



# Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

1st Sunday of Advent Year C – 1 December 2024


## PARISH OFFICE AND CONTACTS

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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 Peter Doherty

Parish Secretary

Emma May

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 3 December: Star of the Sea | 5:30pm

Wednesday 4 December: Star of the Sea | 7:00am

Thursday 5 December: Chanel College | 10:40am

Friday 6 December: Star of the Sea | 9:00am

### SUNDAY MASSES

#### **Saturday 7 December**

St Patrick's, Calliope | 5:00pm

#### **Sunday 8 December**

Star of the Sea, Gladstone | 8:00am and 6:00pm

St Peter Chanel, Tannum | 8:00am *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

St Peter Chanel, Miriam Vale | 11:00am

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

#### **Saturday 7 December**

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 Church's Liturgical Year

Advent marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical year and is a season of preparation leading up to Christmas. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin *ad-venire*, meaning "to come." It's a time to focus on two key events: the second coming of Christ at the end of time, and the celebration of His birth on Christmas. Rather than speculating about when Christ will return, Advent calls us to stay alert and prepare our hearts (Luke 21:34-36).

Like Lent, Advent is a time for penance and reflection, helping us prepare spiritually for the joy of Christmas. The liturgical colour for Advent is purple, symbolizing the season of preparation, except on the Third Sunday of Advent, or Gaudete Sunday, when rose may be worn.

During Advent, the Mass also reflects the season with changes like the priest wearing violet vestments and the altar being more simply decorated. From December 17 to December 24, the Church focuses on the final days of Advent, with special prayers called the "O Antiphons," which date back to at least the 8th century. These prayers draw on Old Testament imagery to proclaim Christ's coming as the fulfilment of God's promises.

One popular Advent tradition is the Advent wreath, which helps remind us of the season's meaning. To support your spiritual preparation, consider using an Advent calendar for daily prayers and activities that guide you through the season. As we await the birth of Christ, Advent is a time to quiet our hearts and as we prepare to focus on the true joy of Christmas.

Adapted from: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/advent>

Fr Peter

## SUPPORT A LOCAL MISSIONARY

Hey! I'm Elizabeth Ariens, and in 2025, I will be volunteering with NET (National Evangelization Teams) Ministries, doing a gap year on mission. I will be away for the whole year, spreading the Gospel and my experiences of Jesus' love around Australia, focusing on encouraging young people to love Jesus and embrace the Church. This is a really exciting opportunity, but in order to do so, I will need to raise a total of \$7,000 by the start of January. If you are able and willing, your donations would be greatly appreciated, no matter how big or small. You can scan the QR code below or contact me directly

Ph 0448 021 350 | Email [lizariens3@gmail.com](mailto:lizariens3@gmail.com)

If you are unable to support financially, please keep me in your thoughts and prayers as I move on to this next chapter of my life.



In the "sponsorship for" section, please enter: **Elizabeth Ariens**

## DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY? YOU'RE INVITED TO

### Join the St Joseph's Online Conference

We are taking expressions of interest.  
Meetings are monthly, online via Microsoft Teams.  
Training will be provided.

#### HOW YOUR PASSION AND SKILLS CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Provide a **listening** ear to people in difficult situations, over the phone or internet especially during Christmas
- Arrange material **assistance** where needed
- **Refer** and **guide** people to other community sources of help
- **Enhance** and **share** your faith journey with other like-minded people in a virtual environment
- Use **technology** and **input data**
- **Make remote payments**
- **Help** people and more...

Express your interest by scanning the QR code or emailing: [membership.rocky@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:membership.rocky@svdpqld.org.au)  
National Police Check will be required.



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
QUEENSLAND  
*good works*

## ADVENT RESOURCE—HOPE Reigns

This year's Advent resource, "**Hope Reigns**" invites us to explore more deeply what it means to have eyes to see and ears to hear Emmanuel, God with us. It will clarify our vision, so that we can welcome anew the wonder of the Christ Child who brings heaven to earth and opens the door to the extraordinary gift of life everlasting.



Fr Andrew, Fr Peter & Parish Staff value your contribution and would love to invite you to our

## ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS | MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS DINNER

13 December 2024  
6pm | Parish Hall  
38 Herbert Street

Please RSVP by: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024  
P: 4972 1025  
E: [sosgladstone@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:sosgladstone@rok.catholic.net.au)

BYO Alcoholic Drinks | Soft Drinks Provided

## STAR OF THE SEA BAPTISMAL FONT

Two weeks ago at our Centenary Mass, Bishop Michael blessed the new baptistry and the reinstalled font, which will once again be used for baptisms in our church.

This dedicated space for baptisms reminds us of the centrality of this sacrament to our faith.

Grateful thanks goes to **Nick Barkley**, together with a team of volunteer labourers, for carrying out this work and the reordering of the church that went along with it. Their generous efforts have added to the beauty and dignity of our centenarian church!

