

STRAINING AHEAD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 42:1-2
Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

1st Reading Isa 43:16-21
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 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 3:8-14
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 2:12-13
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Jn 8:1-11
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

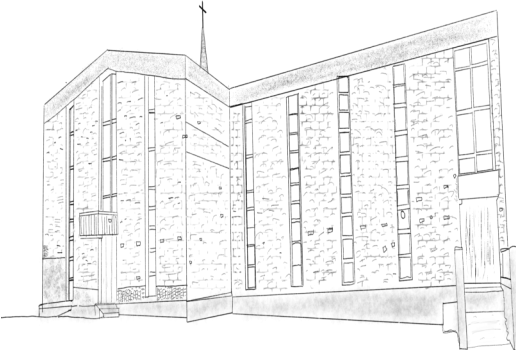
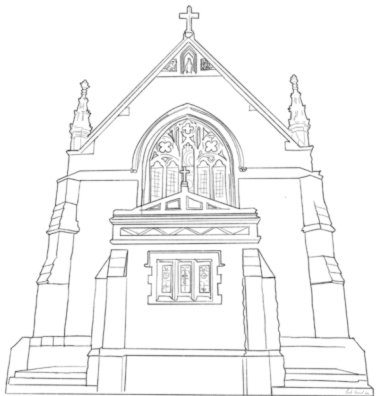
The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



St Mary Star of the Sea & CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT
Year C
6th April 2025



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RECONCILIATIONS: Saturday 12:00pm Star of the Sea
Saturday 5:00pm Corpus Christi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sundays at 10am Mass (during school term)

ADORATION * BENEDICTION: First Friday of the month immediately after 9am Mass

BAPTISMS: Second and Fourth Sunday of the month at 11am

WEDDINGS: Only by appointment

COLUMBARIUM COORDINATOR: Ann Clarke (Email: columbarium.cottesloe@perthcatholic.org.au)



PARISH CALENDAR – FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Sunday, 6th April 2025 8:30am Mass—Mosman Park 10:00am Mass—Cottesloe Children's Liturgy 12:00pm Mass—(Spanish) Cottesloe 5:00pm Mass—Cottesloe	Wednesday, 9th April 2025 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe	Saturday, 12th April 2025 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)
Monday, 7th April 2025 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe	Thursday, 10th April 2025 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe	
Tuesday, 8th April 2025 8:15am Mass—Mosman Park 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe	Friday, 11th April 2025 STATIONS OF THE CROSS 8:30am Cottesloe 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:00pm Mosman Park	



Let the one without sin be the first to throw a stone

"The scribes and Pharisees brought to him a woman who had been caught committing adultery." Now the penalty of the law for adultery was stoning. It was, of course, unthinkable that any of the prescriptions of the law could be unjust, so it followed that anyone whose teaching contravened what the law required would lay himself open to the charge of advocating injustice. The Lord's enemies accordingly said to themselves: He has a reputation for truth and is regarded as a man of great kindness and forbearance, so we must find a pretext for accusing him on the grounds of injustice. Let us confront him with a woman caught committing adultery, and quote the ruling of the law in her regard. If he orders her to be stoned, he will lose his name for clemency; if he tells us to release her, he will not be upholding justice. There is little doubt that he will say she must be freed, in order not to lose the reputation which has made him so popular. That will be our chance to incriminate him and find him guilty of an offense against the law. We shall be able to say: 'You are an enemy of the law! Your answer is not merely an attack

on Moses but on God who gave the law to Moses. You have made yourself liable to the death penalty. You and the woman should both be stoned.' By voicing such opinions the Lord's enemies might be able to inflame popular feeling against him; they might incite the crowds to denounce him and demand his condemnation. But look at the way our Lord's answer upheld justice without forgoing clemency. He was not caught in the snare his enemies had laid for him; it is they themselves who were caught in it. He did not say the woman should not be stoned, for then it would look as though he were opposing the law. But he had no intention of saying: "Let her be stoned," because he came not to destroy those he found but to seek those who were lost. Mark his reply. It contains justice, clemency, and truth in full measure. "Let the one among you who has never sinned be the first to throw a stone at her." Let the sinner be punished, yes—but not by sinners. Let the law be carried out, but not by lawbreakers. This, unquestionably, is the voice of justice, justice that pierced those men like a javelin.

Looking into themselves, they realized their guilt, and one by one they all went out. Two remained behind: the miserable woman, and Mercy. The Lord raised his eyes, and with a gentle look he asked her: "Has no one condemned you?" She replied: "No one, sir." And he said: "Neither will I condemn you." What is this, Lord? Are you giving approval to immorality? Not at all. Take note of what follows: "Go and sin no more." You see then that the Lord does indeed pass sentence, but it is sin he condemns, not people. One who approved of immorality would have said, "Neither will I condemn you. Go and live as you please; you can be sure that I will acquit you. However much you sin, I will release you from all penalty, and from the tortures of hell and the underworld." He did not say that. He said: "Neither will I condemn you; you need have no fear of the past, but beware of what you do in the future. *Neither will I condemn you:* I have blotted out what you have done; now observe what I have commanded, in order to obtain what I have promised."

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Commentary: Augustine of Hippo

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth ~ Employment Opportunities

Dear Parishioners,

The Archdiocese of Perth and its Agencies and Offices have some fabulous job vacancies available that the Archdiocese would like to fill with good people from Parishes. Below is a list of the vacancies. If you think you may be suitable, please submit your resume and a cover letter for consideration.

For details and how to apply, refer to <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>.

