



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR



8 September 2019

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Star of the Sea (Gladstone)

4972 1305

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Chanel College (Gladstone)

4973 4700

None of you can be my disciple ...

In the Gospel for this Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Jesus presents to the great crowds that were following him the price or the reality of being his disciple. There are three different ways Jesus talks about being a disciple: "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple." The second follows on immediately: "Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple," and the third: "... none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions."

We can be surprised by the language Jesus uses in this passage, especially the word "hate". It is a word that is almost the exact opposite of how Jesus lives his life, normally speaks and the message of God's love that he came to proclaim. But, perhaps, it is so effective because it is a word that Jesus so rarely uses. I do not believe that Jesus is actually saying that we have to hate our families and even ourselves before we can become disciples of Jesus.

Jesus does not just say that we have to "hate" our families, even ourselves to be his disciples. Jesus also uses the idea of carrying our cross and coming after him and finally giving up all our possessions are necessary for us to be his disciples. Jesus demands that to be his disciple we are completely free without any hindrance or holding onto anything.

I do think that Jesus is once again using hyperbole to illustrate a point. For the vast majority of the members of the Church, Jesus' literal teaching on discipleship today would preclude them from being disciples. Would you give up your job, your car, your house, your children to be a follower of Jesus? Of course not, but I still think it is a valuable lesson for us to reflect on.

The truth is the most valuable things in our lives are not our possessions. We do not own them. Certainly for those who are parents, your children, especially when they were babies depended on you for everything, they did not have much of a say in any aspect of their lives. But even then, they were not 'yours'. I believe one of the elements that Jesus is asking of us is to ensure that we are not overly possessive of things, which may mean we are unable to be generous, unable to be free enough to follow the Lord.

This is especially the case with those elements of our lives that are not objects or things. For most sports, equipment is required and these can be "ours". But the skills to use that equipment are different, they are not "ours" in the same way. Anyone who has been privileged to teach or coach someone new in a sport or skill knows the thrill of seeing them get it, seeing them mastering that and gaining confidence. In a similar way, our knowledge, our learning is not really ours, are we generous in sharing it?

The other element in our Gospel today is two stories that Jesus tells to further talk about the cost of discipleship. In the stories Jesus illustrates the importance of planning. A person building a tower, needs to work out that they can finish the tower before they start building, otherwise people will laugh at them. Or again, if war is approaching and the king does not think he can win, he will send envoys to sue for peace, before the fighting begins. Jesus wants us to know the cost of discipleship very early on. He is being completely open with us. To be a disciple of Jesus will 'cost' and Jesus wants us to know the level of that cost from the very beginning. To be a disciple will mean letting go of everything, of things that perhaps we are most proud of, are we willing to pay the price?

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Kevin Redmond sm



NEW LOCATION

From Monday 9 September the St. Vincent de Paul Support Centre will temporarily move due to redevelopment of the centre.

NEW LOCATION

The Parish Centre Hall

HOURS OF OPERATION—WILL STAY THE SAME AS THEY ARE NOW

Monday: 1.30—3.30 pm

Friday: 1.30—2.30 pm

Saturday: 11.00 am—12 noon

DEATH OF FR. RAJ'S MOTHER

Bishop Michael informed us of the death of Fr. Raj's mother in Andhra Pradesh. Please remember Raj and his family in your prayers.

ST FRANCIS FEAST DAY

On Friday 20th September. St. Francis Catholic Primary School will be celebrating their St. Francis Feast Day at Canoe Point from 8.50am. We would love our Parish members to come and join us in celebrating St. Francis.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

ROSTER AVAILABILITY

We are compiling our Ministries for the months of October to January. If you are not available any-time during this period please contact the Parish Office.

MASS CHANGES

Parishioners are invited to the celebration of the **Holy Name of Mary Mass** on Thursday 12 September at 9.00am which will be hosted by Star of the Sea School.

The 7.00am Mass on this day has been cancelled.

