

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Cf. Isa 30:19,30
O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

1st Reading Bar 5:1-9
A reading from the prophet Baruch
Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.
The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 125
RESPONSE: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R/**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R/**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R/**

They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R/**

2nd Reading PHIL 1:4-6, 8-11
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This

will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.
The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 3:4,6
Alléluia, alléluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God. Alléluia!

GOSPEL Lk 3:1-6
A reading from the Gospel according to Luke
In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

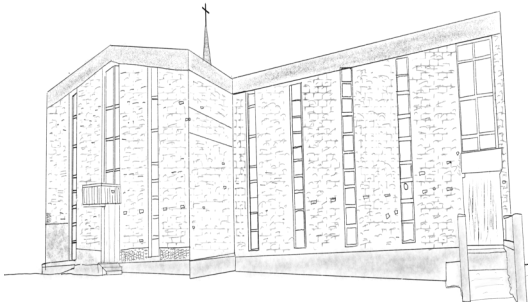


St Mary Star of the Sea & Corpus Christi Parish

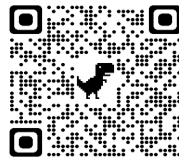


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Year C

8th December 2024



PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Marcelo Parra
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Saturday 12:00pm Star of the Sea
Saturday 5:00pm Corpus Christi
Sundays at 10am Mass (during school term)
First Friday of the month immediately after 9am Mass
Second and Fourth Sunday of the month at 11am
Only by appointment
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PARISH CALENDAR – SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday, 8th December 2024 8:30am Mass—Mosman Park 10:00am Mass—Cottesloe Children's Liturgy 12:00pm Mass—(Spanish) Cottesloe 5:00pm Mass—Cottesloe	Tuesday, 10th December 2024 8:15am NO Mass—Mosman Park 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe Wednesday, 11th December 2024 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe Thursday, 12th December 2024 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe Friday, 13th December 2024 St Lucy, virgin, martyr 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe	Saturday, 14th December 2024 St John of the Cross, priest, doctor 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe 12:00pm Confessions—Cottesloe 5:00pm Confessions—Mosman Park 5:30pm Vigil Mass—Mosman Park 8:00pm Neocatechumenal Community Mass (Parish Centre Cottesloe)
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ALL HUMANKIND SHALL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD

The word of God was addressed to John, son of Zechariah, in the desert, and he went through all the Jordan valley. Where else could he go but through the Jordan valley, where there would be water at hand to baptize those wishing to amend their lives? Now the word Jordan means descent or coming down. Coming down and rushing in full flood is the river of God, the Lord our Savior, in whom we were baptized. This is the real, life-giving water, and the sins of those baptized in it are forgiven. So come, catechumens, and amend your lives so that you may have your sins forgiven in baptism. In baptism the sins of those who cease to sin are forgiven, but if anyone comes to be baptized while continuing to sin, that person's sins are not forgiven. This is why I urge you not to present yourselves for baptism without thinking very carefully, but to give some evidence that you really mean to change your way of living. Spend some time living a good life. Cleanse yourselves from all impurity and avoid every sin. Then, when you yourselves have begun to despise your sins, they will be forgiven you. You will be forgiven your sins if you renounce them. The teaching of the Old Testament is the same. We read in the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries out in the desert: Prepare a way for the Lord. Build him a straight highway. What way shall we prepare for the Lord? A way by land? Could the Word of God travel such a road? Is it not rather a way within ourselves that we have to prepare for the Lord? Is it not a straight and level highway in our hearts that we are to make ready? Surely this is the way by which the Word of God enters, a way that exists in the spaciousness of the human body. The human heart is vast, broad, and capacious, if only it is pure. Would you like to know its length and breadth? See then what a vast amount of divine knowledge it can contain. Solomon says: He gave me knowledge of all that exists; he taught me about the structure of the universe and the properties of the elements, the beginning and the end of epochs and the periods between, the variations in the seasons and the succession of the months, the revolution of the year and the position of the stars, the nature of living things and the instincts of wild animals, the force of the winds and the thoughts of human beings, the various kinds of plants and the medicinal properties of roots. You must realize that the human heart is not small when it can contain all this. You ought to judge it not by its physical size but by its power to embrace such a vast amount of knowledge of the truth. But so that I may convince you that the human heart is large by a simple example from daily life, let us consider this. Whatever city we may have passed through, we have in our minds. We remember its streets, walls, and buildings, what they were like and where they were situated. We have a mental picture of the roads we have traveled. In moments of quiet reflection our minds embrace the sea that we have crossed. So, as I said, the heart that can contain all this is not small! Therefore, if what contains so much is not small, let a way be prepared in it for the Lord, a straight highway along which the Word and Wisdom of God may advance. Prepare a way for the Lord by living a good life and guard that way by good works. Let the Word of God move in you unhindered and give you a knowledge of his coming and of his mysteries. To him be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6
Commentary: Origin of Alexandria

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA COTTESLOE & CORPUS CHRISTI MOSMAN PARK PARISH

VIGIL MASS

24 Dec	5.00pm (Carols)	Star of the Sea Church
24 Dec	5.30pm (Mass)	Star of the Sea Church

(CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN THE PARISH CENTRE)

24 Dec	5.00pm (Carols)	Corpus Christi Church
24 Dec	5.30pm (Mass)	Corpus Christi Church
24 Dec	11.30pm (Carols)	Star of the Sea Church

MIDNIGHT MASS

25 Dec	12.00am (Mass)	Star of the Sea Church
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CHRISTMAS MASS

25 Dec	8.30am (Mass)	Corpus Christi Church
25 Dec	10.00am (Mass)	Star of the Sea Church

Corpus Christi Choir Invites you to

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Please join us to celebrate

And prepare for the joy of Christmas.

