

A man and a young girl are walking away from the camera on a paved path. The man is on the right, wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt and dark blue jeans. The girl is on the left, wearing a bright green jacket and light blue pants. They are holding hands. The background is a lush green landscape with trees and a clear sky.

**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.

**Child-like
faith**

Letter from Constantine

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

‘APOK 32’ – Parish Discernment and Planning Day

You are warmly invited to join us for our **APOK 32 Vision and Mission Planning Day** on **Saturday, 20 September 2025, 9.00am–3.30pm**, at the **Lindisfarne BoatHouse, Cudgen (Point Break Circuit, Salt)**.

Our theme is grounded in Scripture:

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

“Put out into the deep.” (Luke 5:4)

Together, we will pray, reflect, and dream about where God is already at work on the Tweed Coast, and discern Spirit-led initiatives for the spiritual, numerical, and financial growth of our parish.

This day is for the whole congregation—not only leaders—so please come and take part. **Lunch and refreshments will be provided.**

21 Days of Prayer and Fasting (30 August – 20 September)

As preparation, I invite you to join in 21 days of prayer and fasting leading up to our Parish Discernment Day.

Fasting is a spiritual discipline practiced by many throughout Scripture—Moses, Daniel, Nehemiah, and our Lord himself. Jesus taught that some miracles come only through prayer and fasting (Matthew 17:21).

Fasting doesn't need to involve food or drink alone. It can be setting aside distractions—such as TV, social media, gossip, or negativity—in order to create more space for prayer. Whatever we give up, let us fill that space with prayer for our parish, our community, and the wider world.

KICK – 31 August at 8.30am

Please bring your children and grandchildren to **KICK (Kids in Church Kingscliff) at St James, Sunday 31 August at 8.30am.**

Prayers for Peace and Justice

God's heart breaks when our hearts break, and surely God weeps over the escalation of violence in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, and other regions torn by conflict.

Please pray for:

- The release of Israeli hostages,
- An end to the killing of children, women, and innocent civilians in Gaza,
- The children of Darfur, and the suffering peoples of Yemen, Syria, Nigeria, North Korea, Spain, Portugal, France, the USA, and all places where natural disasters, injustice, violence, and abuse prevail.

A Word of Thanks

I thank you sincerely for your love and support of our parish, and for your dedication, commitment, and prayers for the growth of God's kingdom in this part of His vineyard.

May the Lord bless and reward you abundantly, as only He can.
With every blessing,

