



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

First Sunday of Advent Year B—3 December 2023

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 10:30am—4pm

Tues, Thurs: Fri: 9am—4pm

Wed: 1pm—4pm

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Fr Andrew Chase

Assistant Priest

Fr Ashwin Acharya

Parish Secretary

Maree Roobottom

Finance /Admin Officer

Joanne Cannon

Faith Co-Ordinator

Hayley Lanzon

OUR PARISH INCLUDES THE COMMUNITIES OF:

Agnes Water

Calliope

Gladstone

Miriam Vale

Mt. Larcom

Tannum Sands

Ubobo

PARISH SCHOOLS

St Francis (Tannum Sands)

4973 3600

St John Baptist (Gladstone)

4978 1799

Star of the Sea (Gladstone)

4972 1305

Chanel College (Gladstone)

4973 4700

LITURGIES THIS WEEK

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 5 December: Star of the Sea—5:30pm

Wednesday 6 December: Star of the Sea—7:00am

Thursday 7 December: Star of the Sea—7:00am

Friday 8 December: Star of the Sea—9:00am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 9 December

St Patrick's, Calliope—6pm

Sunday 10 December

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—8am & 6pm

St Peter Chanel, Tannum—8am *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

St Peter Chanel, Miriam Vale—11am

St Agnes, Agnes Water—12pm *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Saturday 9 December

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

St Patrick's, Calliope—5:15pm to 5:45pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday 9 December

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

St Patrick's, Calliope—5:15pm to 5:45pm

Did you know...

About the Season of Advent?

This Sunday begins a new liturgical year. Year A ended with Christ the King, and now we commence Year B, with the season of Advent. Advent is a season of preparation. In the Church, we signify such seasons with the colour violet, which we see not only during the *long seasons* of Lent and Advent but also in the *passing preparatory moments* of Confession and Anointing of the Sick. So, what sets Advent apart from Lent and those moments of receiving the sacraments of healing?

The word "advent" means "arrival". To be sure, Christ is constantly arriving. He is always "coming to us" and he never leaves us. But in a particular way, the Church places herself in expectation for the arrival of Emmanuel, *God with us*, our king in the fragile form of our newborn baby brother. Therefore, while it is *always* appropriate pray, take up penances and concern ourselves with the needy, the tone of Advent is different from that of Lent. The focus is less about *mortifying our sinful habits* and more about **staying awake** and **keeping vigil**. You will notice that we abstain from the Gloria in the Mass. We will not sing it again until we sing it with all of the angels who appear to the shepherds announcing the Saviour has been born! So, let our eager expectation and earnest preparations begin!

- Fr Ashwin



We are seeking a

Private Instrumental Music Tutor

to provide lessons for:
Brass
Percussion
Woodwind

One day per week commencing
Term 1 2024

Enquiries to
info@sftsrok.catholic.edu.au
Ph: 07 4973 3600

PROPOSAL FOR MASS TIME CHANGE

A suggestion has recently been made to change the time of our **Saturday evening Mass at Tannum Sands and Calliope from 6pm to 5pm**. Several parishioners have suggested that 5pm may be a better time for older people and for parents with young children. Before I consider a change I would like to hear from anyone who has any thoughts on this suggestion. If you feel strongly either in support of, or opposed to, this change, could you please let me know as soon as possible, either in person or by email: ppgladstone@rok.catholic.net.au

Thank you.
Fr Andrew



TO ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

**Fr Andrew, Fr Ashwin
and Parish Staff**

**value your contribution and
would love
invite you to our
Annual
Volunteers/Ministries
Christmas Dinner**

**Friday 15 December 2023
at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall,
Herbert Street, Gladstone**

Please RSVP by 11 December to
Parish Office
sosgladstone@rok.catholic.net.au
or phone 4972 1025

BYO Drinks (Soft drinks provided)

PRAYER SUPPORT FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

There is a tradition at Chanel College of asking for prayer support for our Year 12 students from parents, staff and other members of the community.

If you would like to be part of this program for 2024, please fill in the **Prayer Support Form** below.

Forms need to be returned to the College Office by 5 February 2024. Alternatively, please email Ms Bourke your wish to be included in the 2024 program, kristi_bourke@rok.catholic.edu.au

I would encourage all members of our community to be part of this prayer support group for our Year 12 students ***Your only commitment is to pray daily, a prayer of your choice, for the student you have been allocated.*** As soon as all students have been allocated, each sponsor will receive an introductory letter from the student for who they are to pray. If you have not received the introductory letter by the end of Term 1, please contact the college.

Thank you in anticipation for your support.
Kristi Bourke—Assistant Principal - Mission

Chanel College Prayer Support

Yes, I would like to be part of this program for 2024.

Family Name: _____

First Name: _____

Student Name (if applicable): _____

Pastoral Care Group: _____

Thank you for your support.