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 Mass. 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

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

NET is visiting us in the parish. Join us for our 12 hour challenge; "Many are called, few are chosen" beginning Friday 13th from 4.30pm workshops, fun and dinner at St. Patrick's Calliope.

Overnight stay for high school aged and above. Senior primary aged can join in activities in evening and next day Saturday 14th September continues with activities at Tannum Sands beach followed by brunch. Get involved come and join in and bring a friend. \$20 for whole weekend, includes food and activities For more information contact Mike Ngan Woo on [0484083403](tel:0484083403) or Bernadette on [0417 513 515](tel:0417513515)



Date Claimer

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PIZZA NIGHT

Friday 27 September 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

WIDOW & WIDOWERS LUNCHEON.

Our Parish offers support to anyone who has lost a loved one. We meet for lunch on the second Thursday of each month. Our lunch this month will be Thursday 12 September at 11:30am at the Reef Hotel Gladstone. Please come and join us.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

Host homes are needed for the travelling NET team who will be visiting our parish Friday 13th September till Sunday 15. The NET Team will be participating in our 24-hour youth group challenge. Contact Bernadette Ariens 0417513515 or email bariens@tpg.com.au

PRESENTATION OF RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES

Candidates will be presented and blessed at Mass on the following dates:

St. Peter Chanel—Tannum Sands—14 September
Star of the Sea—Gladstone—September 15th
St. Patrick's—Calliope—21 September

PLENARY COUNCIL—What is a Plenary Council?

A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country.

“Plenary” refers to the Council being attended by all local churches in Australia. The decisions that are made at the Council become binding for the Catholic Church in Australia. A synod does not have this legislative and governance authority. Our Plenary Council 2020 is being held so that we can all participate in dialogue about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The “Listening and Discernment” phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National Themes for Discernment. Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide, “Let’s Listen and Discern”, at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

In the preparations for the Plenary Council I would like to invite you to attend a **Twilight Experience** Thursday, 19th September 5:30-7pm. The first theme we are exploring is evangelization. Come and listen, pray and chat on how we can become a more evangelising parish in all our communities. The evening will focus on the key messages of Pope Francis’ *Joy of the Gospel*. RSVP The Parish Office for catering purposes 4972 1025.

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 \$2121.80

LITURGY ROSTER 14 & 15 September

Readers:

8am T. Fernandes, L. O'Brien
6pm St. John's Mass

Co-Ordinator

8am H. Vale
6pm A. Rowe

Eucharistic Ministers

8am D. Jordan, A. Goman, K. Thompson
6pm St. John's Mass

Data Projector

8am M. Fernandes
6pm D. Conley

Alter Servers

8am C. Little, C. Villanueva
6pm St. John's Mass

Service
Rosters
next
Sunday

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Nicklous Dyer, Warren Tomkinson, Salvador Bulling
Majella Richmond, George Button, Fr Donal O'Dea
Ronilo Gier, RossGurgo

We remember in prayer:

Brigid O'Hagan, Fiona McGree, Michael Minton,
Candelario Damalerio, Ron Williams, Jose Nacario
John Lynch, Precila Nacario, Luis Nacario,
Briggitt Campo, Luis & Claudia Carreon,
Ken & Gert Moore, John Lynch, Dora Bradford

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 23rd Sunday in Ord Time

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

2nd Reading: St Paul to Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

Responsorial Psalm: 23rd Sunday Ord Time Yr C

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge

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 7 September

St. Patrick's, Calliope—6:00pm

Sunday 8 September

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

St Peter Chanel, Miriam Vale—11:00am

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

Tuesday 10 September

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—5:30pm

Wednesday 11 September

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—7:00am

Thursday 12 September

Chanel College—10:40am

Friday 13 September

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—9:30am

Saturday 14 September

Peter Chanel Tannum Sands—6:00pm

Sunday 15 September

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

St. Mary's Church, Ubobo—11:00am

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