

ANGLICAN PARISH OF KINGSCLIFF
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“as it is in heaven”

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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.

**The Beauty
of Creation**

Letter from Constantine

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

"Every time I think of you, I thank God for you. I always pray with joy because of the way you have helped me in the work of the gospel." (Philippians 1:3–4)

I would like to thank you sincerely for your continued support and generosity – for sharing your time, talent, and treasure in the service of God and others in our two parish communities.

I thank God daily for each and every one of you. I lift you up in fervent prayer, asking the Lord to bless you abundantly and to grant the desires of your good and faithful hearts. Amen.

Parish Discernment and Planning Day

When: *Saturday, 20 September*

Where: *The Boat House, Kingscliff*

Please remember to complete the Parish Survey and return it tomorrow, **Sunday, 14 September**, or at the latest, **Wednesday, 17 September**.

Let us pray for open and docile hearts to the Holy Spirit as we discern God's will for our parish communities. May the Lord grant us spiritual, numerical, and financial growth, so that we may more effectively proclaim the good news of salvation to our brothers and sisters on the Tweed Coast – especially those who do not yet know Christ, or who have forgotten Him.

Season of Creation – KICK Service

When: Sunday, 5 October 2025 at 8:30 AM

Where: St James, Kingscliff

During this Season of Creation, we are invited to pause in awe at the wonder of God's handiwork — and to take practical steps toward caring for the Earth and all of God's creatures, human and other-than-human. In honour of St Francis of Assisi, we will hold a Pets Blessing Service at our next KICK service. Bring your children, grandchildren, pets, and friends as we celebrate the Creator's love for all beings.

Parish 'Prayer Zone'

Daily: 8:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Every evening, our Parish Prayer Circle Team lifts up the material and spiritual needs of our parishioners and wider community in prayer.

If you have a specific prayer request, please email:

rector@apok.org.au

All requests are treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Pay Attention: A Reflection for Spring

In an interview with Krista Tippett, poet Mary Oliver once said:
"Attention is the beginning of devotion."

As spring unfolds around us, I invite you to pause and notice the beauty of creation in this part of the world we are blessed to call home.

"I Go Down to the Shore"

By Mary Oliver, from *A Thousand Mornings* (2012)

I go down to the shore in the morning
and depending on the hour the waves
are rolling in or moving out,
and I say, oh, I am miserable,
what shall—
what should I do? And the sea says
in its lovely voice:
Excuse me, I have work to do.

I wish you a blessed day and a restful weekend.
God loves you — and so do I.

In Christ's peace,

Constantine

Prayer of St. Pio of Pietrelcina after Holy Communion

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life,
and without You, I am without fervor.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light,
and without You, I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice
and follow You.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You
very much, and always be in Your company.

Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is,

I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love.

Amen.



Consider the Lilies

The birds are singing, the flowers are blooming and the farmers are sowing their seed in the ground. As we bask in the return of warm sunny days, the beauty of Spring reminds us of the magnificent generosity of the Creator in creating this beautiful world and gifting it to us, His children, to be our earthly home, so that we might care for, and learn from, it. As Jesus taught the disciples : “Consider the lilies of the field: how they grow. They toil not, neither do they spin, and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these”.

As much as we revel in the glory of nature we should never forget that we are all “sojourners” passing through on our way back home : to our Father’s house. So then, as we pray for the Earth, and the precious, fragile balance of life it sustains, we remember that we are temporary custodians, and give thanks for our Lord Jesus who shows us how to live and guides us to where we are meant to be.



Parish Discernment Day



The whole Parish will gather at the Lindisfarne Boat House on Sat, September 20 for a full day of discernment to discuss the future needs, opportunities and direction of the parish. To be facilitated by parishioner Annaliese Reinhold, the day will be divided into sessions and run from 9 am – 3.30 pm with a break for lunch.

Constantine to Lead Contemporary Service on Sunday

The Contemporary Service, with its popular mix of awesome music and topical preaching delivered in an informal style, is back again on Sunday. Rev. Constantine, just back, energised and refreshed, from his Clergy Ministry School in Coffs Harbour will lead the service and deliver the message. As is the custom among the regulars, there will be a meal in town afterwards. This week pizza at Pizza and Pasta, on Marine Pde.

