

**ANGLICAN PARISH OF KINGSCLIFF  
BULLETIN**

# **Higher**

**“as it is in heaven”**

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# Higher

Welcome stranger! If you are visiting St James in Kingscliff or St Marks in Pottsville, this page is especially for you. We are the two Anglican Churches in this part of the world and are delighted to welcome you to our growing Parish. You can learn more by leafing through this magazine, HIGHER, our weekly bulletin which keeps our Christian community informed and updated about all that is going on.

If you are curious to know more about our Christian faith please contact our Rector, Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu whose details can be found at the back of this bulletin. Give him a call and invite him for coffee – he’s a trained barista and will be happy to make one to your taste in our on-site coffee cart. If the sun is shining you might like to enjoy it in the café garden courtyard adjacent. Long story short, we are all about hospitality and the love of God here, and would love you to join us. You can also get a better idea of who we are what we are about by attending worship on Sundays (8.30 – 9.30 am at St James, 10.30 – 11.30 am at St Marks) and staying on for morning tea afterwards.

**Discernment**

# Letter from Constantine

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

*"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19)*

## **Parish Discernment and Planning Day on Saturday, 20 September 2025 at the Boat House from 9am**

Thank you to all those who have returned their parish survey, and all those who are planning to join us tomorrow at Lindisfarne School's Boat House (28 Snapper Avenue, Kingscliff) for prayer, planning, discernment and collaboration as we seek to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, and God's plan for our mission together. Please pray for a productive and fruitful day.

## **Parish Council Meeting on 17 September 2025**

The Parish Council met last Wednesday and discussed a wide range of matters and initiatives, including exploring a food bank partnership with Anglicare, planning for facility upgrades at both St James and St Mark's, and progressing safe ministry protocols, pastoral care, and children's ministries. Reports covered parish market day on November 22, Soup Kitchen initiative, AV and technology upgrades, financial updates, and future projects such as air conditioning, signage, and outdoor facilities for community use. I thank all our parish councillors for their generosity of skills, time and leadership.

## **Saint Carlo Acutis: 'God's Influencer' for Our Times**

On 7 September 2025, the Church joyfully declared Carlo Acutis a saint, together with Blessed Giorgio Frassati, before tens of thousands of young people gathered in Rome. Carlo (1991–2006) has been called both "God's Influencer" and the "first millennial saint." His short but remarkable life continues to inspire people of every age, race, Faith and Christian denomination.

Carlo was, in many ways, an ordinary teenager. He loved computers, taught himself coding, and enjoyed playing video games like Halo, Mario Kart, and Pokémon. But he also made a conscious choice: one hour for games each day, and the rest of his time for prayer, family, friends, and helping others. He reminds us that technology can be a gift when balanced with the deeper things of life.

What made Carlo extraordinary was his love for God and his care for people. He had a deep devotion to the Eucharist, which he called "my road to heaven." Using his computer skills, he created websites to share Eucharistic miracles, making the faith more accessible in a digital age.

Carlo also left us with many gems of wisdom. Perhaps his most famous is: "God made us originals, but many die as photocopies."

In a world that pressures us to conform, Carlo challenges us to embrace our God-given uniqueness and live with joy, purpose, and authenticity. He also reminds us: "Sadness is looking at ourselves, happiness is looking towards God."

Carlo died at only 15 from leukemia, but he lived with a clear sense of purpose. His life raises important questions for us all:

*Who do we admire?*

*What are we living for?*

*Where do we place our deepest hopes?*

To be a saint, Carlo shows us, is not about being perfect or boringly pious. It is about living life to the fullest – generously, authentically, and with our eyes fixed on heaven, and not on the things that fade away.

As we reflect on Saint Carlo's life, may we be inspired to use our gifts and possessions in the service of others, to find joy in God's love, and to remember that holiness is possible for each one of us, right here and now.

"The greatest tragedy", Leon Bloy said, "is not to be a saint."

I wish you a restful and blessed weekend.

Thank you for who you are and for all you do.

