tradition about St Joachim and St Anne comes from the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James.* Apocryphal books are texts written in the same era as the Old and New Testaments, which, while claiming a sacred origin, have been judged by the Catholic Church as not inspired by the Holy Spirit. Because this, they have been excluded from the officially accepted canon of Scripture. In some cases, such as the names of Joachim and Anne, they may retain some religious value and interest.

This Sunday, on the Feast of Joachim and Anne, the Church recognises and celebrates all grandparents and the elderly. The celebration of this day provides an opportunity for the Church, at all levels, to draw close to the Elderly; to celebrate their unique communities; and to reach out to those who may feel lonely or forgotten. The theme that Pope Leo has chosen for the 2026 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is "I will never forget you."

Fr Peter

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2026

This week, Catholic schools across Queensland celebrate Catholic Education Week, a time to give thanks for the life, faith and learning nurtured within our school communities. Guided by the theme *Share Your Light, Inspire Others*, we recognise the many ways students, staff, parents and families share their gifts in service of the Gospel and the wider community. We invite our parish community to hold our local Catholic schools in prayer, asking God's blessing upon all who teach, learn and grow together, and that their light may continue to inspire hope, faith and love in our world.

WOMEN OF WORTH EVENT

✧ Invitation to all women in Star of the Sea Parish ✧

When ~ Saturday 8 August 2026

Where ~ 5pm Mass at St Patrick's Church followed by 6pm Dinner at Railway Hotel, Calliope

Hosted by Women of Worth

What ~ Bring your ideas for WOW events or catechesis for 2026/2027

RSVP by Saturday 1 August to Hayley at hayley.lanzon@hotmail.com

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

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

'Will Many Be Saved'

by Ralph Martin

Ralph Martin's book provides much needed clarity on what Lumen Gentium (Vatican II document) actually teaches on evangelisation in line with scripture and Church teaching. Comes highly recommended by cardinals, bishops and academics.

~ Bookcase 4 | Bookshelf 3 ~

Online Video | 38 mins

Is Jesus Really Present in the Eucharist?

***by* Parousia Media**

In preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Sydney in 2028, Fr Ben Saliba hosts expert guests for insightful discussion on the Eucharist. In this episode, hear from Professor Tracey Rowland on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

https://youtu.be/ja-_RxGP5UQ?si=nt87idZxE7E4g_0N

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.

SEMINARIAN MISSION WEEK PLACEMENT

Gabriel Guillaume and Charles Nguyen have spent the last week in our parish as their mission week placement. It has been a great opportunity for them to see some examples of parish ministry and for many of our parishioners to meet some of the future priests of the Queensland province.

Please continue to pray for them and all the seminarians of Queensland, especially our own diocesan candidates, Grant Sutherland and Shane Pianta.

SECOND COLLECTION - SEMINARY APPEAL

There will be a second collection this 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 **3 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** ✧

READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A

First Reading

◊ Isaiah 55: 1-3

Second Reading

◊ Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Gospel

◊ Matthew 14: 13-21

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

2 August 2026

Readers:
8:00am: A. Borbon, O. Erohubie
6:00pm: J. Mailangi, J. Pepito

Co-Ordinator:
8:00am: J. Rowland
6:00pm: B. Villalobos

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: Erohubie Family
6:00pm J. Jinu, M. Anderson

Church Cleaners: E. Hughes, A. Goman, A. Borbon, L. Maravillas, V. Owbridge

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Fr John Hayes, Wendy Tomlin, Carolin Rita Mariasoosay, Wayne Murkins, Brendan Maguire

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, Jan Domoney

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 ✧