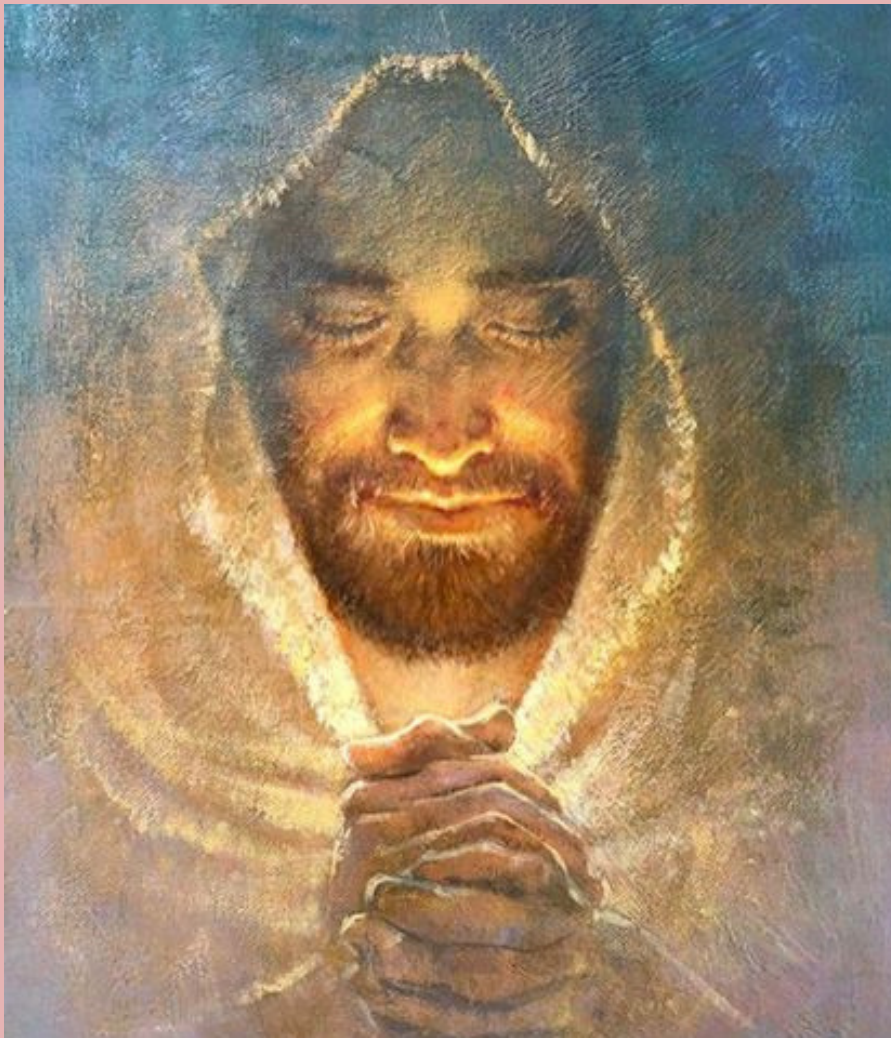
Constantine

Remembering St. Augustine of Hippo:

On 28 August we remembered St Augustine of Hippo in the Christian calendar. His words and prayer are worth pondering:

"Late have I loved you, beauty so old and so new: late have I loved You. And see, You were within and I was in the external world and sought You there, and in my unlovely state I plunged into those lovely created things which You made. You were with me, and I was not with You. The lovely things kept me far from you, though if they did not have their existence in you, they had no existence at all. You called and cried out loud and shattered my deafness. You were radiant and resplendent, You put to flight my blindness. You were fragrant, and I drew in my breath and now pant after You. I tasted You, and I feel but hunger and thirst for You. You touched me, and I am set on fire to attain the peace which is Yours."

"O Lord, in whom we live and move and have our existence; You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." Amen.



A Child-like Faith



You might think that the Parish's children's services – returning this weekend – are an attempt to 'accommodate' children in the life of the Church. There's a bit more to it than that, however. Jesus taught that the people who chose to follow Him – those we call "grown-ups" – should look to children's example for their faith.

What did He mean by this?

A child's love for their father is not a rational decision they make in the cradle. It is a trust that comes from a place of absolute dependency, and reflects the vulnerability that comes with the miraculous gift of being born as a human child. It will be years before the child can walk or talk or make decisions for themselves; until then they must rely on their parents. Our love for our Heavenly Father also comes from a place of dependency as we overcome our human pride, putting aside confidence in our adult selves to place our trust in Him and his loving Fatherly care.

Praying To Our Father

Our Lord Jesus taught us to pray

*"Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen."*

An explanation

"Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name..."
We come as children, not strangers. We have a relationship with God. He is both near (our Father) and exalted (in heaven).

When we say, "Our Father," we are stepping into divine relationship (Romans 8:15). When we declare, "Your kingdom come," we are surrendering our own agendas to His eternal reign (Matthew 6:10; Revelation 11:15). When we ask for daily bread, we aren't just requesting food, we are leaning into the God who provides every need (Philippians 4:19; Lamentations 3:23).

The Lord's Prayer holds the entire story of salvation-starting with provision, leading through humility, and ending in deliverance. When we are praying this, we are entering a holy dialogue with the very nature of God.

Each line of the Lord's Prayer speaks to who God is: the Provider (Philippians 4:19), the Forgiver (1 John 1:9), the Deliverer (Psalm 34:17), the King (Revelation 11:15), and the Holy One whose name is to be lifted high (Isaiah 6:3).