Men's Breakfast Squeezes in 35

The Parish Hall was full to bursting with hungry blokes last Saturday morning, for the second bi-monthly Ecumenical Men's Breakfast. Thirty-five men squeezed in to hear British-born Catholic doctor Ed Egan (currently of Tweed Valley Hospital, and formerly of Nigeria) tell the story of his Christian journey, and the long history of faith in his family ancestry. Peppered with insights into ecumenicism and the role faith plays in the secular medical environment of hospitals, Ed's very personal talk was appreciated by all as they enjoyed their bacon and eggs. Special guest, Bishop Greg Homeming, the Catholic Bishop of Lismore also spoke and led the men in a prayer for peace and goodwill across religious and political divides. Praise God for this popular, rapidly growing, new ministry.





Parish Council to Meet Wed 17th

After a week's delay whilst Constantine attends the Diocesan Clergy Professional Development sessions in Coffs Harbour, Parish Council will meet in the Parish Hall at 5 pm on Wednesday Sept 17 at St Mark's. It will hear of Master Planning matters, the application to install Stained Glass Windows at St James, audio upgrade quotes, the progress of the Christmas Market Day, plans to launch the Soup Kitchen, and preparations for the Discernment Day gathering next Saturday. As always, the meeting of Parish Council is an open meeting which all parishioners are welcome to attend - although, hopefully, not all at once!

Christmas Market

St James & St Marks Christmas Markets

The planning and preparation for our Christmas Markets are well underway—and the excitement is building!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already volunteered time, effort, or contributions. Your support is what will make this event a success this year.

If you're keen to get involved, we'd love to have your help. Here are some ways you can join in:

Raffles

- Donations are now being collected and needed by the 5th October. Flyers are available if you can approach local businesses, family, or friends for donations. (goods, vouchers, or services)

- Contact Raewyn (0419 423 742) for flyers.

- We also need festive goodies, food, and other items to fill our wheelbarrow first prize. Contributions can be left at St James or St Marks.



Breakfast BBQ Stand

- Volunteers needed: cooks (basic skills!), prep hands, and helpers (4 people).
- Contact Raewyn (0419 423 742) to volunteer.

Cooks & Bakers

- Christmas cakes, baked goodies, sweets, preserves, and pickles are most welcome.
- Please let Marg know how you can help. (0437400429)

Craft Stall

- If you're crafty, we'd love your creations for the stall.
- Speak with Adrian (0409741590)

Quality Used Clothing

- We are collecting good-quality, clean clothing for all ages.
- Please bring donations to St James.

Tools & Treasure

- Gentlemen, check your sheds or mancaves for tools or treasures you're happy to part with.
- Contact Steve (0408 757 876) or Geoff (0407 070 391) for delivery or collection.

Thank you for supporting our parish family as we work together to create a joyful and successful Christmas Market!

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

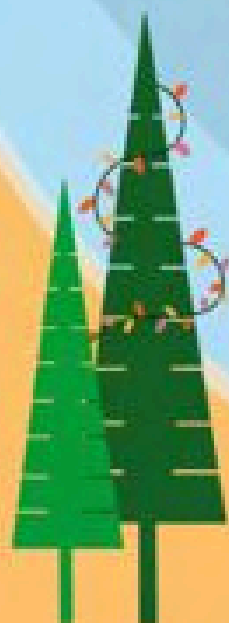
- Drop off items at St James Kingscliff (120 Marine Pde Kingscliff or St Marks Pottsville (15a Berkleys lane Pottsville)

- 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'



Prayer of the Week

O God,
without you we are not able to
please you:
mercifully grant that your Holy
Spirit may in all things direct
and rule our hearts;
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.