Your brother in Christ

*Constantine*

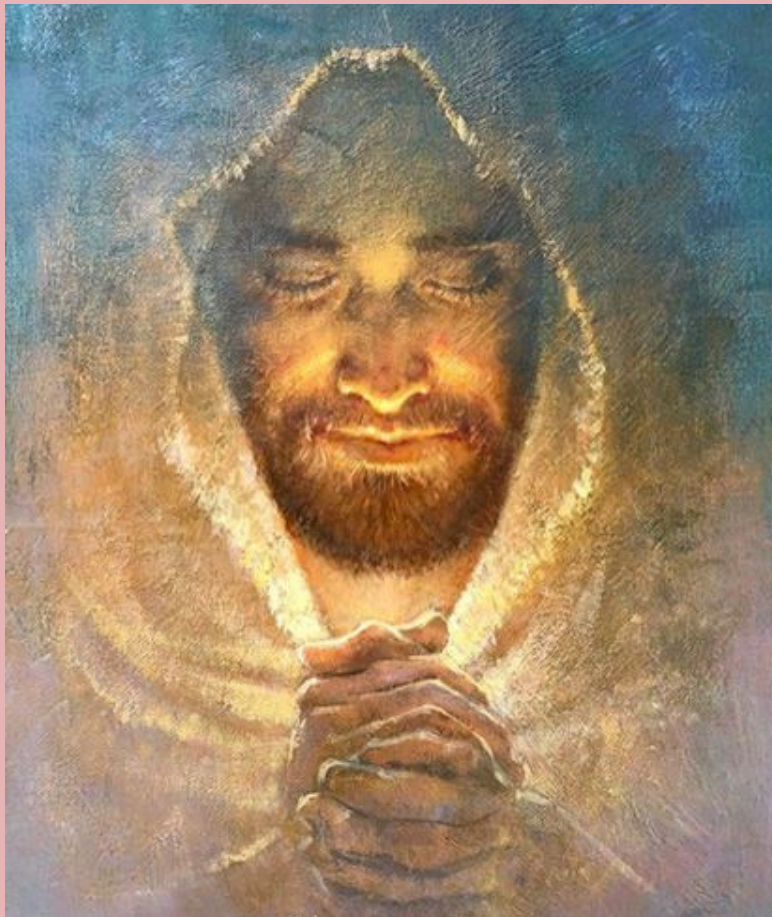
# The Old Brenton Prayer

Thy sea, O God, so great,  
My boat so small.  
It cannot be that any happy fate  
Will me befall  
Save as Thy goodness opens paths for me  
Through the consuming vastness of the sea.

Thy winds, O God, so strong,  
So slight my sail.  
How could I curb and bit them on the long  
And saltry trail,  
Unless Thy love were mightier than the wrath  
Of all the tempests that beset my path?

Thy world, O God, so fierce,  
And I so frail.  
Yet, though its arrows threaten oft to pierce  
My fragile mail,  
Cities of refuge rise where dangers cease,  
Sweet silences abound, and all is peace.

~by ~Winfred Ernest Garrison



# Free Lunch for Parish Discerners

They say "there's no such thing as a free lunch". At least that's what we've been told. But, as it often does, the Parish of Kingscliff is once again proving "them" wrong.

Participants in Saturday's Discernment Day at the Lindisfarne Boat House in Salt, will be treated to a free lunch - morning and afternoon tea - as they come together in thought, prayer, discussion - and, yes, discernment - to map out a way forward for the Parish in the next, exciting, chapter of its blessed existence. The "team" is saying they believe the Holy Spirit has moved so many to attend, but concedes that the free lunch might also have something to do with it. It goes without saying that all are welcome. See you there.





# Crepes and Coffee Morning at St Mark's

To provide an opportunity for those who attend the Sunday morning service at St Mark's to interact with each other after the service, our good friends from the Nook came to us last Sunday. They brought a coffee machine for barista coffee and they used our BBQ to warm their crepes under a canopy in the Community Garden. The crepes and coffee were supplied free! There was a donation box, but no contribution was necessary to enjoy the food and each other's company. 20 people stayed back and enjoyed the offerings!

