



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

38 Herbert Street Gladstone Qld 4680

1st Sunday of Advent — 30 November 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 2 December: Star of the Sea | 5:30pm

Wednesday 3 December: Star of the Sea | 7:00am

Thursday 4 December: Chanel College | 10:40am

Friday 5 December: Star of the Sea School Shed | 9:00am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 6 December

St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands | 5:00pm

Sunday 7 December

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

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Larcom | 11:00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Saturday 6 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 6 December

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

Did you know?

ABOUT THE ADVENT WREATH?

Today we begin the Season of Advent, which also marks the beginning of our liturgical year. One of the more recognisable symbols of this season is the Advent wreath, containing four candles for each of the Sundays of Advent.

The wreath with its candles heightens our sense of expectation as the days draw nearer to the celebration of Christ's coming among us at Christmas. This tradition was first used by Lutheran Christians in the sixteenth century, but gradually spread to other Christian communities as well.

The Advent wreath with its four candles is a perfect tradition to practise at home, especially with younger children. There are many simple Advent prayer rituals for use in the home, which can be found online.



Scan the QR code for one option you might like to use. You might also like to take some holy water from the Church to sprinkle on your Advent wreath and candles, and then light each of the candles as we make our way through the four Sundays of Advent.

Fr Andrew

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Christmas present appeal will once again be held in the Star of the Sea Church from **2 November to 30 November 2025**.

Parishioners are invited to take a tag from the display, purchase a gift and place it in the box to be located at the Herbert Street entrance of the church.

Presents can also be left at the Vinnies shop or at the Parish Office.

Your presents are given to children who would otherwise not receive a Christmas gift. This simple gesture can make an extraordinary difference to young people and their families. Presents are required for children of any age, but we are especially looking for gifts for girls and boys over 10 years of age. Gift vouchers are generally appreciated if you can't think of what to buy, but please keep the value of gifts below \$50.

Also, please do not wrap your gifts.

If you prefer to give a financial donation, envelopes will be provided. Alternatively, a direct deposit can be made to ~

BSB: 064786 | Account: 100026914

Account name: Star of the Sea Conference Gladstone

◇ Thank you for your support this Christmas ◇

CATECHUMENATE

Congratulations to the following members of our community who have been accepted into the **Order of Catechumens** this weekend:

Sami Addin

Lachlan Ainsworth

Jack Marshall

Katelyn McCarthy

Danielle Moule

Samantha Newton

Nathanial Peterson

As Catechumens, they are now officially on the path of preparation for baptism at the Easter ceremonies.

Please keep them all in your prayers over the coming months.

MIDNIGHT MASS

Helen is now preparing the Star of the Sea Christmas Mass roster and has completed the roster for the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass and the 8am Mass on Christmas morning. However, we need the following ministers for the Midnight Mass:

Readers | Altar Servers | Ministers of Holy Communion and Data Operator.

If you are available to assist us please ring Helen Vale | 0400 791703.

STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL END OF YEAR MASS | 5 DECEMBER

9am Mass this Friday will include the whole Star of the Sea school community. Please note that our numbers will require the Mass to be celebrated in the school undercover area (instead of the church). Everyone is welcome to celebrate this Mass together.

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

YOUTH & FAMILIES BBQ

◇ Sunday 7 December 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Tannum Esplanade ◇

Contact Bernadette Ariens for more details |
0417513515

Fan into Flame



~ Resources for growing your Faith ~

Parish Library

The Way of Divine Love

by Fr Charmot SJ

Sister Josefa Menendez (1890-1923) of the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, was a victim soul and a messenger to the world of the infinite love and mercy of Jesus for all souls. Commended by Cardinal Pacelli (later became Pope Pius XII). He gave his blessing to the first edition which appeared in 1938.

Bookcase 2 | Bookshelf 3

*Reminder: If you have finished reading a library book, please don't forget to return it to the library.
Thank you.*

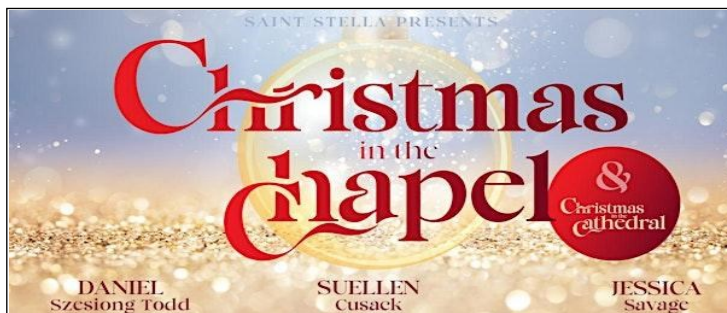
Online Video | 40 minutes

"Why Total Surrender is the Only Way to Heaven" by Ascension Presents

Scan the QR Code to Listen



Bishop Barron and Fr Mike discuss waiting well in the time of Advent and how to let go of the things of this world to prepare ourselves for Heaven.



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

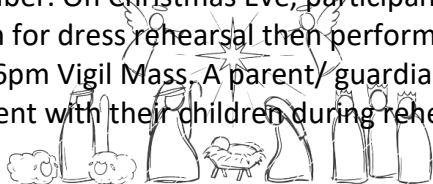
Our Lady Star of the Sea Gladstone |
11 December 2025 - 6:30pm



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

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 on Sundays 30 November, 7 December, 14 December and 21 December. 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.



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

2nd Sunday of Advent | Year C

First Reading

◆ Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading

◆ Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

Gospel

◆ Luke 3: 1-6

Readings for Mass today?



Scan this QR code with your smart phone

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

7 December 2025

Readers:

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

6:00pm: J. Mullane, J. Pepito

Co-Ordinator:

8:00am: M. Hodge

6:00pm: H. Vale

Minister of Holy Communion:

8:00am: **Body:** Y. Anderson, M. Shaw

Blood: M. Martin, M. Chapman

6:00pm: **Body:** A. Babijis

Blood: T. Staunton, P. Staunton

Data Projector:

8:00am: H. Evangelista

6:00pm: R. Babijis

Altar Servers:

8:00am: S. Villanueva

6:00pm: G. Falejo

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



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

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

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, Siasos 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 ◆