To pray these words is to call on His attributes, to align ourselves with His heart, and to invite His presence into every dimension of our lives. As we say, "Your kingdom come," we are embracing His sovereignty (Matthew 6:10). As we ask for daily bread, we lean into His faithfulness (Lamentations 3:23). This is relationship, worship, and spiritual formation all in one prayer. Let's get into it word by word:

And this mirrors the full gospel: God provides. We fall short. He forgives. He delivers. This is the thread of the entire Bible:

- God delivers Israel from Egypt and after that, He gave them manna.
- God delivers David from his own sin and his enemies.
- God delivers the exiles and restores their hearts.

And in the end, God delivers us through Jesus — the Bread of Life, the Lamb who takes away sin, and the Savior from evil.

Jesus didn't just teach us a way to pray, He taught the entire story of salvation in a few verses.

Discernment Day

Discernment Day to start to develop a new Parish Mission and Ministry Plan through to 2032 will be held at the Lindisfarne Boatshed on Sat 20 September. Please see Constantine's letter for details and watch this space!

Christmas Market Planning

The next Christmas Market Planning meeting is in the Church Hall at 9.45 am next Sunday September 7th.

Soup Kitchen Planning Meeting

All those who've put their hand up for the Soup Kitchen Ministry have been invited to attend an initial Planning Meeting at 9.45 in the Church Hall this Sunday. Its not too late to volunteer to play your part (as a cook, plater, server, washer-upperer or any of a dozen other roles) in this exciting new outreach ministry: the more the merrier!



Support our Community

Christmas Market donations needed



St James Kingscliff & St Mark's Pottsville Anglican Churches are thrilled to host our **Festive Christmas Market on Saturday 22nd November 2025**. All proceeds will go toward providing meals & support to people across our wider communities

We're reaching out to local community members and businesses for donation of goods or vouchers, to help fill our delightful **raffle hamper prizes** & contribute to our vibrant market stalls. Whether is homemade treats, crafts or gift vouchers- every contribution makes a difference.

How to donate

- Drop off items at St James Kingscliff (120 Marine Pde Kingscliff or St Marks Pottsville (15a Berkleys lane Pottsville)

- contact our parish office on 0266741513

or email office@apok.org.au to arrange collection or discuss your donation

Your generosity will directly support our efforts to feed those in need & strengthen local communities

Thank you- together, we're creating a season of 'Joy and Hope'



