Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A — 6 September 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 8 September: Star of the Sea | 5:30pm
Wednesday 9 September: Star of the Sea | 7:00am
Thursday 10 September: Chanel College | 10:40am
Friday 11 September: Star of the Sea | 9:00am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 12 September
St Patrick's, Calliope | 5:00pm

Sunday 13 September
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 Peter Chanel, Miriam Vale | 11:00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Saturday 12 September
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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Did you know?

ABOUT THE PRIEST PUTTING WATER IN THE WINE?

Have you ever noticed the priest add a few drops of water to the wine before the Eucharistic Prayer?

As the water is added, the priest quietly prays:

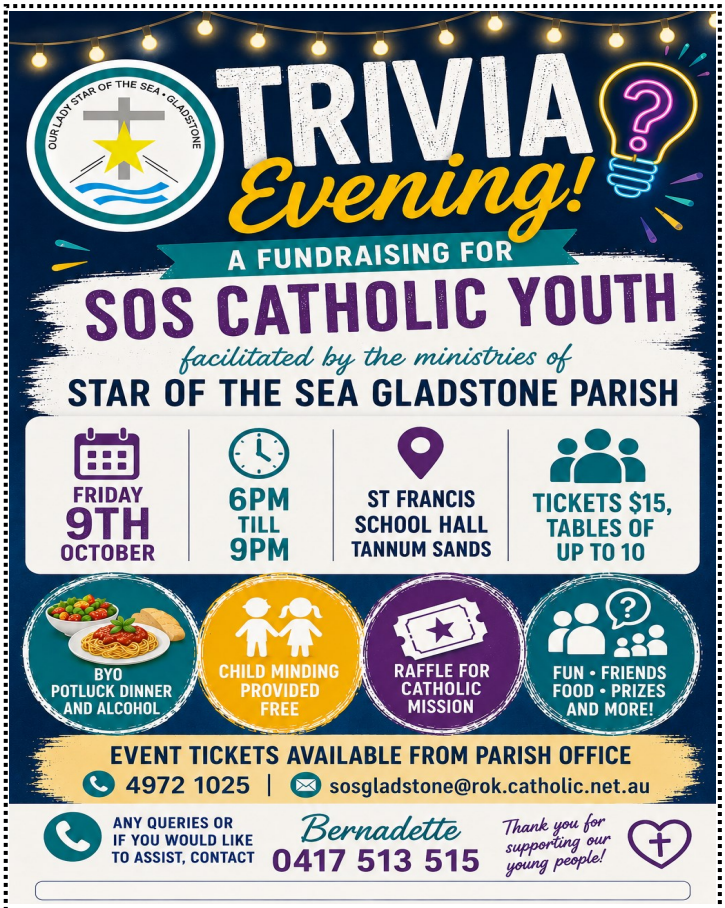
"By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

The prayer points first to the mystery of the Incarnation. Jesus Christ is truly God, yet he entered fully into our human life. But it also says something remarkable about us: Christ became human so that, through grace, we might share in the very life of God, something lost with original sin, restored to us in the sacrifice of Jesus by his Passion, Death and Resurrection and which we can now participate in through the sacraments.

The early Church also understood the wine as representing Christ and the water as representing his people. Once the two are mixed together, they become one. The mingling of the water with the wine then is a helpful spiritual image of the union Christ desires to have with us, and that we seek to have with him. You can not look then and say 'look, there is the wine and there is the water'. So should it ideally be with us as the Church and Christ. After all, we call ourselves 'the Body of Christ'.

So next time you see the priest adding those few drops of water to the wine in the chalice, remember: that just as the water is completely absorbed by the wine, this is what we long to happen to us; to be completely absorbed and immersed into the divine life of Christ.

Fr Peter



Do you own a business or know of a local business that would be willing to donate an item to be raffled at our Trivia Night?

*Please contact the **Parish Office** or **Bernadette Ariens on 0417 513 515**.*
We would love to support our local businesses, particularly those within our own parish community, and promote them during the evening.

AUGUST DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE NOW

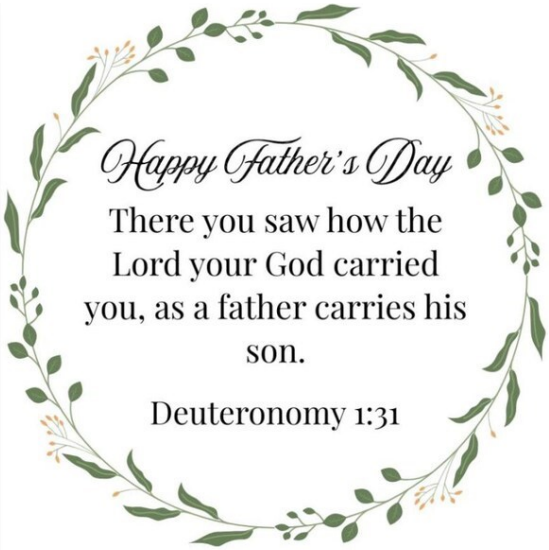
The August Diocesan newsletter is now available on the Diocesan website – www.rok.catholic.net.au.

