



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR



25 August 2019

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Try your best to enter by the narrow door

Jesus is asked a fundamental question in the Gospel for this Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, "Will there be only a few saved?" Jesus' response is challenging because it turns our standard thought process on its head. How often have you heard, 'it is not what you know, but who you know that counts?' Jesus demands that to be saved requires us to do, or to live out the Good News, not just know about it. And so Jesus responds, "Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed."

It is not enough for us to be able to say to the Lord, "we once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets," we have to be able to say that we have lived out the commandments. We have to be able to take up our cross and follow Jesus; we need to be loving, compassionate, merciful and forgiving; to use our talents and gifts in the service of others. It is not enough to know what we should be doing, but to actually carry it out.

One of the biggest challenges Jesus faced was the complacent thought that because people were Jewish, that their ancestors were Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, then they would be welcomed into eternity. Jesus confronts that thought and demands that it is not enough to be born in the faith. For eternal life, one needs to live the faith. It is not enough to know about the faith or truths of faith but to put them into practice.

It would have been scandalous for Jesus to declare that there would be Israelites outside the kingdom of God while people from east and west, north and south would have a place in the kingdom. God's love is so great that no one is outside that love, but love that is only words is empty and God's love is so much more than that.

Jesus, who came to reveal the Good News, of God's love, of the reality of the kingdom, demands a response. The challenge echoes down through the centuries. It will do us no good to know what Jesus taught without striving to put it into practice. Each time we pray the Our Father, we ask our loving Father to forgive us our sins, the way we forgive others when they sin against us. There is no point in asking for forgiveness, if we are not practicing forgiveness ourselves. Jesus, himself gives us an example when confronted with the woman caught in adultery. The law was clear cut, she deserved to die, but Jesus saw through the hypocrisy. The people wanted to feel superior, wanted to be 'good' opposed to the 'evil' or 'bad' that she represented. Jesus forced the people to confront their own mistakes, their own sin and eventually no one condemned the woman. Jesus is not soft on crime, for he demands that she go and not sin again. What Jesus is, is merciful, is compassionate and he asks us to reflect on and to live out what is our response to God's love for us?

Humans like to know the boundaries, to know what is acceptable and what is not. We like laws, because they allow us to know what are the minimum requirements that we need to obey. God is not interested in laws or minimums because God is a God of love and therefore demands our maximum. Mercy, compassion, forgiveness, even using our talents and gifts cannot work if we are interested in only doing the minimum or the least required. In the same way, living our Christian life cannot be just about satisfying legal standards. If we think we are 'good' Catholics because we go to Mass every Sunday, I think the Gospel this weekend is a great challenge to us. Our faith cannot just be the hour or so we spend in Church, it needs to be lived out each and every moment of our lives, seven days a week, twenty four days a day, 365 days a year.

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Kevin Redmond sm

105TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES



Dear brothers and sister, our response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration can be summed up in four verbs: **welcome, protect, promote and integrate**. Yet these verbs do not apply only to migrants and refugees. They describe the Church's mission to all those living in the existential peripheries, who need to be welcomed, protected, promoted and integrated. If we put those four verbs into practice, we will help build the city of God and man. We will promote the integral human development of all people. We will also help the world community to come closer to the goals of sustainable development that it has set for itself and that, lacking such an approach, will prove difficult to achieve.

In a word, it is not only the cause of migrants that is at stake: it is not just about them, but about all of us, and about the present and future of the human family. Migrants, especially those who are most vulnerable, help us to read the "signs of the times". Through them, the Lord is calling us to conversion, to be set free from exclusivity, indifference and the throw-away culture. Through them, the Lord invites us to embrace fully our Christian life and to contribute, each according to his or her proper vocation, to the building up of a world that is more and more in accord with God's plan.

In expressing this prayerful hope, and through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Way, I invoke God's abundant blessings on all the world's migrants and refugees and upon on all those who accompany them on their journey.

Pope Frances



SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS

The Church is continuing in its efforts to ensure that all people are welcomed and are safe from harm in our communities. Tragically, we are all too familiar with the devastating results to individuals, their families and friends and the Church when abuse occurs. Through the work of the Safeguarding Office, our Diocese is striving for the best practice in ensuring that our communities are safe and welcoming places, especially for the most vulnerable.

