

## A MAN OF HONOUR

### ENTRANCE ANTIphon Cf. Isa 45: 8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

### 1st READING Isa 7: 10-14

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL Ps 23: 1-6

#### Response: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R/**

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean

hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R/**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R/**

### 2nd READING ROM 1: 1-7

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 1: 23

Alléluia, alléluia! The Virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.. Alléluia!

### GOSPEL Mt 1: 18-24

#### A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## St Mary Star of the Sea & Corpus Christi Parish

## Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A

21st December 2025



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**WEDDINGS:**

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## PARISH CALENDAR – Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Sunday, 21st December 2025**

8:30am Mass—Mosman Park

10:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Children's Liturgy

12:00pm Mass Spanish—Cottesloe

5:00pm Mass—Cottesloe

**Monday, 22nd December 2025**

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

**Tuesday, 23rd December 2025**

8:15am NO Mass—Mosman Park

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

**Wednesday, 24th December 2025**

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

**Wednesday, 24th December 2025**

+ Christmas Vigil Carols & Masses

5:00pm Carols—Cottesloe

Children's Liturgy

5:30pm Mass—Cottesloe

+ Christmas Vigil Carols & Masses

5:00pm Carols—Mosman Park

5:30pm Mass—Mosman Park

+ Christmas Eve Carols & Masses

11:30pm Carols—Cottesloe

12:00am Mass—Cottesloe

**Thursday, 25th December 2024**

+ Christmas Day Masses

8:30am Mass—Mosman Park

**Thursday, 25th December 2024**

+ Christmas Day Masses

10:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Children's Liturgy

**Friday, 26th December 2025**

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

**Saturday, 27th December 2025**

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Confessions—Cottesloe

**Wednesday, 25th December 2024**

5:00pm Confessions—Mosman Park

5:30pm Vigil Mass—Mosman Park

8:00pm Neocatechumenal

Community Mass

(Parish Centre Cottesloe)

## JESUS WAS BORN OF MARY, THE BETROTHED OF JOSEPH, A SON OF DAVID.

Matthew the evangelist gives us an account of the way in which the eternal Son of God, begotten before the world began, appeared in time as the Son of Man. His description is brief but absolutely true. By tracing the ancestry of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through the male line he brings it down from Abraham to Joseph, the husband of Mary. It is indeed fitting in every respect that when God decided to become incarnate for the sake of the whole human race none but a virgin should be his mother, and that, since a virgin was privileged to bring him into the world, she should bear no other son but the son who is God. Behold, a virgin will conceive and bear a son, and he will be called Emmanuel, a name which means God-with-us. The name God-with-us, given to our Saviour by the prophet, signifies that two natures are united in his one person. Before time began he was God, born of the Father, but in the fullness of time he became Emmanuel, God-with

-us in the womb of his mother, because when the Word was made flesh and lived among us he deigned to unite our frail human nature to his own person. Without ceasing to be what he had always been, he began in a wonderful fashion to be what we are, assuming our nature in such a way that he did not lose his own. And so Mary gave birth to her firstborn son, the child of her own flesh and blood. She brought forth the God who had been born of God before creation began, and who, in his created humanity, "rightful" surpassed the whole of creation. And Scripture says she named him Jesus, Jesus, then, is the name of the Virgin's son. According to the angel's explanation, it means one who is to save his people from their sins. In doing so he will also deliver them from any defilement of mind and body they have incurred on account of their sins. But the title "Christ" implies a priestly or royal dignity. In the Old Testament it was given to both

priests and kings on account of the anointing with chrism or holy oil which they received. They prefigured the true king and high priest who, on coming into this world, was anointed with the oil of gladness above all his peers. From this anointing or chrismation he received the name of Christ, and those who share in the anointing which he himself bestows, that is the grace of the Spirit, are called Christians. May Jesus Christ fulfill his saving task by saving us from our sins; may he discharge his priestly office by reconciling us to God the Father, and may he exercise his royal power by admitting us to his Father's kingdom, for he is our Lord and God, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24  
Commentary: Bede

## 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:  
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### COTTESLOE / MOSMAN PARK PARISH CALENDAR

Fri	Dec	26	Feast Day	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Stephen, the first martyr
Sat	Dec	27	Feast Day	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint John, apostle, evangelist
Sun	Dec	28	Feast Day	10:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



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

## PARISH NEWS

### 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



**"THE ANGEL'S CANDLE"** The fourth Sunday of Advent. During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel.

### MOSMAN PARK CORPUS CHRISTI NO TUESDAY MORNING MASS

During the summer holidays there will be no Tuesday **8:15am Mass** **8:15am Mass** will recommence in the school term **February'26**

#### SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

During the school holidays there will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00am Mass; our Children's Liturgy will recommence on Sunday **1st February 2026**. **Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year**

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 \$823.24 MOSMAN PARK \$464.79

MOSMAN ROSTERS	This Weekend 20/21 Dec '25	Next Weekend 27/28 Dec '25
Flowers	J Stratton	C Lobo
Church Cleaning	Volunteer	M Cooray
Readers Sat 5.30am	F Green	A Pickard
Readers Sun 8.30am	C Lobo	C Wearn
		Sr Mary Mackin N Kalnejais
COTTESLOE ROSTERS	This Weekend 20/21 Dec '25	Next Weekend 27/28 Dec '25
Flowers	No Arrangements	D Hintz, J Bryant & S Warden
Church Cleaning	N & P Colli	Spanish Community
Readers Sun 10am	M Shea & E O'Loughlin	R Ardon & N Nustes
Readers Sun 5pm	Volunteer	J von Perger
Morning Tea	No Morning Tea	No Morning Tea

**Intentions for December**  
For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

#### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community through baptism:

Elizabeth Josephine  
Feely daughter of  
Rory Feely & Lucy  
Milner

Philippa Rose Cox  
Imogen Clementine Cox  
daughters of  
Jenna and Alexander  
Cox

We ask God to bless Elizabeth, Philippa and Imogen 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:

Michael Beech  
Anne Antonacci  
Dariusz Rapcewicz  
Francesca Letizia  
Maria Blaszczynska  
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:

*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.*