The event was voted a great success and will be repeated on the second Sunday next month. We invite you to come and join in this convivial event. Kingscliff people may like to come down and join in, and maybe walk on the beach afterwards. What a great way to create interaction between our two centres! We are thinking of opening this up to the public to make the event a suitable low-key contact with our community. Pray that these opportunities will help us in our mission to bring the message of Jesus to those who live around us.



# Christmas Market Day Meeting

Donations to be offered as prizes in the Christmas Raffle are rolling in as preparations continue for the Christmas Market Day on Nov 22. Raewyn will convene a meeting of all volunteers in the Church Hall at St James, after the service on Sunday (ie at 9.45 am). Items on the agenda include:

- Site Plan and Stall Placement
- Market and Social Media Messaging
- Raffle Donations, Ticketing, etc.
- Bottle Raffle Update
- Miscellaneous





## Prayer of the Week

Loving Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ has  
taught us  
that what we do for the least  
of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for him:  
give us the will to be the  
servant of others as he was the  
servant of all,  
who gave up his life and died  
for us,  
and yet lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.



## Bank Account Details

If you would like to contribute financially to the life and mission of both churches in the Parish of Kingscliff by electronic means, our bank account details are:

**BSB:** 062-673

**Account:** 1001 5155

**Account Name:** Anglican Parish of Kingscliff

Thank you for your support, we appreciate your generosity.

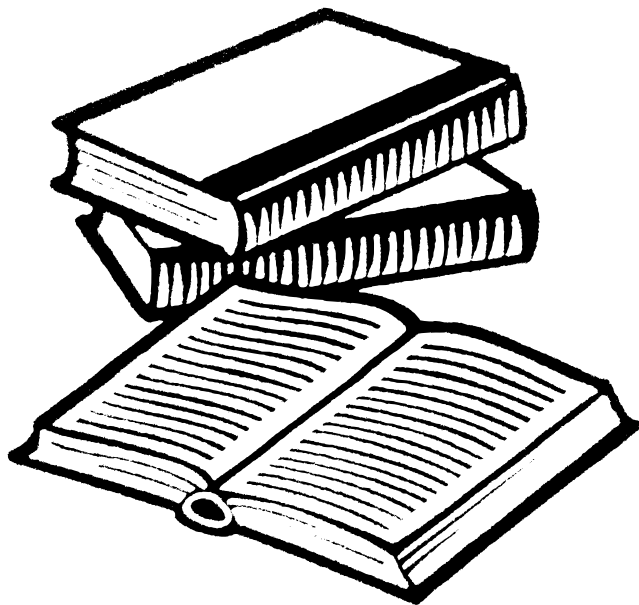
# Parish Food Ministry

The Parish would like to thank all who helped distribute the meals through the Food Ministry this week, add both St Marks and St James. Well done all for keeping this vital long running ministry alive.

St James -88 meals

St Marks -50 meals

Praise be to God!



