



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

2nd Sunday of Advent Year C – 8 December 2024


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

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 10 December: Star of the Sea | 5:30pm

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

Thursday 12 December: Star of the Sea | 7:00am

Friday 13 December: Star of the Sea | 9:00am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 14 December

St Peter Chanel, Tannum | 5:00pm

Sunday 15 December

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

St Mary's, Ubobo | 11:00am

St Agnes, Agnes Water | 11:00am ***Cancelled this Weekend***

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Saturday 14 December

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

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday 14 December

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

Did you know?

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION?

On Monday (9th December) the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Normally this is celebrated on the 8th December, but as this falls on a Sunday of Advent this year, the solemnity is transferred to Monday. We will celebrate Mass for this feast at 5:30pm in Star of the Sea Church.

The Immaculate Conception does *not* refer to the virgin birth of Jesus, but rather to Mary's own conception in the womb of her mother, Anne.

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception was formally defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854, but in fact it was a widespread belief for many centuries before that. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception defines the Church's belief that the virgin Mary was free from original sin from the moment of her conception. This was a unique honour given to Mary by God, in view of the salvation won for all human beings by Jesus.

Every human being is born into the world with original sin, which is washed away in baptism. Mary, because of her unique role in salvation history as the bearer of God himself in her womb, was granted the singular grace of being preserved from that original sin from the very first moment of her life.

Fr Andrew



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

LEBANON & UKRAINE COLLECTION

At the request of Bishop Michael and the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference, on the weekend of 7th and 8th December 2024, parishes throughout the Diocese of Rockhampton will be taking up a special second collection in support of the people affected by conflict in Ukraine, and Lebanon and the Holy Land.

50% of the collection proceeds will be directed to *Mudra Sprava* for the welfare of the people of Ukraine and 50% will be directed to Caritas to assist those suffering from the devastating impacts of the ongoing conflict in Lebanon and the Holy Land.

At our Masses this weekend there will be a second collection in support of this



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 9th 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 | 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 | 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. 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 | 10th & 17th DECEMBER**
- 2. MILLENNIUM BOULEVARD TANNUM SANDS | 11.00 AM MONDAYS | 9th, 16th DECEMBER**

ALL ARE WELCOME
1 hour a week for 4 weeks
I Can Do That!!!

READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading

◆ Zephaniah 3:14-18

Second Reading

◆ Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel

◆ Luke 3:10-18

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
8 December 2024

Readers:

8:00am: A. Borbon, G. Guevarra

6:00pm: G. Melrose, P. Smith

Co-Ordinator:

8:00am: M. Conway

6:00pm: T. Staunton

Minister of Holy Communion:

8:00am: **Body:** M. Duncan, E. Lee

Chalice: E. Schumacher, S. Smith

6:00pm: **Body:** B. Emerick

Chalice: I. Liddell, M. Shaw

Data Projector:

8:00am: M. Fernandes, E. Fernandes

6:00pm: O. Peiris

Altar Servers:

8:00am: E. Fernandes

6:00pm N. Peiris

Church Cleaners: P. Todd, J. Cannon, L. Keating



PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Michael Robertson, Josie George

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 😊