◇ Thank you ◇

## PHOTOS FROM CENTENARY WEEKEND

If you have any photos from the Centenary Weekend

Please Email them through to the Parish Office

[sosgladstone@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:sosgladstone@rok.catholic.net.au)



## MEN'S CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Friday 6 Dec | 5:30pm at SOS followed by 6:15pm in Parish Centre

Prayer, Fellowship and Fatherhood  
Short reflections on being Fathers, Grandfathers and Men growing Young Men





**IGNITE SUMMERCAMP 2025**

**WHEN | 8 - 12 January 2025**

**WHERE | QCCC Mapleton (Sunshine Coast)**

**WHO | Any 2025 High School Students**

Ignite Summer Camp is back in 2025, with four days of huge outdoor games, amazing rallies, 200 new mates and connecting with Jesus. Our diocese will be taking a group to Summer Camp, providing transport to and from the event and even providing an extra night's accommodation so we will be ready to go when the camp begins on the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> of January.

So please also consider if there are any young people within the parish that you could personally invite and encourage to attend. To register with our diocesan group, scan the QR code or go to <https://rok.catholic.net.au/services-agencies/pastoral-services/youth-ministry/summer-camp/>

Otherwise please contact Mick Otto to find out more [youth@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:youth@rok.catholic.net.au) | 0433 897 973



**STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH NATIVITY PLAY**

School - aged children are invited to join rehearsals for the nativity play being held during Star of the Sea Church's Christmas Eve 6pm Mass.

**Star of the Sea Nativity Play Rehearsals:**

- Sunday | 1 December | following 8am Mass
- Sunday | 15 December | following 8am Mass
- Sunday | 22 December | following 8am Mass

Please email the Parish Office at [sosgladstone@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:sosgladstone@rok.catholic.net.au) to register.



**STAR OF THE SEA 9AM MASS**

Please note: this Friday | 6 December the 9am Mass will be attended by Star of the Sea School for their End of Year Mass | All are Welcome

**CHRISTMAS ROSTER AVAILABILITY**

We are compiling the Christmas Roster if you are available for any of the Ministries please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible | 07 4972 1025

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM PALMS**

Are you looking to give something really special this year?

Something that makes a tangible difference?

Palms has the shop for you!

Whether it be a GIFT directly supporting our overseas development program, or some unique Timorese GIFTS for your loved one's home, you'll find that perfect GIFT here!

Just scan the QR or go to

[palms.org.au/donate/palms-gift-shop](https://palms.org.au/donate/palms-gift-shop)

**Happy Shopping! And yes, your purchase assists the amazing communities Overseas**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



**NEW LIFE CHARISMATIC**

Our Praise and Worship prayer meetings will resume in February 2025.

If you have an enquiries regarding our group please contact Maryanne Shaw | 0409 898 895



**CHRISTMAS IS COMING**

We are surrounded by excitement for Christmas but most of the excitement is not connected to the real meaning of Christmas.

YOU ARE INVITED to a gathering during Advent that will help anchor your preparations for Christmas in its true meaning for our lives. There will be two groups.

**1. PARISH CENTRE | 11.00 AM TUESDAYS | 3rd, 10th & 17th DECEMBER**

**2. MILLENNIUM BOULEVARD TANNUM SANDS | 11.00 AM MONDAYS | 2nd, 9th, 16th DECEMBER**

ALL ARE WELCOME

1 hour a week for 4 weeks

I Can Do That!!!

**READINGS NEXT WEEKEND**

Second Sunday of Advent

**First Reading**

◆ Baruch 5:1-9

**Second Reading**

◆ Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

**Gospel**

◆ Luke 3:1-6

**Readings for Mass today?**



**DIOCESAN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER To view:**  
[rok.catholic.net.au/news-events/bishops-newsletter](https://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**  
**8 December 2024**

**Readers:**

8:00am: A. Platt, D. Mason

6:00pm: J. Pepito, G. Melrose

**Co-Ordinator:**

8:00am: A. Borbon

6:00pm: T. Staunton

**Minister of Holy Communion:**

8:00am: **Body:** H. Vale, M. Hodge

**Chalice:** S. Nagy, D. Jordan

6:00pm: **Body:** E. Lee

**Chalice:** I. Liddell, K. Bourke

**Data Projector:**

8:00am: M. Reyes

6:00pm: D. Conley

**Altar Servers:**

8:00am: J. Paul, M. Erohubie, R. Erohubie

6:00pm S. Jinto, A. Columbus

**Church Cleaners:** C. Aranda, L. Germosen



**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers**

John Condon, Paul Smith, Grace Cross,  
Michael Robertson, Josie George

**For others who have died**

Andrew (Rolly) Hansen, Candelario Damalerio,  
Joe Mullins, Brian Travers, Sarah Brown, Rhian Elshorg

**For those we love who are ill and frail**

Barbara Filer, 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, Vincent Bellet, Colin and Dolly O'Sing, Jacque Rive, Cedric Philps, John Walker, Dorothy Thompson, John Judge, Timothy Howard, Justin Nelson, Frank Blain, Amanda Ward, Stan Mobbs, Paul Van der List, Stacey Eccles, Rosemary Ross, Lewis Tickner, Gizella Laurance, Gizella Andrews, Henry Seal, Steve Laurance, George Nagy, Salude Marshman, Matthew Mohorovic, Sally Donovan, Henry Norman, Joanne Pond, Gerard Watts, Rosie Baravilala, Glenda Romagnolo, Silvia Walker, Craig Jenkinson, Diane Janas, Linda Benz, Valmai Macleod, Dennis Swadling, Julieanne Jarram, Anita Tanna, Ainita Tanna, Kim Swaddling

**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](mailto: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 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**

◆ 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 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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