

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 Da-
vid: are you not satisfied with
trying the patience of men with-
out 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 en-
ter; 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/**

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

hands and pure heart, who de-
sires 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 hu-
man nature he took, was a de-
scendant of David: it is about Je-
sus 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: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 1: 23
Alléluia, alléluia! The Virgin will
give birth to a son; his name will
bse 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, be-
cause 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 peo-
ple 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

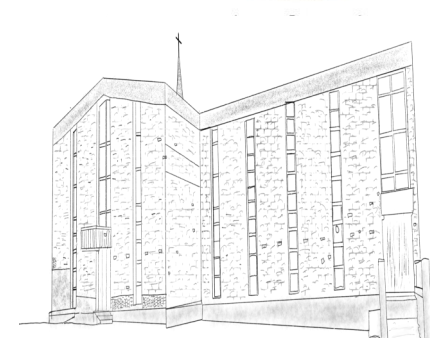
Fourth Sunday of ADVENT
Year A


21st December 2025






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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
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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	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 10:00am Mass—Cottesloe Children’s Liturgy Friday, 26th December 2025 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe Saturday, 27th December 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, 22nd December 2025 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe	Thursday, 25th December 2024 + Christmas Day Masses 8:30am Mass—Mosman Park	
Tuesday, 23rd December 2025 8:15am NO Mass—Mosman Park 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe		
Wednesday, 24th December 2025 9:00am Mass—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 christening 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/>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
During the Christmas Vigil Mass at 5:30pm Wednesday December 24th in St Mary Star of the Sea Cottesloe there will be Children's Liturgy. Parents are welcome to bring their children to Children's Liturgy and children can dress as part of the Nativity scene.



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)	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.

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 Blaszczyńska
Leon & Burchell Jones
Julie Atrache
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."