



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

3rd Sunday of Advent Year C – 15 December 2024

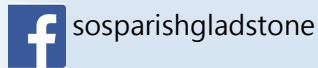
PARISH OFFICE AND CONTACTS

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www.sosgladstone.org.au



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon | 10:30am-4pm

Tues, Thurs, Fri | 9am-4pm

Wed | 9am-12pm

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:

Monday 16 December: Gladstone Mission to Seafarers Chapel | 1:00pm

Tuesday 17 December: Star of the Sea | 5:30pm

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

Thursday 19 December: Star of the Sea | 7:00am

Friday 20 December: Star of the Sea | 9:00am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 21 December

St Patrick's, Calliope | 5:00pm

Sunday 22 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 Agnes, Agnes Water | 11:00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Monday 16 December - Friday 20 December

Star of the Sea, Gladstone | 5:00pm to 5:30pm

Saturday 21 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

Saturday 21 December

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

St Patrick's, Calliope | 4:15pm to 4:45pm

Did you know?

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The colour rose, used in the liturgy today, is actually a lighter version of violet. This symbolizes a blending of the penitential violet with the white of the approaching joyful season of Christmas.

The Church recognizes that prolonged penance can lead to discouragement or insincere gloom if not tempered with hope. To reflect this understanding of human nature, both Advent and Lent include a moment of joy and anticipation, brightening the season of preparation.

In Advent, the third Sunday is known as *Gaudete Sunday*, taken from the Latin word *Gaudete*, meaning "Rejoice!", which is the first word of the Entrance Antiphon: "*Rejoice (gaudete) in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice.*" It reminds us that the Lord is near. Similarly, in Lent, the fourth Sunday is *Laetare Sunday*, from *Laetare Ierusalem*, meaning "Be joyful, Jerusalem!" These Sundays invite us to pause and experience a foretaste of the celebration to come.

On these days, the darker violet vestments of penance may be replaced with rose—a colour traditionally associated with joy. While some might call it "pink," liturgical texts officially refer to it as rose. However, this shift is not mandatory; communities without rose vestments may continue to use violet, as the colours are meant to serve the liturgy, not overshadow it.

These moments of joy remind us to prepare our hearts actively and authentically, not with a heavy spirit, but with hope and anticipation for the great feast day of Christmas that lie ahead.

Fr Peter



PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS BREAK

Please note the parish office will close on Friday 20 December and will re-open on Monday 6 January. 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 2025 will be the weekend of 18 and 19 January 2025.

CHURCH CLOSED

The Star of the Sea church will be closed while the Parish Office is closed from 23 December until 6 January, 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 a Theology of the Body immersion course on the writings of John Paul II on gender, marriage & family. 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 19th-24th of January 2025 at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Gorse Vale (NSW).

The cost of the course is \$1900 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 16th 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.



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 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

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 ◆



ADVENT SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Due to the lack of priests available, we will not hold a 2nd Rite of Reconciliation this Advent.

Instead, individual confessions will be available for an extended period during the week before Christmas:

WHEN: 5pm - 5:30pm every day from Monday 16th Dec - Friday 20th Dec

WHERE: Star of the Sea Church

The normal confession times on Saturday morning and afternoon will still apply as well

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.

Order now to receive in time for Christmas at

www.globalgifts.org.au



A Christmas Prayer

Lord, we pause amidst the busyness and excitement of Christmas to thank You for coming low as a baby in a Bethlehem manger to rescue us from sin and offer us salvation. Your gift to us is greater than any present wrapped and placed under a tree. We thank You and worship You and commit to seeking You first this day, this season, this year. In Jesus' name, Amen

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 | 8 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 to register.



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

Thank you!

Elizabeth Ariens



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

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 | 17th DECEMBER

2. MILLENNIUM BOULEVARD TANNUM SANDS | 11.00 AM MONDAYS | 16th DECEMBER

ALL ARE WELCOME

1 hour a week for 4 weeks

I Can Do That!!!

READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading

◆ Micah 5: 1-4

Second Reading

◆ Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gospel

◆ Luke 1: 39-44

Readings for Mass today?



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
22 December 2024

Readers:

8:00am: S. Smith, D. Travers

6:00pm: A. Borbon, I. Liddell

Co-Ordinator:

8:00am: A. Platt

6:00pm: C. Mullins

Minister of Holy Communion:

8:00am: **Body:** K. Singh, E. Hughes

Blood: E. Nagy, S. Nagy

6:00pm: **Body:** Required

Blood: E. Lee

Data Projector:

8:00am: M. Reyes

6:00pm: H. Evangelista

Altar Servers:

8:00am: A. Columbus, R. Malig, R. Ryan-Salter

6:00pm G. Falejo

Church Cleaners: A. Holman, P. Holman, P. Davison



PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Michael Robertson, Josie George, Brett Rideout

For others who have died

Sarah Brown, Rhian Elshorg, James Wallace, Felisa Borbon, Juan Borbon, Maximo Borbon Sr, Edwin Diola

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

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

You can manage your own financial contribution to the parish by scanning this code with your smart phone.



Thank you for your support 😊