Coordinator, Faith Formation (Catholic Youth Ministry) – Maximum Term 12 months, Full-time (apply to recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au)

Youth Ministry Worker (Catholic Youth Ministry) – Casual (apply to recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au)

Receptionist (Centre for Christian Initiation and Liturgy) – Maximum Term 12 months, Part-time (apply on SEEK)

Advisor, Workplace Safety (Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Administration Centre) – Permanent, Full-time (apply on SEEK)

Advisor, Parish Workplace Safety (Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Administration Centre) – Permanent, Full-time (apply on SEEK)

Payroll Officer (Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Administration Centre) – Permanent, Full-time (apply to recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au)

Casual Administration Assistant (Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Administration Centre) – Casual (apply to recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au)

Fifth Sunday of Lent 5th and 6th of April 2025

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Cottesloe / Mosman Park Parish Calendar

Sun	Apr	6	Parish	10:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	First Sunday of the Month
Fri	Apr	11	Lent	8:30am	Stations	Cottesloe	Friday Stations of the Cross
Fri	Apr	11	Lent	6:00pm	Stations	Mosman Park	Friday Stations of the Cross

Cottesloe / Mosman Park Parish Holy Week & Easter Timetable

Thu	Apr	17	Holy Week	6:30pm	Mass	Mosman Park	HOLY Thursday Mass
Thu	Apr	17	Holy Week	6:30pm	Mass	Cottesloe	HOLY Thursday Mass
Fri	Apr	18	Holy Week	9:00am	Stations	Cottesloe	GOOD Friday Stations of the Cross
Fri	Apr	18	Holy Week	9:30am	Stations	Mosman Park	GOOD Friday Stations of the Cross
Fri	Apr	18	Holy Week	12:00pm	Stations	Cottesloe	GOOD Friday Spanish Stations of the Cross
Fri	Apr	18	Holy Week	1:00pm	Passion	Cottesloe	GOOD Friday Spanish Passion of the Lord
Fri	Apr	18	Holy Week	3:00pm	Passion	Cottesloe	GOOD Friday Passion of the Lord
Fri	Apr	18	Holy Week	3:00pm	Passion	Mosman Park	GOOD Friday Passion of the Lord
Sat	Apr	19	EASTER Vigil	6:45pm	Mass	Mosman Park	EASTER Vigil Mass
Sat	Apr	19	EASTER Vigil	11:30pm	Mass	Cottesloe	EASTER Vigil Mass
Sun	Apr	20	EASTER Sun	8:30am	Mass	Mosman Park	EASTER Sunday Mass
Sun	Apr	20	EASTER Sun	10:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	EASTER Sunday Mass
Sun	Apr	20	EASTER Sun	12:00pm	Mass	Cottesloe	EASTER Sunday Spanish Mass



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

PARISH NEWS

FRIDAY APRIL 11TH—STATION OF THE CROSS

8:30am St Mary Star of the Sea Cottesloe
6:00pm Corpus Christi Mosman Park

Please join us at our first Welcoming Mass and morning tea in our newly renovated hall this morning after 10am Mass. We will now resume holding our Welcoming Mass and morning tea on the first Sunday of the month. Please enjoy our hall for a catch up with your fellow parishioners, a refreshing cup of tea/coffee and time for a chat.



We invite you to listen to THE SOLEMN PROFESSION OF FAITH OF THE

1st Neocatechumenal Community of St. Mary Star of the Sea

WHEN: 31st of MARCH,
2nd, 7th and 9th of APRIL
COMMENCING at 7:30PM
St Mary Star of the Sea
THERE ARE TWO REMAINING EVENINGS
PLEASE COME

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

★ **CONFIRMATION** Online enrolments will close **Monday 25th August 2025**

Please register online at: <https://staroftheseachurch.org.au/sacramental-programme/>

For inquiries and further information needed please contact Natasha Colli, Sacraments Coordinator: sacraments.cottesloe@perthcatholic.org.au

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

1st & 2nd Collection Direct Debit information below

FIRST COLLECTION (PRIESTS)

Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Cottesloe/Mosman Park

Account No: 115134447

BSB: 086006

Bank: National Australia Bank Limited.

SECOND COLLECTION (PARISH)

Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Cottesloe/Mosman Park

Account No: 558131050

BSB: 086006

Bank: National Australia Bank Limited.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS (2ND PLATE): COTTESLOE \$739.02 MOSMAN PARK \$1,180.35

MOSMAN ROSTERS	This Weekend 5/6 Apr '25	Next Weekend 12/13 Apr '25
Flowers	M Milichich	R Masarei
Church Cleaning	A Broadhurst	T Davis
Readers Sat 5.30am	N Farias	M Davis
Readers Sun 8.30am	J Stratton	S Cannon
		C Lobo
		N Kalnejais
COTTESLOE ROSTERS	This Weekend 5/6 Apr '25	Next Weekend 12/13 Apr '25
Flowers	L Madara & S Marerwa	D Hintz, J Bryant & S Warden
Church Cleaning	L & F Agnello	M Shea & L Mann
Readers Sun 10am	A Marerwa & K Lewis	R Coles & M Coles
Readers Sun 5pm	A Clarke	A Clarke
Morning Tea	No Morning Tea	No Morning Tea

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for April For the use of the new technologies.

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Cottesloe / Mosman Park Parish Community through baptism:

Sascha Rui Sen Yeo
son of
Camie Lee and Luis Yeo

Arabella Rose Beaumont
daughter of
Samantha & Shane Beaumont

We ask God to bless Sascha and Arabella their parents, Godparents, and 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 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:

Pat Clarke
who passed to eternal life on the 6th April 2021 R.I.P.
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."