Over the coming months, I am asking for your cooperation as we expand our requirements for ministry and service in the Parish. During September, I am asking that everyone who volunteers for a public ministry at a Mass or Liturgy has a Blue Card. There will be a Matrix published to check if your ministry requires a Blue Card. For those who do not have one, there will be opportunities to apply at the end of Masses. Please take note of the announcements when this will be available at your Mass.

We are not doing this because we do not trust our current beautiful and wonderful volunteers and ministers but because we need to ensure that the Church avoids allowing anyone with ill intent to access those most vulnerable in our communities.

If you already have a Blue Card with another organisation then there will be Linking forms available as well. Please bring ID like a Driver's License and Medicare Card when applying.

Fr Kevin Redmond sm

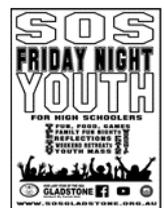
R'TON CLERGY SUPPORT FOUNDATION APPEAL

The Rockhampton Clergy Support Appeal will be happening in parishes across the Diocese on the weekend of the 31 August and 1 September. Your donations help support the living and medical costs of our sick and retired clergy who have faithfully supported our Diocese over the years. Please see the provided envelopes for full donation options.

SOS KIDS, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

Youth Group, Friday's 4.30 - 6.30pm (during school term only for high schoolers) Parish Hall, Register Online www.sosgladstone.org.au/youthgroup or Just Show Up!

We look forward to seeing you. Please Contact Mike 0484 083 403 or Bernadette 0417 513 515 for info



TANNUM BITS AND PEACES FAMILY GROUP-

The annual Bits and Peaces Family Group Camp is at Cania Gorge on September 6—8. Those interested in attending should contact Margaret Black on 0422 808 800 or mhblack@outlook.com to register interest.

MERCY ASSOCIATES

All parishioners are welcome to join the **Mercy Associates Saturday 8 September** in the **Parish Hall at 0930** after the Anointing Mass. We will be reflecting on **“Being a Mercy Associate”**. Please join us for a cuppa.



ACCOMMODATION NEEDED



Host homes are needed for the traveling NET team who will be visiting our parish Friday 13th September till Sunday 15. Usually two people per house with meals would be great.

We should be able to arrange transport if the hosts are unable to assist with this.

THE NET Team will be participating in our 24-hour youth group challenge. Contact Bernadette Ariens 0417513515 or email bariens@tpg.com.au

ALTAR SERVES TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT

The Parish is organising training sessions for current Altar Servers and those wishing to become Altar Servers. The ministry is open to those who have completed their Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Fr. Kevin will run the session which will be held on Wednesday, 28 August at 4pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office on 4972 1025 or e-mail sosglad@tpg.com.au.



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH FEAST DAY

Our annual Parish Feast day will be celebrated on 8 September. This year we will celebrate with a community Mass, morning tea and light entertainment.



We require items for our entertainment, so if you are able to play a musical instrument, sing or dance we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish office as soon as possible.

Thank You

Thank you for the generosity of those parishioners who contribute to our Planned Giving. If you are new to the parish and would like to be part of the Planned Giving Program, either through Direct Debit or Weekly Envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

The total of parishioners contributions for this week amounted to \$2665.85

LITURGY ROSTER 31 August & 1 September

Readers:

8am R. Malig, R. Malig
6pm T. King, S. King

Co-Ordinator

8am M. Duncan
6pm J. Aitkenhead

Eucharistic Ministers

8am K. Singh, R. Mathew, J. Barry
6pm M. Shaw, J. Munt. E. Hughes

Data Projector

8am A. Goman
6pm B. Shaw

Alter Servers

8am C. Little, C. Villanueva
6pm A. King, O. Castellanos

Service Rosters next Sunday

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Joyce Byrne, Sr Kathryn Hogan, Nicklous Dyer, Warren Tomkinson, Salvador Bulling Majella Richmond, George Button, Fr Donal O’Dea

We remember in prayer:

Joan Tomkinson, Veronica Tomkinson, Brigid O’Hagan, James William Owbridge, Dionesia Econg, Ambrosia Econg, Melecio Econg, Juan Econg, Agapito Alfanta, Armando Samporna, Jose Espulgar, Ethel Ford, Fiona McGree, Candelario Damalerio, Ron Williams, Michael Minton

