

THE BLIND SEE AGAIN

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON PHIL 4: 4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

1st Reading Is 135: 1-6, 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, ‘Courage! Do not be afraid. ‘Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.’ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The Word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PS 145:6-10

Response: Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R/

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. R/

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion’s God, from age to age. R/

2nd Reading JAMES 5: 7-10

A reading from the letter of St James

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord’s coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord’s coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Isa 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alléluia, alléluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring

Good News to the poor. Alléluia!

GOSPEL Mt 11: 2-11

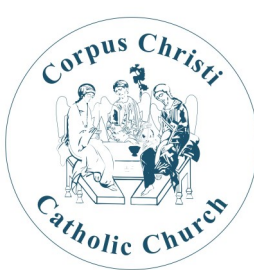
A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?’ Jesus answered, ‘Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.’ As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.’

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

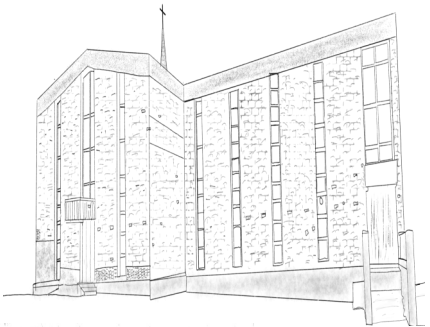


St Mary Star of the Sea & CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



THIRD Sunday of ADVENT Year A

14th December 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 – THIRD Sunday of Advent

<b>Sunday, 14th December 2025</b> 8:30am Mass—Mosman Park 10:00am Mass—Cottesloe Children's Liturgy 12:00pm Mass—(Spanish) Cottesloe 5:00pm Mass—Cottesloe	<b>Wednesday, 17th December 2025</b> 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe <b>Thursday, 18th December 2025</b> 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe <b>Friday, 19th December 2025</b> 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe <b>Tuesday, 16th December 2025</b> 8:15am NO Mass—Mosman Park 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe	<b>Saturday, 20th December 2025</b> 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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Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand

The gospel tells us that some people were rebuked by the Lord because, clever as they were at reading the face of the sky, they could not recognize the time for faith when the kingdom of heaven was at hand. It was the Jews who received this reprimand, but it has also come down to us. The Lord Jesus began his preaching of the gospel with the admonition: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. His forerunner, John the Baptist, began his in the same way: Repent, he said,/or the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Today, for those who will not repent at the approach of the kingdom of heaven, the reproof of the Lord Jesus is the same. As he points out himself. You cannot expect to see the kingdom of heaven coming. The kingdom of heaven, he

says elsewhere, is within you. Each of us would be wise therefore to take to heart the advice of his teacher, and not waste this present time. It is now that our Saviour offers us his mercy; now, while he still spares the human race. Understand that it is in hope of our conversion that he spares us, for he desires no one's damnation. As for when the end of the world will be, that is God's concern. Now is the time for faith. Whether any of us here present will see the end of the world I know not; very likely none of us will. Even so, the time is very near for each of us, for we are mortal. There are hazards all around us. We should be in less danger from them were we made of glass. What is more fragile than a vessel of glass? And yet it can be kept safe

and last indefinitely. Of course it is exposed to accidents, but it is not liable to old age and the suffering it brings. We therefore are the more frail and infirm. In our weakness we are haunted by fears of all the calamities that regularly befall the human race, and if no such calamity overtakes us, still, time marches on. We may evade the blows of fortune, but shall we evade death? We may escape perils from without but shall we escape what comes from within us? Now, suddenly, we may be attacked by any malady. And if we are spared? Even so, old age comes at last, and nothing will delay it.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-2  
Commentary: Augustine

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION & WELCOMING MASS MORNING TEA



After the **10am Mass** this morning please join us in the parish hall for our combined Welcoming Mass and Parish Christmas morning tea celebration. We invite all our parishioners and visitors to join us for our last morning tea of 2025.





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				
24	Dec	12:00am	Mass	Star of the Sea Church
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS				
25	Dec	8:30am	Mass	Corpus Christi Church
25	Dec	10:00am	Mass	Star of the Sea Church

COTTESLOE / MOSMAN PARK PARISH CALENDAR				
Thu Dec 25	Solemnity	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Fri Dec 26	FeastDay	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe Saint Stephen, the first martyr
Sat Dec 27	FeastDay	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe Saint John, apostle, evangelist
Sun Dec 28	FeastDay	10:00am	Mass	Cottesloe THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH


Church Calendar

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

Parish News

“THE SHEPHERD’S CANDLE”

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as GAUDETE SUNDAY. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today’s Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.



REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

- ✦ RECONCILIATION Online enrolments will close **Monday 2nd February 2026**
- ✦ FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Online enrolments will close **Monday 23rd March 2026**
- ✦ CONFIRMATION Online enrolments will close **Monday 17th August 2026**

Please register online at: <https://staroftheseachurch.org.au/sacramental-programme/>  
For all inquiries and further information needed please contact Natasha Colli, Sacraments Coordinator: [sacraments.cottesloe@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:sacraments.cottesloe@perthcatholic.org.au)

WE DID IT!

109 households helped!  
201 people

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Tree Appeal 2025  
Merry Christmas and many blessings for 2026  
Virginia Tobar





Archbishop's Christmas Appeal

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

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 \$677.76 MOSMAN PARK \$574.95

MOSMAN ROSTERS	This Weekend 13/14 Dec'25		Next Weekend 20/21 Dec '25	
Flowers	A Tedesco	A Broadhurst	J Stratton	
Church Cleaning	T Davis		Volunteer	
Readers Sat 5.30am	N Faris		F Green	
Readers Sun 8.30am	A Santelli	C Davie	C Lobo	C Wearn
COTTESLOE ROSTERS	This Weekend 13/14 Dec'25		Next Weekend 20/21 Dec'25	
Flowers	No Arrangements		No Arrangements	
Church Cleaning	M Shea & L Mann		N & P Colli	
Readers Sun 10am	K Lewis & Volunteer		M Shea & E O'Loughlin	
Readers Sun 5pm	Volunteer		Volunteer	
Morning Tea	Christmas Morning Tea		No Morning Tea	

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community through baptism:

**Annabelle Wynn Joyce**  
daughter of  
**Rohan & Melissa Joyce**


**Casey Robert McDonnell**  
**Tate Erin McDonnell**  
children of  
**Daniel & Jamie McDonnell**

We ask God to bless **Tate, Casey** and **Annabelle** 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:

Michael Beech  
Anne Antonacci  
Dariusz Rapcewicz  
Francesca Letizia  
Maria Blaszczyńska  
Leon & Burchell Jones  
Julie Atrache  
Tim and Estelle Beckett  
Marie and Ivo Milicich



Requiescat in Pace

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

**John Flanagan**  
2nd anniversary of his passing to eternal life 16.12.2023 ~ RIP ~

**Mrs Maria Pereira**  
who passed to eternal life on Wednesday 18 December 2024  
**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.”