ADVENT GATHERING

There will be an Advent gathering at the northernmost picnic shelter on the Millenium Boulevard, Tannum Sands. We will meet Monday mornings, commencing at 11am. **Everyone is welcome.**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In honour of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, you are invited to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Star of the Sea Church at 12pm – 1pm on Friday 8th December.

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH NATIVITY PLAY



School-aged children are invited to join rehearsals for the nativity play to held during Star of the Sea Church's Christmas Eve 6pm Mass. Rehearsals will be after 8am Masses at Star of the Sea Church on Sundays 3rd, 10th & 17th December. Please email Hayley at adfaithsos@rok.catholic.net.au to register or ask questions.

ADVENT 2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION



Receive God's love and graces this Advent with the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation to be celebrated at Star of the Sea Church on **Wednesday 20th December at 5.30pm.** The evening will include Liturgy of the Word and individual Confession.

STAR OF THE SEA CENTENARY



In November next year, Star of the Sea Church will be 100 years old. We need a team of people who can begin planning a suitable celebration for such a momentous event. If you would like to be part of the planning committee, please contact the parish office. We need a variety of people with different skills: historical knowledge, event planning, promotional skills and creative ideas. Please consider being a part of this team to plan for a great celebration.



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THANK YOU!

TO OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

For raising \$1041.00 for the St Joseph's Cathedral Conservation Appeal 2023.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GLOBAL GIFTS CARDS

Caritas Australia's Global Gifts Christmas cards are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact. Each gift represents a donation that will support vulnerable communities to create a brighter future.

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SOS YOUTH EVENTS CHRISTMAS BREAKUP



ROCKCLIMBING – BBQ – MOVIE ON THE SQUASH COURT
TANNUM FITNESS CENTRE,
Sun 10th December 5pm till 7.30pm

ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUP AND MEDITATION



The Sign—The Advent discussion group and Meditation will be held in the parish office each Tuesday at the following times.

Advent Group: 11:00am
Meditation: 12:30pm
Everyone is welcome

READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

2nd Sunday of Advent Yr B

- ♦ **First Reading**
Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
- ♦ **Second Reading**
2 Peter 3:8-14
- ♦ **Gospel**
Mark 1:1-8

Readings for Mass today?



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DIOCESAN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER To view:

rok.catholic.net.au/news-events/bishops-newsletter

We acknowledge the Gooreng Gooreng, Bailai, Gurang, and Taribelang Bunda people, traditional custodians of what we now call Gladstone.

STAR OF THE SEA LITURGY ROSTER 10 December 2023

Readers:

8:00am: R. Malig, L. Amahit
6:00pm: D. Conley, V. Norman

Co-Ordinator:

8:00am: H. Vale
6:00pm: A. Borbon

Minister of Holy Communion:

8:00am: **Body:** K. Richardson **Choir:** E. Lee
Chalice: K. Singh, A. Villanueva
6:00pm: **Body:** K. Bourke
Chalice: I. Liddell, M. Reyes

Data Projector:

8:00am: S. & E. Nagy 6:00pm: A. Fairweather

Altar Servers:

8:00am: Marcel & Myeisha Medina, Adori Selbin
6:00pm: Serafina Jinto, Nethuli Peiris



PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Susan Freeman, Raymond Austin, Anthony Fitzgerald
Sr Patricia Heenan RSC, Nev Reece

For others who have died

Andrew Hansen, Brian Travers, Betty Smith, Col Brown,
Mary Brown,

For those we love who are ill and frail

Lincoln Rose, Barbara Filer, Tony Gibb, Eli Colin Vale,
Ben Rose, Ron O'Brien, Noon Family, John & Joy
Massingham, Brian Booxson, Evie Trenamen, Benjamin
Gibson, Carlene Oates, Patricia Lynch, Nicole Knox,
Dorothy Maudsley, Remy Scholl, Julian Watkins,
Christopher Marra, Vincent Bellet, Colin and Dolly
O'Sing, Jacque Rive, Cedric Philps, Dorothy Thompson,
John Walker, John Judge, Timothy Howard, Justin
Nelson, Frank Blain, Amanda Ward, Stan Mobbs,
Paul Van der List, Stacey Eccles, Rosemary Ross,
Nancy Peagam, Pat Field, Lewis Tickner, Gizella
Laurance, Gizella Andrews, Henry Seal, Steve Laurance,
George Nagy, Ron and Marsed Field, Salude Marshman,
Matthew Mohorovic, Sally Donovan, Dithma Petitte
Paul Sundstrom, Joe Mullins

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

- ◆ 6:00pm 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

- ◆ 6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Mt. 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

- ◆ 12:00pm Mass 4th Sunday of the month
- ◆ Liturgy of the Word with Communion on the other Sundays at 12:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Star of the Sea

- ◆ 8:30am-9:20am Saturday

St Peter Chanel (Tannum Sands) & St Patrick's (Calliope)

- ◆ 5:15pm—5:45pm (*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 4th 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

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