A MIX OF BOTH

CONTEMPORARY AND

TRADITIONAL CAROLS BY THE

CORPUS CHRISTI CHOIR AND

ACCOMPANIED BY TIM CHAPMAN

Thursday 12th December 2024

Starting at 7pm with an interval

for refreshments

Corpus Christi Church, Mosman Park



Cottesloe / Mosman Park Parish Calendar

Mon	Dec	9	Solemnity	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri	Dec	13	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	St Lucy, virgin
Sat	Dec	14	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	St John of the Cross, priest, doctor
Thu	Dec	26	Feast Day	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	St Stephen, the first martyr
Fri	Dec	27	Feast Day	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	St John, apostle, evangelist
Sat	Dec	28	Feast Day	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	The Holy Innocents, martyrs

Church Calendar

You will find a copy of our weekly bulletin on our website at: <https://staroftheseachurch.org.au/weekly-bulletin/>

PARISH NEWS



"THE BETHEHELEM CANDLE" REMINDING US THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE PRINCE OF PEACE: The second week of Advent is the candle of peace and preparation. This candle reminds us that the angels declared "peace on earth" at the birth of Jesus. Jesus offers us inner peace and peace with others. We can know and experience peace today only through the life of Jesus Christ.

COTTESLOE/MOSMAN PARK PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TODAY DECEMBER 8TH

The Cottesloe / Mosman Park Parish [AGM] will be held today **Sunday December 8th** after the **10:00am Mass** in the Parish Centre, please come to your Parish [AGM] and learn about what is happening in our Parish at present and for the next year.

 **Busy Bee Day Please come and help out!**
This coming Saturday 14th December 2024
Cottesloe / Mosman Park parish 9:30am

Volunteers are needed for our Christmas parish Busy Bee to clean and decorate our Cottesloe/Mosman Park churches in preparation for Christmas. Please let Fr Marcelo, Fr Grzegorz or the Parish office know if you are able to help!

CHRISTMAS AND WELCOMING MASS MORNING TEA COMBINED FOR DECEMBER 2024

Our Welcoming Mass and morning tea usually held on the first Sunday of the month, where we welcome children and their families for children who have received their Sacrament of Baptism; for the month of December it will be combined with our Christmas celebration and held on **Sunday, December 15th**. Please join us after 10am Mass in the Parish Centre for our special morning tea celebration.

 **Archbishop's Christmas Appeal**

Thank you for your generous response to the Archbishop's Lifelink Christmas Appeal.

 **Thank you everyone for your kind generosity to the 2024 Catholic Mission Appeal.**

MOSMAN PARK—CORPUS CHRISTI—NO TUESDAY MORNING MASS

During the summer school holidays there will be no Tuesday **8:15am Mass** recommences at the beginning of the school year **Feb '2025**

1st & 2nd Collection Cashless Point Tap terminals at the church entrance

1st & 2nd Collection Direct Debit information below

FIRST COLLECTION (PRIESTS)	SECOND COLLECTION (PARISH)
Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Cottesloe/Mosman Park	Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Cottesloe/Mosman Park
Account No: 115134447	Account No: 558131050
BSB: 086006	BSB: 086006
Bank: National Australia Bank Limited.	Bank: National Australia Bank Limited.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS (2ND PLATE): COTTESLOE \$582.00 MOSMAN PARK \$581.85

MOSMAN ROSTERS	This Weekend 7/8 Dec '24		Next Weekend 14/15 Dec '24	
Flowers	R Masarei	N Gourlay	A Tedesco	A Broadhurst
Church Cleaning	A Broadhurst		T Davis	
Readers Sat 5.30am	A Pickard		M Davis	
Readers Sun 8.30am	J Stratton	S Cannon	C Davie	N Kalnejais
COTTESLOE ROSTERS	This Weekend 7/8 Dec '24		Next Weekend 14/15 Dec '24	
Flowers	No arrangements		No arrangements	
Church Cleaning	L Agnello & F Agnello		M Shea & L Mann	
Readers Sun 10am	Volunteers		M Shea & E O'Loughlin	
Readers Sun 5pm	Volunteers		I Yeo	
Morning Tea	No Morning Tea		No Morning Tea	

Baptism

We welcome into our Parish Community through baptism:

Luca Michael Phan
son of
Rachel Williamson & Thanh Phan

Elena MORO
daughter of
Christopher and Jordon Moro


Thomas BLANCO PRIETO
son of
Manuel Alejandro Blanco Cruz
and
Maria Jose Prieto Zambrano

We ask God to bless Luca, Elena and Thomas their parents, Godparents, and their families, surround them with Your goodness and lead them in Your light each day of their life.

Our Sick

Please keep those who are sick at home, and in nursing homes and in the general community in your prayers. Let us keep our parishioners who are unable to be with us at Mass:

Dariusz Rapcewicz
Francesca Letizia
Maria Pereira
Maria Blaszczyńska
Jill Ivey
Leon & Burchell Jones
Julie Atrache
Daphne Da Rosa
Mrs. Loreto Pell
Tim and Estelle Beckett
Marie and Ivo Milichich



Requiescat in Pace

For family members & friends who have recently passed to Eternal Life, and especially for all the departed Souls:

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."