



# Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

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The Ascension of the Lord

20th May 2012

Gladstone Parish

is Administered  
by

The Marist Fathers

And includes the  
following areas:

Agnes Water  
Calliope  
Gladstone  
Miriam Vale  
Mt. Larcom  
Tannum Sands  
Ubobo

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## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May is Pentecost Sunday. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Masses over this weekend. We ask your prayers for the candidates and their families. It will be a very special time, many people will come from near and far to be with us. Let us make a very special intention in our prayer this week for these people.

## FLORES DE MAYO

Also on Pentecost Sunday both the Filipino and Brazilian Communities will join together to celebrate for the third time at Star of the Sea the traditional Flores de Mayo. **This will be at the 6PM Mass next Sunday.** This celebration will involve the Crowning of Our Lady and the sprinkling of the Statue of Mary with flower petals. We encourage all parishioners to bring a flower to participate in this celebration. It will be a time to remember the presence of Mary at Pentecost and her calm mother's love that gave courage to the twelve apostles.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We scheduled elections for this weekend following the time for nominations. We have five nominations for four places. As the constitution of the Parish Pastoral Council allows me to select another four members of the Council I now declare all five as a part of the council and I will select only three people. They are all fine people and I thank them for making themselves available for this ministry in the life of the parish. The five members of the council are: John Clowes, Lorrie-Ann Columbus, Clyde Fernandes, Sylvia Smith and Kerry Thompson. I ask for your prayers for the Parish Pastoral Council.

 **catholic** THANK YOU  
**mission**

Our parish collected \$2,596.30 for the Catholic Mission appeal.  
*Reach out. Give life.*

## VISIT TO OUR PARISH BY BISHOP HENK KRONENBERG SM

After such a short time we bid farewell to Bishop Henk. He will celebrate the 9 AM Mass at Star of the Sea this Sunday and there will be a cuppa after so that as many as possible can meet with Bishop Henk. He leaves us on Sunday afternoon.

## BAPTISMS 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012

As we have Confirmation during the Masses over this weekend we will exceptionally have Baptisms following the 9 AM and not during the Mass.

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

All those involved in ministries involving children and young people are invited to attend a training session on:

**Date:** Thursday, 24 May, 2012.

**Venue:** The Cathedral Centre **Time:** 5.30 p.m. – 7.00p.m.

**Facilitators:** Margaret Hallinan (Diocesan working with children and young people co-ordinator) and Kate Venables (Centacare).

Ministries include Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sacraments Preparation, Church-run Playgroups, those involved in youth Masses and in training altar servers, secretaries from parishes.

Teachers in Catholic Schools who are part of these ministries are expected to attend as the reporting process is different from the process followed in schools. There will be a training session at St Francis Tannum Sands on the 18th July at 3pm and in the Star of the Sea Parish Hall at 10.30am. Please contact the parish office to book a place.

## DATE CLAIMER

THE CELEBRATION OF ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

COMPLETION OF RESTORATION WORKS

1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

20<sup>TH</sup> to 27<sup>TH</sup> May is this very special week. We will celebrate with a special Mass on Friday 1st June at 9.30 AM at Star of the Sea Church.

## YEAR OF GRACE

***"Year of Grace is not a program but an opportunity".....***The Year of Grace begins next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, and it begins by the Church in Australia asking God for a year of Grace, a time to renew and reflect again on how Christ is present in our lives and the difference living with Him makes to us. There is no program for the year of Grace, but it will offer us many opportunities to pray, to reflect on God's Word and to make the most out of how our communities intend to mark this special year. In their earlier pastoral letter the Australia Catholic Bishops have invited us to explore many aspects of our spiritual lives during this time – *A holy time, given by God, to start afresh from Christ, contemplating his face, and listening to his word, that he may heal our wounds, overcome all our divisions and make us rich in hope, so that we may show forth his face and speak his word in new ways.*

## FOCUSING THE WORD

### Key words and phrases

Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation.

The Lord worked with them.

Lead a life worthy of your vocation.

Bear with one another in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience.

There is one Body, one Spirit.

One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God who is Father of all.

Each one of us has been given our own share of grace.

May we follow where he has lead.