**Banora Point Uniting Church
63 Darlington Drive Banora Point
Takes Pleasure In Hosting A**



Parade

**Wednesday
17th September
2025**

**Fashion Parade
Commences
At 10:30am**

\$15 includes Lunch

**Lucky Door Prizes including \$50 Portofino
Gift Voucher and Guessing Competition**

**Enjoy a Day of Fun, Food, Fashion
and Some Great Shopping**

**Accessories including Jewellery
and Handbags will be available**

**Most Portofino Fashion is manufactured
in Brisbane and Exclusive to Portofino**



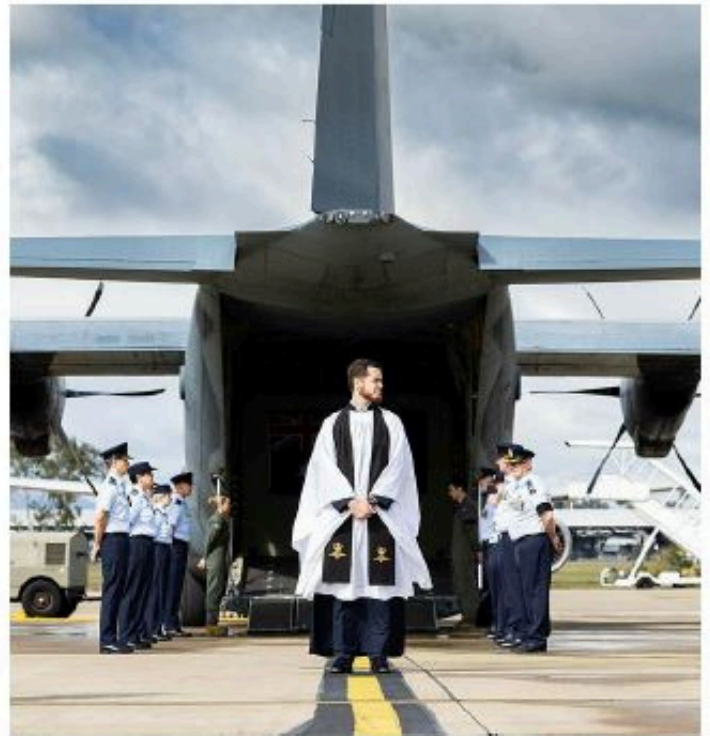
DEFENCE SUNDAY

PRAY WITH US | SUNDAY, 9 NOVEMBER

Partner with Defence Anglican Chaplaincy

When you pray or give you are helping chaplains
support Defence members and their families.

For more information and to give visit:
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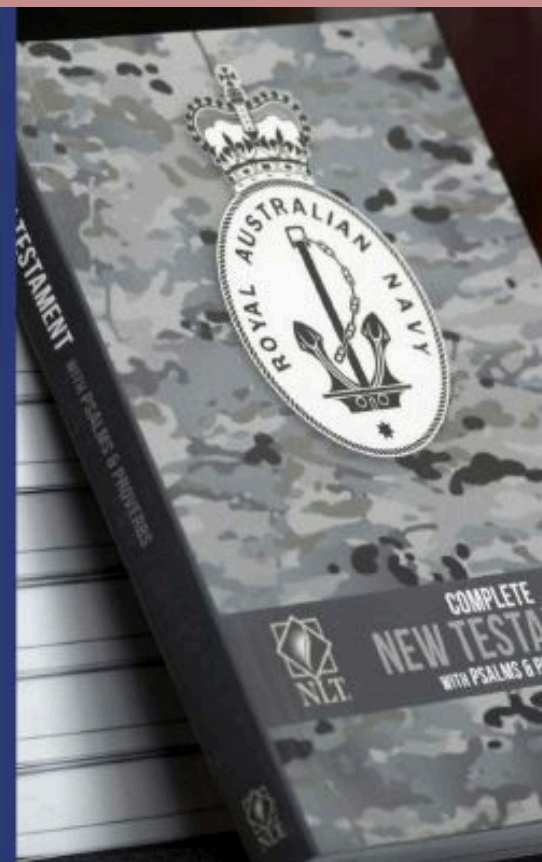
The Naval Prayer

Eternal God, creator of the heavens and ruler of the raging seas,
take under your powerful protection and bless all members of the
Royal Australian Navy.

Preserve them from the dangers of the sea and strengthen them
so that they may faithfully serve our country.

With the help of others who love freedom may they be able to
ensure security for all those who lawfully travel the seven seas,
and by their effort maintain for all people the possibility of serving
you in peace and justice all through their lives.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



The Soldier's Prayer

Almighty God, whose command is over all, and whose love never fails, let me be aware of your presence, and obedient to your will.

Help me to accept my share of responsibility with a strong heart and cheerful mind. Make me considerate of those with whom I live and work, and faithful to the duties my country has entrusted to me.

Let my uniform remind me daily of the traditions of the Service in which I serve. When I am inclined to doubt, strengthen my faith. When I am tempted to sin, help me to resist. When I fail, give me the courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of your truth and keep before me the life and example of Jesus in whose name I pray. Amen.



A Prayer for the Royal Australian Air Force

O Lord our God, who has given us dominion over earth, air and sea.

We ask you to be present with us who are called to serve our country in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Give us courage, a steady nerve and ready mind.

Sustain us in days of preparation, in the daily routine of servicing and weary waiting.

