



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

2nd Sunday of Advent Year A — 7 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:

Tuesday 9 December: Star of the Sea | 5:30pm

Wednesday 10 December: Star of the Sea | 7:00am

Thursday 11 December: Star of the Sea | 7:00am

Friday 12 December: Star of the Sea | 9:00am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 13 December

St Patrick's, Calliope | 5:00pm

Sunday 14 December

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

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

St Peter Chanel, Miriam Vale | 11:00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Saturday 13 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 13 December

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

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

Did you know?

ABOUT FORM B OF THE PENITENTIAL ACT?

At the moment, we are using Form B of the Penitential Act.

ENGLISH TEXT	LATIN TEXT
Priest: <i>Have mercy on us, O Lord.</i>	Sacerdos: <i>Miserere nostri, Domine.</i>
People: <i>For we have sinned against you.</i>	Populus: <i>Quia peccavimus tibi.</i>
Priest: <i>Show us, O Lord, your mercy.</i>	Sacerdos: <i>Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.</i>
People: <i>And grant us your salvation.</i>	Populus: <i>Et salutare tuum da nobis.</i>

The threefold invocations then follow, which we are presently singing in Greek: *'Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison'.*

This is probably the form of the Penitential Act which Catholics are least familiar with as, for some reason, it is not used as much as Form A (I confess to almighty God...) and Form C (You were sent to heal the contrite of heart etc.).

Nevertheless, it is deeply grounded in scriptural text. Grab your bible and look at Psalm 51, Psalm 85 (8) and Baruch 3:2.

The diversity of the liturgical options throughout the Mass across the full spectrum of a liturgical year allows us to enter more deeply into the scriptural sources and traditions of our faith.

Fr Peter

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 7 December 2025

~ 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 close on **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.



END-OF-SCHOOL-YEAR MASS

Families who attend non-Catholic schools or home school are invited to attend an end-of-school-year Mass on Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 5pm | St Patrick's Church Calliope



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.

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

ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS | MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS DINNER



12 December 2025
6pm ~ Parish Hall

38 Herbert Street, Gladstone

Please RSVP by 1 December 2025

P: 4972 1025

E: sosgladstone@rok.catholic.net.au

BYO Alcoholic Drinks |
Soft Drinks Provided

Fan into Flame



~ Resources for growing your Faith ~

Parish Library

Invisible Fire

by Selina Venier

"This is a fantastic resource for children preparing for Confirmation. It explains the prayers used, the laying on of hands, the anointing with the chrism oil and what it means to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in a way that children can easily understand so they will feel more confident in their faith journey." – Andrea Mercier. Also be Selina Venier and available in the library is "Invisible Mud" which helps children understand the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Bookcase 6 | Bookshelf 2

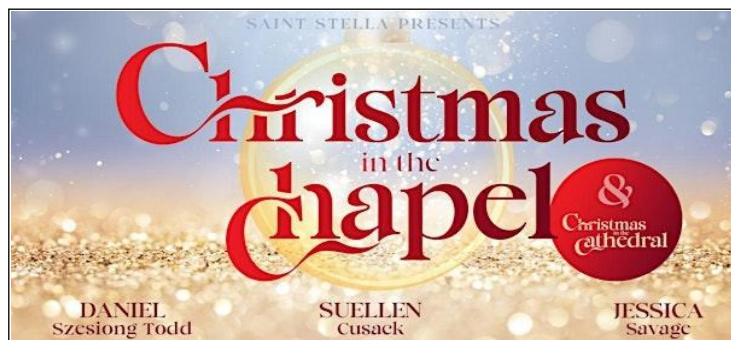
Online Video | 42 minutes

The Four Places of Advent :

Eden (Part 1) by Abiding Together

Part 1 of this Advent series invites us to explore our creation for communion with God and practical ways to grow in communion with him in preparation for Christmas.

Scan the QR
Code to Listen



Timeless carols, heartwarming stories, and the joyous spirit that defines the season, to fill your heart with festive cheer.



Our Lady Star of the Sea Gladstone |
11 December 2025 - 6:30pm

You can purchase tickets at the
Parish Office or by scanning the
QR Code

THURSDAY MASS CHANGE

We come back to Star of the Sea
Church for 7:00am Mass each
Thursday over the school holidays
starting from Thursday
11 December 2025.



NEW LIFE PRAYER COMMUNITY

The next Prayer & Praise Meeting will
be held on **Monday 8 December** 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

**3rd Sunday of Advent |
Year A**

First Reading

◆ Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10

Second Reading

◆ James 5: 7-10

Gospel

◆ Matthew 11: 2-11

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

14 December 2025

Readers:

8:00am: N. Hamilton, N. Mhuka
6:00pm: C. Manhertz, S. Manhertz

Co-Ordinator:

8:00am: A. Platt
6:00pm: T. Staunton

Minister of Holy Communion:

8:00am: **Body:** E. Schumacher, M. Hodge
Blood: K. Singh, S. Nagy
6:00pm: **Body:** P. Staunton
Blood: I. Liddell, S. Meiring

Data Projector:

8:00am: E. Nagy
6:00pm: O. Peiris

Altar Servers:

8:00am: M. Bryant
6:00pm: N. Peiris, S. Peiris

Church Cleaners: E. Hughes, A. Goman, A. Borbon,
L. Maravillas, V. Owbridge



PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Robyn Glossop, Judith Bates, Marianne O'Reilly, Glenda Romagnolo, Sid Fisher, Charles Pollard, Henry Kramer

For others who have died

Aaron Liddell, Brigid O'Hagan, Gordon Leech, Patricia Pereira, Melecio Maravillas, Stan Mobbs, Gloria Longasa, Czez, Zenio, Piotr Halino, Tom Barry, James Wallace

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 Philps, 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, Siaso Nicholas Manutai, Cecilie 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 ◆