### to the point

The ascension marks the completion of Jesus' historical ministry and the beginning of our own commission to proclaim the gospel. We do not do this on our own authority. We undertake our mission 'through the Holy Spirit' (first reading) and manifest the Holy Spirit through our mission. But always the mission is Christ's.

## CONNECTING THE WORD

### to Easter and Pentecost

Our own taking up the mission to proclaim the gospel (ascension) is always in light of the resurrected Christ (Easter) and empowered by the Spirit (Pentecost). Easter, ascension, Pentecost are all one mystery and we participate in this mystery by proclaiming the gospel.

### to our religious experience

It is easy to be distracted by the spectacular signs mentioned in this gospel (snake handling, drinking deadly poison) and lose sight of the hard work of living the real message of the gospel (humility, gentleness, bearing with one another – second reading).

## UNDERSTANDING THE WORD

### Jesus commissions the apostles

Biblical scholars have long noted that Mark 16:15-20 is not an original part of Mark's gospel. The entire 'Longer Ending' (16:9-20) was added to provide a more satisfying conclusion than that found in 16:1-8. Most of the material in this longer ending reiterates stories from Luke 24 and John 20. Nevertheless, these verses provide an appropriate ending to Mark's gospel.

Mark began his gospel with Jesus 'proclaiming the gospel,' calling people to 'repent and believe' (1:14-15). The gospel ends with Jesus sending out disciples to 'proclaim the gospel,' calling people to 'believe and [be] baptised' (16:16). Throughout the gospel disciples and people in general struggled to understand and to believe Jesus. But now that Jesus has been raised and his identity as the Son of God has been confirmed by his death and resurrection, the urgency of believing is spelled out: belief and baptism lead to salvation, but failure to believe leads to condemnation. Such ultimate consequences explain the urgency that the disciples 'proclaim the gospel to every creature.'

Just as Jesus had performed many signs, expelled demons, and laid his hands on the sick, the disciples will now do the same. The expectation that disciples would perform signs similar to those of Jesus is reflected in other New Testament sources (Matt 21:21; John 14:12; Acts 3:6; 9:34, 40). The purpose of these signs is not to exalt the status of the individual disciple or apostle, but to bear visible witness to the power and presence of Jesus at work in those who believe. Like the deeds of Jesus, such signs point to the emerging triumph of God's reign; they are 'first fruits' of the resurrection, that is, the wholeness and fullness of life that is signified by the resurrection is already being manifest when the power of evil is broken and the sick are made well. But the deepest significance of the disciples' performing these signs is that they are continuing to do as Jesus had done: though Jesus has ascended to heaven, his work continues in the work of those who believe in him.

### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2012

This weekend our church celebrates this important part of our everyday life. The entire message of Pope Benedict is found on the Parish Web or the Vatican sites (whichever you find easiest!) Our diocese will have its annual collection for Mass Media on 3rd June.

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*As we draw near to World Communications Day 2012, I would like to share with you some reflections concerning an aspect of the human process of communication which, despite its importance, is often overlooked and which, at the present time, it would seem especially necessary to recall. It concerns the relationship between silence and word: two aspects of communication which need to be kept in balance, to alternate and to be integrated with one another if authentic dialogue and deep closeness between people are to be achieved. When word and silence become mutually exclusive, communication breaks down, either because it gives rise to confusion or because, on the contrary, it creates an atmosphere of coldness; when they complement one another, however, communication acquires value and meaning.*

*Silence is an integral element of communication; in its absence, words rich in content cannot exist. In silence, we are better able to listen to and understand ourselves...*

**Have a good week,**

  
Fr Paul Makony SM

### NEW LIFE MINISTRIES

New Life Ministries invite you to a morning tea commencing at 9am on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month excluding school and public holidays. Praise Worship and Prayer will follow morning tea from 9.30 to 10.30 in the Star of the Sea Parish hall Gladstone. For further information please contact Irene Davison 4972 2098.

# THANK YOU



Thank you to the people who continually contribute to the upkeep of the parish through Planned Giving Program. Last week your contributions amounted to: **\$2379.00**

### DATE CLAIMER

*Charismatic Renewal New Life Ministries  
Weekend Retreat*

*Tanyalla Conference Centre  
Tannum Sands*

*Dates: 7pm Friday 5th to 1pm Sunday 7th October 2012*



### TAKE 2 with JESUS

Bishop Brian invites you to join him in the Year of Grace spending two minutes each day praying with Jesus. **Two minutes guided reflection will be available each day by email.**

These reflections are designed to help us busy people take a year-long retreat, starting afresh with Christ.