Be with us in time of sudden peril and grant that under your mighty protection we may be preserved in body, soul and mind.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



POSITION VACANT: OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

The Anglican Parish of Murwillumbah invites written applications, for the position of Office Manager on a part time basis (12 hours per week, spread over 3 days) from 9am – 1pm.

(We are still looking for someone to fill this position)

The role provides administrative support to the Rector and Parish Council, receptionist duties, preparation of Parish Newsletter and Sunday Services (training will be provided), as well as general administrative duties to support the smooth running of the parish.

Applicants must have experience in office administration and be familiar with Microsoft Office suite (Word, Power Point, Publisher & Outlook).

For further information phone 02 6672 6070 and to apply please email office@allsaintsanglican.org.au





HEALING EUCHARIST

The 1st Saturday in Every Month

5pm

St James Anglican Church, 122 Marine Pde, Kingscliff

Do you carry worry, pain, or grief?

On Saturday nights, our church gathers in stillness and beauty to break bread and pray for healing. This is a time to pause - to place both wounds and hopes before the God who heals.

Shaped by the timeless words of the Book of Common Prayer, with space for silence, and anointing for healing, this is not a service of noise or performance. It is a quiet offering – for all who carry pain in body, mind, or spirit.

Questions? Want to talk to someone first?

Contact us: 0435 750 155 || office@apok.org.au

Find us online: apok.org.au || FB Kingscliff Anglican Church

LINDISFARNE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL WARMLY INVITES YOU TO A

SPIRITUAL GYM



Sunday, 7 September 2025

4.30pm Refreshments | 5.00pm Service

Mahers Lane Chapel | All Welcome



LINDISFARNE
Anglican Grammar School

Prayer of the Week

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good
things: graft in our hearts the love
of your name,
increase in us true religion, nourish
us with all goodness, and of your
great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

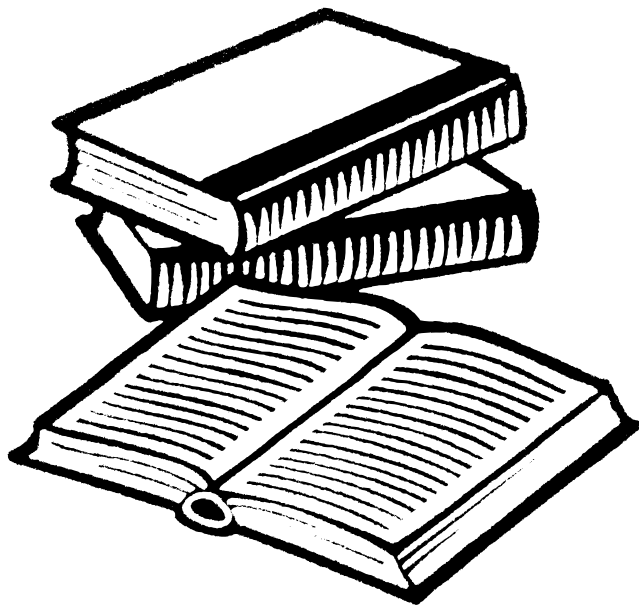
Parish Food Ministry

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 - 59 meals

St Marks - 55 meals

Praise be to God!



Sunday Worship Readings

Sunday 31 August 2025

Jeremiah 2.4-13
Psalm 81.1-10-16
Hebrews 13.1-8,5-16
Luke 14.1 (2-6) 7-14

Sunday 7 September 2025

Jeremiah 18.1-11
Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18
Philemon 1-25
Luke 14.25 -35