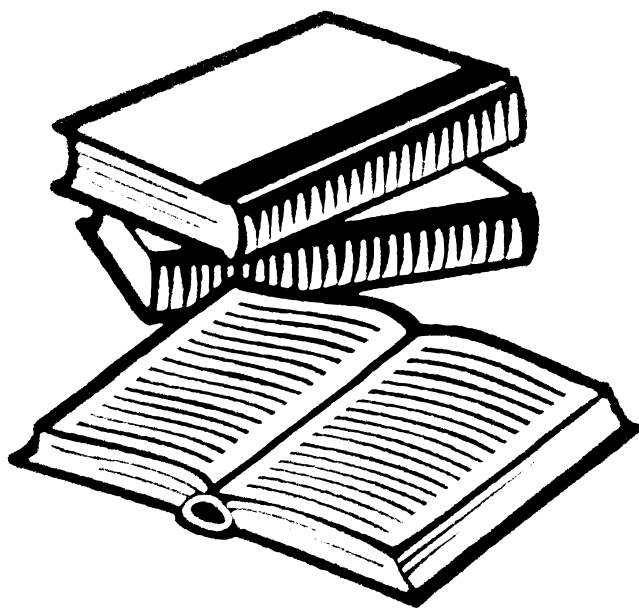
Parish Food Ministry

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 -50 meals

St Marks - 34 meals

Praise be to God!



Sunday Worship Readings

Sunday 14 September 2025

Jeremiah 4.11-12,22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1, 1-2; 12-19a
Luke 15.1 -10

Sunday 21 September 2025

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

Service Schedule

St James

Sunday 14 September 2025

8.30am

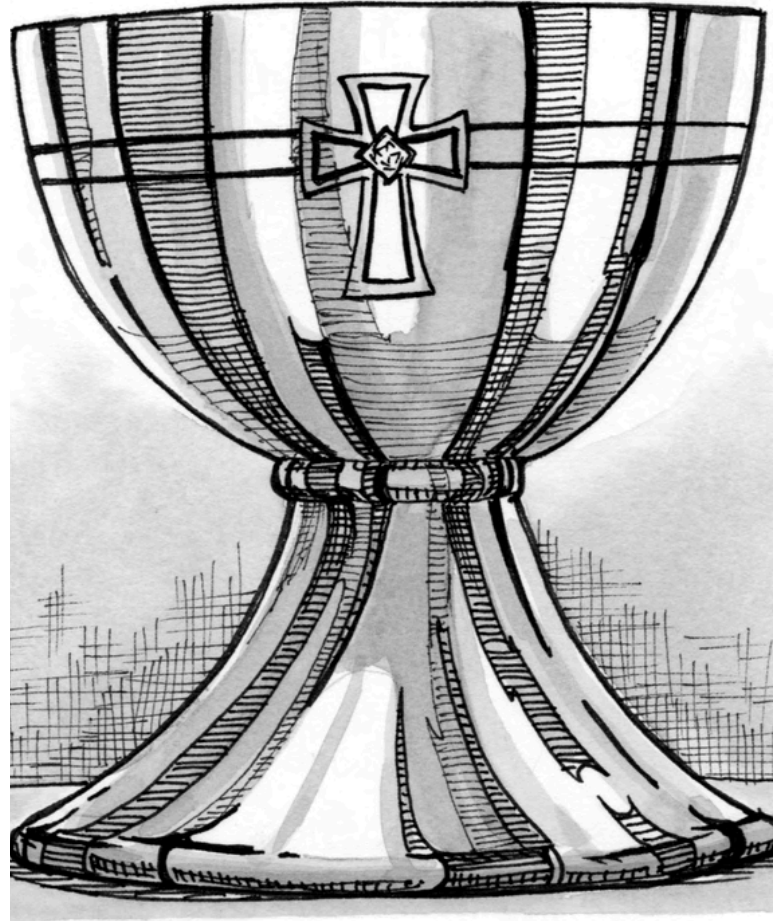
Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu

St Marks

Sunday 14 September 2025

10.30am

Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu



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Parish Calendar for September 2025

Mondays

- U3A Art Group – St Mark's, 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

- Justice of the Peace – St Mark's, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Meal Handout – St Marks, 11:00am–1:00pm
- 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 (Holy Reading of the Bible) – St James, Pottsville, 11:30am
- 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 Mark's, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Meal Handout – St James, 11:00am–1:00pm
- AA Meeting – St Mark's, 6:00pm
- Men's Bible Study – 6:30pm

Contact: Jason 0406 450 056

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

Fridays

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

Saturdays

- Community Garden Club – St Mark's, 9:00am–11:00am

Sundays

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

Upcoming Events

Contemporary Service -14 September 2025 at 5pm at St James, Kingscliff.
Dinner afterwards.

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

Spring Spirituality Weekend – Friday to Sunday, 24 to 26 October 2025 at St James, Kingscliff, St Mark's Pottsville.

Parish Christmas Market, Saturday 22 November 2025