Sr. Kym Harris will write the reflections around a weekly theme. For example, the week after Pentecost explore the presence of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' life.

These daily reflections will commence on Pentecost Sunday 27 May 2012 and conclude Pentecost Sunday 2013. The Bishop will introduce this retreat with his reflections on "What Jesus means to him!" on Youtube – link details to follow.

To subscribe: email [prayer@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:prayer@rok.catholic.net.au) with your name and preferred email address.



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THE COUNSELLING SERVICE

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- ➡ Conflict resolution
- ➡ Stress management
- ➡ Separation or divorce;
- ➡ Communication
- ➡ Parenting issues
- ➡ A step family adjusting together
- ➡ And other issue that is negatively affecting you .

Face-to-face and phone counselling services are available.

**To make an appointment, just call 1300 523 985 from anywhere in the Diocese**



### Those who have died recently

Fr Kevin Castles sm  
Fr Wally Fingleton sm  
Alf Liddell  
William Halter  
Norma Howard

### Please remember in your prayers

Greg McCann  
Claude Griffin  
Edna Ruddell  
Filipina Cartel Anacita  
Nemesio Baison Sr  
Antonai Orodio  
Valeriano Orodio  
Maria Sison  
Victorino Sison  
Muriel Hodgson (nee Jones)  
Maria Villeneuve  
Rob Johnston  
Eileen Mary Tomkinson  
Moya Lavering  
Maria Costignan  
Gregoria Acosta  
Neville Curran  
Robert Hixon

### For all who are sick

David Whiti  
Emma Ross  
Toby Smith  
Wayne Howard  
Sr Beryl Amedee  
Frank Bellet

## PARISH LITURGY SCHEDULE

### MASS TIMES

#### Gladstone

Monday — 9am Lay Led Liturgy  
Tuesday — 5:30pm  
Wednesday — 7am (except 8am 1st Wednesday of month at Mater Hospital)  
Thursday — 7am  
Friday — 7am  
Saturday — 6pm  
1st Saturday of the month Healing Mass 8:30am  
Sunday — 7am, 9am & 6pm

#### Tannum Sands

◆ 8am Sunday (2nd Sunday of the month is a healing mass)

#### Miriam Vale

◆ 11am 2nd & 4th Sundays  
\*with Lay Led Liturgies on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays.

#### Mt. Larcom

◆ 10am 1st Sunday of the month  
\*with Lay Led Liturgy on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10am.

#### Calliope

◆ 6pm Saturday Vigil

#### Ubobo

◆ 12noon 3rd Sunday of the month

#### Agnes Water

◆ 4pm, 2nd & 4th Sundays  
\*with Lay Led Liturgies on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays at 4pm.

### NURSING HOME MASSES

#### Bindaree Lodge

◆ 1st Wednesday of the month at 2:15pm  
*Eden Vale*

◆ 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm  
*Hibiscus Gardens*

◆ Last Tuesday of the month at 9:30am  
*Mater Hospital*

◆ 1st Wednesday of the month at 8:00am  
*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.

### RECONCILIATION

#### Star of the Sea

◆ 9:00—9:30am Saturday

#### St. Patrick's Calliope

◆ after 6pm mass (First weekend 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 10am

\*Please note on the 3rd Wednesday of the month there is a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 10am followed by the rosary

### BAPTISMS

#### Star of the Sea Church

◆ 2nd Sunday after 9am mass

◆ 4th Sunday during 9am mass

#### St Peter Chanel Tannum Sands

◆ 1st and 3rd Sundays during 8am mass

Baptisms and baptism preparation classes must be booked through the Parish Office. Parents are to take part in a baptism preparation class held on the **3rd Sunday of the month in the Parish Hall 38 Herbert St. Gladstone 10.15am—11.45am**. Baptism packs are available at the Parish Office.

### MARRIAGES

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

### Readings for The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

### Responsorial Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;

A blare of trumpets for the Lord.

### BULLETIN NOTICES

You can e-mail your bulletin notices at [sosglad@tpg.com.au](mailto:sosglad@tpg.com.au) or drop a written copy into the parish office before **Wednesday afternoon**.