



Vox Populi 29 May 2025

On Saturday, Broken Bay celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Star of the Sea, the Patroness of our diocese.

Star of the Sea is an ancient title for the Mother of Jesus Christ and comes down to us from the Latin *Stella Maris*.

Under this title, Mary intercedes as both guide and protector for all those who travel or seek their livelihoods on or by the sea.

"Mary, Star of the Sea, must be followed in faith and morals lest we capsize amidst the storm-tossed waves of the sea. She will illumine us to believe in Christ, born of her for the salvation of the world". (Saint Paschasius Radbertus d.865)

As a faith community whose borders skirt both the Pacific Ocean and the Brisbane Waters, Mary is our guiding star and the model of discipleship as the mother of the Church.

The Patroness of our Diocese, Mary Star of the Sea received its official decree from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in May 2008.

Many coastal Catholic communities across the globe honour Mary under this title.

Just as the Star of Bethlehem led the wise men to the newborn Christ, so too, the Star of the Sea guides us to Jesus.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo will celebrate Mass for the Solemnity at 9:30am at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.