



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

3rd Sunday of Advent Year A — 14 December 2025

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday | CLOSED

Tuesday | 9am - 1pm

Wednesday | 9am - 12pm

Thursday | 9am - 4pm

Friday | 9am - 4pm

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Fr Andrew Chase

Assistant Priest

Fr Peter Doherty

Finance | Admin Officer

Emma May

Faith Co-Ordinator | Admin

Hayley Lanzon

OUR PARISH INCLUDES THE COMMUNITIES OF:

Agnes Water

Calliope

Gladstone

Miriam Vale

Mount Larcom

Tannum Sands

Ubobo

PARISH SCHOOLS

St Francis (Tannum Sands)

(07) 4973 3600

St John Baptist (Gladstone)

(07) 4978 1799

Star of the Sea (Gladstone)

(07) 4972 1305

Chanel College (Gladstone)

(07) 4973 4700

LITURGIES THIS WEEK

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 15 December: Gladstone Mission to Seafarers Chapel | 1:00pm

Tuesday 16 December: Star of the Sea | 5:30pm

Wednesday 17 December: Star of the Sea | 7:00am

Thursday 18 December: Star of the Sea | 7:00am

Friday 19 December: Star of the Sea | 9:00am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 20 December

St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands | 5:00pm

Sunday 21 December

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

St Mary's, Ubobo | 11:00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Saturday 20 December

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

St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands | 4:15pm to 4:45pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday 20 December

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

Did you know?

ABOUT THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS?

The Eucharistic Prayer is the heart of the celebration of the Mass. In this prayer the priest prays on behalf of all the faithful a prayer of thanksgiving to God, in which we recall God's action of salvation that culminates in Jesus' giving of himself for the life of the world on the cross.

The Eucharistic prayer always includes an *epiclesis* (calling down of the Holy Spirit) to transform the gifts of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, and the *institution narrative* (recalling the action of Jesus at the Last Supper) which recounts Jesus' words that declare that this bread and wine have now become his Body and Blood.

The prayer goes on to ask for the gift of unity in the church through the pope and bishop; it asks for the intercession of the saints (the church in heaven); and it prays for the faithful departed (the church in purgatory). It ends with the great doxology (a prayer to the Trinity) and the great *AMEN* of all the congregation.

There are a total of 10 approved Eucharistic Prayers in the Catholic Church:

- ◇ Four "ordinary" prayers (I – IV)
- ◇ Two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation
- ◇ Three Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with children
- ◇ One Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions

Fr Andrew

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE



Christmas Eve

6:00pm | Star of the Sea Church

6:00pm | St Patrick's, Calliope

Midnight | Star of the Sea Church

Christmas Day

8:00am | Star of the Sea Church

8:00am | St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands

11:00am | St Agnes, Agnes Water

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH NATIVITY PLAY

School-aged children are invited to join the Star of the Sea Nativity Play. Rehearsals will be after 8am Mass

~ Sunday 14 December 2025

~ Sunday 21 December 2025

On Christmas Eve, participants will meet at 5pm for dress rehearsal then perform the play during 6pm Vigil Mass. A parent/ guardian must be present with their children during rehearsals.



PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS BREAK

Please note the parish office will be closed from **Wednesday 24 December 2025** and will re-open on **Friday 9 January 2026**.

If necessary a message can be left on the Parish Office answering machine and either Fr Andrew or Fr Peter will contact you as soon as possible.

BULLETIN CHANGES

The first bulletin for 2026 will be the weekend of 17 and 18 January 2026.

CHURCH CLOSED

The Star of the Sea church will be closed while the Parish Office is closed from **24 December 2025 until 9 January 2026** other than the times Mass is celebrated.



THEOLOGY OF THE BODY IMMERSION COURSE IN JANUARY

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton is offering sponsorship for an individual from our diocese to attend

Theology of the Body I: Head & Heart Immersion.

This course is being presented by the Theology of the Body Institute in partnership with the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, and will take place from the 18th-23rd of January 2026 at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Gorse Vale (NSW).

The cost of the course is \$2100 but the diocese will completely cover this cost for the successful applicant. The successful applicant will still need to arrange for their own transport to and from the event.

Applications for sponsorship will close on the 8th of December and the successful applicant will be notified shortly after. To apply for sponsorship or for more information go to <https://forms.office.com/r/SEQ5Csz4m9> or scan the QR code.



ADVENT NOVENA

The Novena commences 16 December and concludes on 24 December and traces the journey of Our Lord's birth across the Old and New Testaments.

◇ **The novena pamphlets are available at the church doors** ◇



MARY'S MANTLE RETREAT 2025



Thank you to those prayer warriors who participated in Mary's Mantle Retreat this year. If you have not received your certificate yet, please collect it from the Parish Office.

CONGRATULATIONS FR PETER

After a long semester of diligent work, Fr Peter has received confirmation of the completion of his Masters of Theological Studies, receiving a High Distinction for his thesis on the theology of Bishop Robert Barron.