For those we love who are ill and frail

Lincoln Rose, Barbara Filer, Paul Sundstrom, Janene Porter, Eli Colin Vale, Maria Binek, Tom Barry Betty Smith, John & Joy Massingham, Noon Family, Eion MacLeod, Ron O’Brien, Dene Kershaw, Bob Armstrong, Brian Booxson, Evie Trenamen, Shane Dawes, Benjamin Gibson, Michael Harrigan, Kathy Immoos, Patricia Lynch, Fay Clunes, Dorothy Maudsley, Alice Hodowaniec, Julian Watkins Ben Rose

Readings Next Week: 22nd Sunday in Ord Time

1st Reading: Sirach:3:17-20, 28-29
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24
Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14

Responsorial Psalm: 21st Sunday Ord Time Yr C

Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News

PARISH LITURGY SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES

Star of the Sea Gladstone

- ◆ Tuesday 5:30pm
- ◆ Wednesday 7:00am (except 8am 1st Wednesday of month at Mater)
- ◆ Thursday 1 0:40am Chanel College otherwise 7am
- ◆ Friday 9:30am
- ◆ 1st Saturday of the month Healing Mass 8:30am
- ◆ Sunday 8:00am & 6:00pm

St Peter Chanel Tannum Sands

- ◆ 6:00pm 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturday Vigil of the month
- ◆ 8:00am 2nd & 4th Sunday Lay Led Liturgy
- ◆ 9:30am 3rd Wednesday of the month Lay Led

St Peter Chanel Miriam Vale

- ◆ 11:00am 2nd Sunday of the month

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Mt. Larcom

- ◆ 11:00am 1st Sunday of the month

St Patrick's Calliope

- ◆ 6:00pm Saturday Vigil 2nd & 4th

St Mary's Ubobo

- ◆ 11:00am 3rd Sunday of the month

St Agnes, Agnes Water

- ◆ 12:00pm 4th Sunday of the month
- ◆ Lay Led Liturgies on the other Sundays at 12:00pm

NURSING HOME MASSES

Bindaree Lodge

- ◆ 1st Wednesday of the month at 2:15pm

Eden Vale

- ◆ 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm

Domain Auckland Place

- ◆ Last Wednesday of the month at 2:15pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Available every Saturday morning 8:30am Star of the Sea Church except when Mass is celebrated on the first Saturday of the month.

ROSARY

Star of the Sea

- ◆ 1st Saturday of the month after the 8:30am Mass
- #### St. Peter Chanel Tannum Sands
- ◆ Wednesdays at 10.00am

We acknowledge the Gooreng Gooreng, Bailai & Gurang people, traditional custodians of what we now call Gladstone

RECONCILIATION

Star of the Sea

- ◆ 9:00am - 9:30am Saturday
- Other Mass centres available on request

BAPTISMS

Star of the Sea Church

- ◆ 2nd Sunday after 8:00am Mass

Other Mass centres

- ◆ Available on request

Parents are to take part in a baptism preparation class held on the 4th Sunday of the month in the Parish Office 38 Herbert St. Gladstone. Baptism packs are available at the Parish Office.

MARRIAGES

An appointment with a priest is required prior to booking the marriage date.

MANAGING COMPLAINTS in the DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON:

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles and procedures of Towards Healing. The Diocese is committed to healing for victims by providing a sensitive and compassionate response to complaints.

Contact the Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding office:

Response Line on m: 1800 830 113 (free call) or email: pssso@rok.catholic.net.au

Diocesan Website for more information: www.rok.catholic.net.au

TIMETABLE THIS WEEK

Saturday 24 August

St Patrick's, Calliope—6:30pm

Sunday 25 August

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—8:00am & 6:00pm

St Peter Chanel, Tannum—8:00am (Lay Led)

St. Agnes, Agnes Water—12 noon

Tuesday 27 August

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—5:30pm

Wednesday 28 August

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—7:00am

Thursday 29 August

Chanel College—10:40am

Friday 30 August

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—9:30am

Saturday 31 August

St Peter Chanel, Tannum—6:00pm

Sunday 1 September

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—8:00am & 6:00pm

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mt. Larcom—11:00am

St. Agnes, Agnes Water—12 noon (lay led)