Service Schedule

St James

Sunday 31 August 2025

8.30am

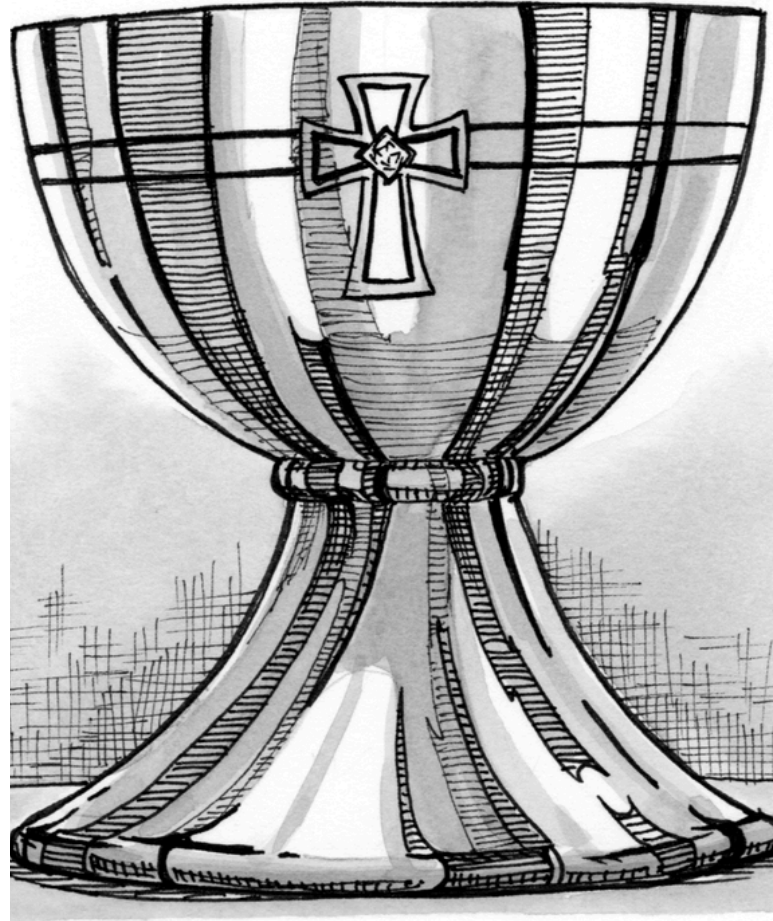
Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu

St Marks

Sunday 31 August 2025

10.30am

Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu



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Parish Calendar for September 2025

● Mondays

- U3A Art Group – St Marks, 9:00am–12:00pm
- OCTEC Employment Services – St Marks, Monday to Friday, 9:00am–4:00pm
- Bible Study – St James Parish Hall, 2:00pm–4:00pm
- Evening Prayer – St James, 5:15pm–5:30pm

● Tuesdays

- Morning Prayer at St James (9am-9.15am)
- Justice of the Peace – St Marks, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Meal Handout – St Marks, 11:00am–1:00pm
- Holy Communion/Eucharist at St Mark's (12.30pm -1pm)
- Bible Study – St Marks Pottsville Hall, 4:00pm
- AA Meeting – St James, 7:30pm
- Pottsville Community Association – Last Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm

● Wednesdays

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

Zoom link

Meeting ID: 891 8478 4092 | Passcode: 516345

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

● Thursdays

- Ladies Craft Group – St Marks, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Meal Handout – St James, 11:00am–1:00pm
- Evening Prayer at St James (5.15pm -5.30pm)
- AA Meeting – St Marks, 6:00pm
- Men's Bible Study – 6:30pm

Contact: Jason 0406 450 056

● Fridays

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

● Saturdays

- Contemplative Morning Walk – 1st Saturday of the month, 7:00am–8:00am
Meet at St James on September 6.
- Ecumenical Men's Breakfast, Saturday 6 September at 8 am at the Parish Hall
- BCP Healing Eucharist, Saturday 6 September at 5 pm at St James, Kingscliff
- Community Garden Club – St Marks, 9:00am–11:00am

● Sundays

- Holy Communion/Eucharist
– St James, 8:30am
– St Marks, 10:30am

📌 Upcoming Events

Ecumenical Men's Breakfast, Saturday 6 September at 8 am at the Parish Hall

Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday, 17 September 2025 at St Marks, Pottsville

Spring Spirituality Weekend – Friday to Sunday, 24 to 26 October at St James, Kingscliff, St Marks Pottsville.

Parish Christmas Market, Saturday 22 November 2025