Well done Fr Peter!

CATHOLIC MISSION | ROCKHAMPTON DIRECTOR VACANCY

Catholic Mission are currently looking for a suitable applicant for the part time position of Director for the Rockhampton Diocese. Please refer to the Bishop's letter on the noticeboard for further information on the role and how to apply.

Fan into Flame



~ Resources for growing your Faith ~

Parish Library

My Son Carlo

by Antonia Salzano Acutis with Paolo Rodari

"This was Carlo's secret: that he had a constant, intimate relationship with Jesus. He wanted everyone he encountered to have this kind of relationship like he did. He did not consider it to be something just for him. He was convinced that this relationship was accessible to all!"

Bookcase 5 | Bookshelf 2

Online Video | 1 hour & 12 minutes

The Messy Family Project - "How Can I Have a Relationship with God?"

Mike and Alicia share personal experiences that shaped their relationships with God and give practical advice to help others grow

Scan the QR
Code to Listen



CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS MODULE 3: BEING SACRAMENTAL. REGISTER NOW!

Once again the diocese is delighted to offer the opportunity for formation to people across our diocese. This 9 week course is presented by Archdiocesan Ministries (Brisbane) and hosted online by Diocesan Pastoral Services (formation@rok.catholic.net.au).

Check out the brochure link below for more information! Do not miss this wonderful opportunity.

<https://rok.catholic.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Being-Sacramental-Rocky-Brochure.pdf>



HOPE · PEACE · JOY · LOVE

NEW LIFE PRAYER COMMUNITY

The next Prayer & Praise Meeting will resume in January, dates to be advised at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall | Herbert Street

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◇ We would love to see all those who completed the 'Life in the Spirit Seminar' on 21 September. Everyone is Welcome to come and join us ◇

If you have any enquiries please contact

Maryanne Shaw | 0409 898 895

Kim Swadling | 0412 626 619



ADVENT GROUPS

There will be two advent groups run in the Parish during Advent starting Monday 24 November & Tuesday 25 November.

◇ **TANNUM SANDS** - every Monday at the most Northern Picnic Shelter | Millenium Boulevard at 10:30am ◇

◇ **PARISH CENTRE** - every Tuesday at 11:00am ◇

Both meetings should take between 3/4 hr to 1 hr

ALL ARE WELCOME

We are following the Advent Booklet "The Promise" which can be purchased after mass at the Church or at the Parish Office for \$6.00

~ A great way to prepare for the real meaning of Christmas ~



READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

4th Sunday of Advent |
Year A

First Reading

◆ Isaiah 7: 10-14

Second Reading

◆ Romans 1: 1-7

Gospel

◆ Matthew 1: 18-24

Readings for Mass today?



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

DIOCESAN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER To view:
rok.catholic.net.au/news-events/bishops-newsletter

STAR OF THE SEA LITURGY ROSTER

21 December 2025

Readers:

8:00am: J. Barry, D. Mason

6:00pm: P. Smith, N. Mhuka

Co-Ordinator:

8:00am: H. Vale

6:00pm: A. Rowe

Minister of Holy Communion:

8:00am: **Body:** M. Chapman, A. Platt

Blood: A. Borbon, E. Hughes

6:00pm: **Body:** S. Thetford

Blood: J. Villanueva, M. Martin

Data Projector:

8:00am: E. Fernandes

6:00pm: A. Fairweather

Altar Servers:

8:00am: E. Fernandes

6:00pm Thetford Family

Church Cleaners: C. Arande, L. Germosen



PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Marianne O'Reilly, Glenda Romagnolo, Sid Fisher, Charles Pollard, Henry Kramer, Glenda Maunders, Kerry Callaghan, Siaosi Nicholas Manutai

For others who have died

Melecio Maravillas, Stan Mobbs, Gloria Longasa, Czez, Zenio, Piotr Halino, Tom Barry, James Wallace, Bernard Weber, Milton Blain, Stephen Blain, Frank Blain, Luis Nacario

For those we love who are ill and frail

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, Dolly O'Sing, Jacque Rive, Cedric Philips, John Walker, Dorothy Thompson, John Judge, Timothy Howard, Justin Nelson, Amanda Ward, Paul Van der List, Stacey Eccles, Rosemary Ross, Gizella Laurance, Gizella Andrews, Henry Seal, George Nagy, Salude Marshman, Sally Donovan, Henry Norman, Joanne Pond, Gerard Watts, Rosie Baravilala, Silvia Walker, Craig Jenkinson, Linda Benz, Dennis Swadling, Julieanne Jarram, Anita Tanna, Peter Vale, Robyn Cavellerie, Terry Hamilton, Cecily Burkett, Joe Mobbs

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

- ◆ 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 Mount Carmel, Mount 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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◆ Thank you for your support ◆