## Sunday Worship Readings

### Sunday 21 September 2025

Jeremiah 8.18-9.1  
Psalm 79.1-9  
1 Timothy 2.1-10  
Luke 16.1 -13

### Sunday 28 September 2025

Jeremiah 32.1-3a,6-15  
Psalm 91.1-6,14-16  
1 Timothy 6.6-19  
Luke 16.19 -31

# Service Schedule

## St James

**Sunday 21 September 2025**

8.30am

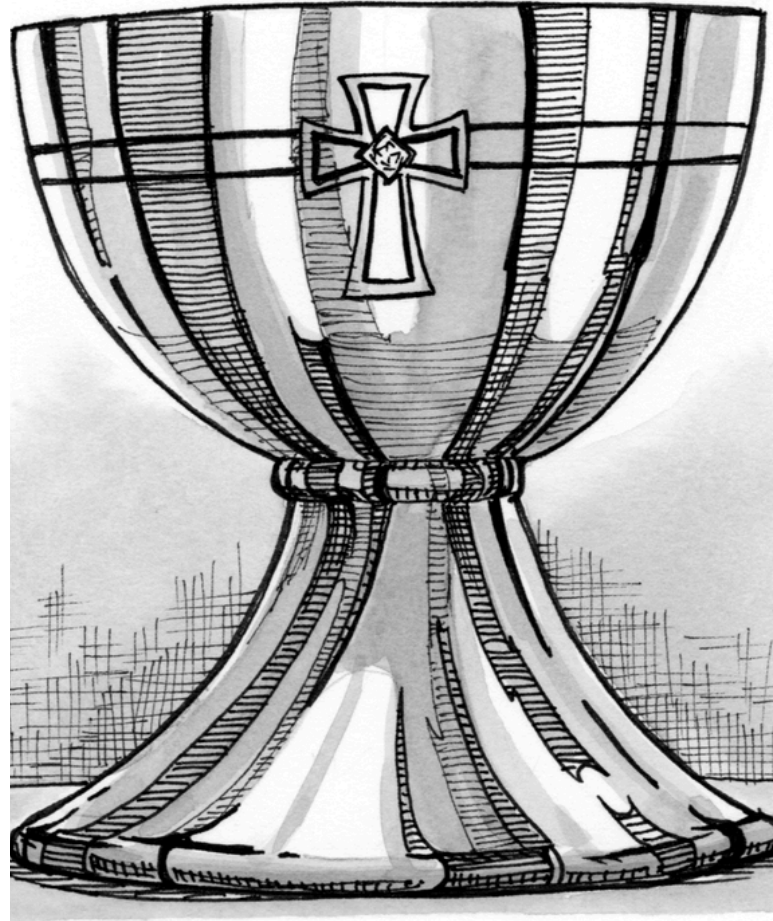
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## St Marks

**Sunday 21 September 2025**

10.30am

Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu



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# Parish Calendar for September 2025

## ● Mondays

- U3A Art Group – St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Bible Study – St James Parish Hall, 2:00pm–4:00pm
- Evening Prayer – St James Kingscliff, 5:15pm–5:30pm

## ● Tuesdays

- Justice of the Peace – St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Meal Handout – St Mark's Pottsville 11:00am–1:00pm
  - Holy Communion/Eucharist – St Mark's Pottsville, 12.30pm -1,00pm
- Bible Study – St Mark's Pottsville Hall, 4:00pm
- AA Meeting – St James Kingscliff, 7:30pm
- Pottsville Community Association – Last Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm

## ● Wednesdays

- Holy Communion/Eucharist – St James Kingscliff, 10:00am
- Lectio Divina (Holy Reading of the Bible) – St James Kingscliff, 11:30am
- Meditation (in person) – St James Kingscliff, 4:00pm & Via Zoom

### Zoom link

Meeting ID: 891 8478 4092 | Passcode: 516345

- Evening Prayer – St James Kingscliff, 5:15pm–5:30pm

## ● Thursdays

- Ladies Craft Group – St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Meal Handout – St James Kingscliff, 11:00am–1:00pm
- AA Meeting – St Mark's Pottsville, 6:00pm
- Men's Bible Study – 6:30pm

Contact: Jason 0406 450 056

- Evening Prayer – St James Kingscliff, 5:15pm–5:30pm

## ● Fridays

- Making Marks Art Group – St James Kingscliff, 1:00pm–4:00pm

## ● Saturdays

- Community Garden Club – St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am–11:00am
  - BCP Healing Service at St James Kingscliff, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 5pm

## ● Sundays

- Holy Communion/Eucharist
  - St James Kingscliff, 8:30am
  - St Mark's Pottsville, 10:30am
  - Contemporary Service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the Month at St James at 5pm.

## ✦ Upcoming Events

**Parish Discernment & Planning Day**, 20 September 2025 at the Boat House

**Parish Council Meeting** – Wednesday, 8 October 2025 at St James Parish Hall

**Spring Spirituality Weekend Postponed to 2026**

**Parish Christmas Market**, Saturday 22 November 2025