If you would like a copy direct to your inbox each month email catholicCQ@rok.catholic.net.au with your details to include on the mailing list.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

For all existing altar servers, or anyone who would like to *become* an altar server at Star of the Sea ~ please note the following altar servers training sessions:

- **Monday 14 September 2026 | Star of the Sea Church, Gladstone | 3:30pm - 4:30pm**
- **Tuesday 15 September 2026 | St Peter Chanel Church, Tannum Sands | 1:20pm - 2:20pm**
- **Saturday 19 September 2026 | Star of the Sea Church, Gladstone | 9:45am - 10:45am**



MIGRANT JUBILEE CROSS UPDATE

Unfortunately the Migrant Jubilee Cross, which has been making its way around Australia, has been delayed prior to its arrival in our diocese. As a result the schedule has been changed and the cross will not be coming to our diocese at this time. It is possible that the cross may visit us at a later time this year, but for now we have had to cancel our prayer service with the cross.

Apologies to those who had begun to plan for this event; we hope we will have a chance to resurrect the plans later this year.

NEW ROSARY OPPORTUNITY

Beginning Tuesday 1 September 2026 the rosary will be prayed each **Tuesday evening from 6:30pm** at **St Peter Chanel Church, Tannum Sands**.
The time of prayer will include the reading of the gospel passage of the day, a few minutes of silent reflection, followed by the rosary.

✧ All Welcome ✧

MINISTRIES ROSTER

We will be compiling the ministries roster for the months of **October 2026 - January 2027.**
If you are not available anytime during this period please contact the Parish Office to allow sufficient time for completion and checking.

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

FR ANDREW AWAY | ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Andrew will be on annual leave from this **Monday 7 September until the 9 October**.
During this time Fr Peter will be the parish administrator.

Fan into Flame

~ Resources for growing your Faith ~

Parish Library

'Drama-Free Discipline'
by Dr Ray Guarendi

This book has it all: humour, drama, authentic real-life scenarios of parent-kid conflicts, and best of all, positive, creative solutions that really work. Dr Ray Guarendi, a psychologist with decades of experience, with his wife, is the parent of 10 adopted children all of whom are now adults.

~ Bookcase 1 | Bookshelf 2 ~

Online Video | 31 mins

'The Mystery of the Eucharist: Sacrifice & Hope'
by Parousia Media

Reverend Professor Gerard Kelly, theologian and priest, discusses the Eucharist as sacrifice.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION | ENROLMENTS OPEN

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are **open until Friday 18 September 2026** for children who are baptised Catholic and in Grade 3 or above.

Please contact Hayley at adfaithsos@rok.catholic.net.au or the parish office for further information and an enrolment form.

ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL FEAST DAY MASS

When ~ Monday 14 September 2026

Where ~ Canoe Point Parklands at 8:50am

✧ ALL WELCOME ✧

NEW LIFE CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Prayer meetings are held fortnightly. The next meeting will be held on **14 September** 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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A

First Reading

◊ Sirach 27: 30-28: 7

Second Reading

◊ Romans 14: 7-9

Gospel

◊ Matthew 18: 21-35

Readings for Mass today?

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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

13 September 2026

Readers:

8:00am: L. Wilson, A. Vea

6:00pm: N. Mhuka, G. Melrose

Co-Ordinator:

8:00am: H. Vale

6:00pm: C. Mullins

Minister of Holy Communion:

8:00am: **Body:** D. Jordan, S. Nagy

Blood: Y. Anderson, E. Schumacher

6:00pm: **Body:** A. Babijis

Blood: K. Bourke, A. Borbon

Data Projector:

8:00am: H. Evangelista

6:00pm: E. Lee

Altar Servers:

8:00am: S. Villanueva

6:00pm F. Melrose, M. Anderson

Church Cleaners: C. Aranda, L. Germosen

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Wayne Murkins, Brendan Maguire, Trevor O'Brien, Jan Domoney, Mary Patricia (Pat) O'Mara, Joachim Ariens, Peter Vale

For others who have died

Nondy & Lourdes Lozapa, Nestor Canete Nestor Cortez, Remedios Lopez, Peter & Kalene Griffiths, Jose Nacario

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, Robyn Cavellerie, Joe Mobbs, Tom Walker, Jill Neill, Wayne Burrows

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 Tuesday 6:30pm
- 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 ✧