

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. 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 Festive Spirit

Letter from Constantine

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

'Kia Ora' (Hello) from Auckland

I'm writing from Auckland where we're attending the World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education (WIPCE). My grandmother, who lived till 104, once told me a proverb that has guided my love for travelling ever since: "A person who travels is wiser than a person with grey hair." It wasn't a dismissal of the profound respect we owe to our elders, but rather an affirmation that wisdom is not a passive result of time, but an active pursuit. It is found in the stories shared between cultures and in the humility to learn from different perspectives. I found this to be the case during the past week in the encounters we've had with people from across the globe in our shared desire and efforts to make the world kinder, more humane and just for our Indigenous peoples and other minorities around the world. I thank God for the blessings and graces of this week, and pray that our work will bear good fruits.

Thank you Immensely for the Parish Christmas Market Day Event

Thank you for who you are and for all you do for our parish, particularly for all your efforts with the Parish Christmas Market Day event. Well done everyone! We pray that it will be a joyful and fruitful day, and that God will bless and reward our efforts.

Baptism of Liam Smith

Please pray for Liam who will be baptised on Sunday, 23 November during the 8.30am Holy Eucharist at St James. We give thanks for the gift of Liam, and pray that the Lord may bless and guide him as he begins the journey of Christian faith.

Hope Walk #2 for Indigenous Education on Wednesday, 3 December 2025

On Wednesday, 3 December, we will set out on Hope Walk #2–Walking for Hope Vale, a journey from St James Kingscliff to St Mark’s Pottsville. This is more than just a walk—it’s a journey of Ubuntu, solidarity, compassion, and hope.

Our first Hope Walk last June raised **\$11,600**, enabling us to sponsor a child from the remote Aboriginal community of Hope Vale in Far North Queensland, and support their life-changing opportunity to attend boarding school at Toowoomba Anglican School. For many children in Hope Vale, boarding school opens the door to education, opportunity, personal growth, and a brighter future. If you would like to be involved, please register [HERE](#). Kindly note that only registered participants are permitted to walk.

To reach our goal, we need at least **another \$11, 000**, so we can open the door to a great future for a Hope Vale student. To donate please click [Here](#) Every step, every dollar, and every voice counts. Thank you in advance for your support.

Christ the King Feast Day and Advent 2025

This Sunday, we come to the end of the Church’s liturgical year with the Feast of Christ the King. On this day, we honour our Lord Jesus Christ as the King of our lives and the Lord of all creation. As we gather in worship, let us give thanks for the blessings of the past year, entrust our lives once again to Christ, and pray for his guiding presence in the year ahead.

Next Sunday, 30 November, we enter the sacred season of Advent—a time of hopeful preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we ‘wait’ for God’s coming at Christmas and at the end of our earthly pilgrimage, may we make room in our hearts for Christ and for one another, particularly for those whom the society encourages us not to see.

In this season of preparation, you are warmly invited to join one of our Bible Study groups, take part in our Cans for Christmas appeal supporting those in need, or attend our Advent Study Group, held each Wednesday after the 10am Eucharist at St James.

Thank you for your faithful partnership in ministry. May God grant the desires of your heart and bless you richly in the season ahead.

In Christ

Constantine

A Morning Offering

I bless the night that nourished my heart
To set the ghosts of longing free
Into the flow and figure of dream
That went to harvest from the dark
Bread for the hunger no one sees.

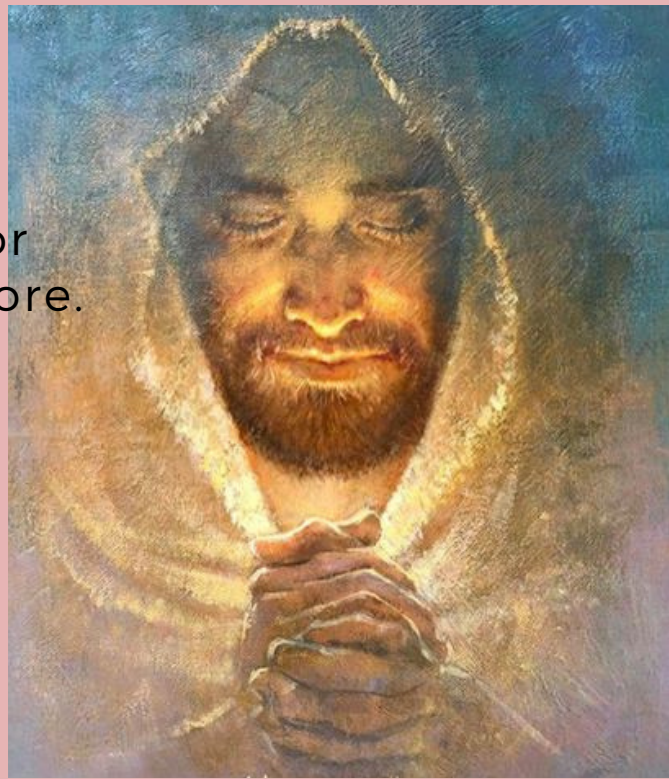
All that is eternal in me
Welcomes the wonder of this day,
The field of brightness it creates
Offering time for each thing
To arise and illuminate.

I place on the altar of dawn:
The quiet loyalty of breath,
The tent of thought where I shelter,
Waves of desire I am shore to
And all beauty drawn to the eye.

May my mind come alive today
To the invisible geography
That invites me to new frontiers,
To break the dead shell of yesterdays,
To risk being disturbed and changed.

May I have the courage today
To live the life that I would love,
To postpone my dream no longer
But do at last what I came here for
And waste my heart on fear no more.

~By John O'Donohue.



Graeme's Sobering Sermon

Last Sunday Rev. Graeme reminded us that Christmas is a time of joy, and yet there are also serious matters to consider. For, whilst we in sunny, tranquil, Kingscliff are blessed by prosperity, good weather and the freedom to organise Christmas markets, raffles, choirs and plays, in other parts of the world people aren't so fortunate. In Nigeria, particularly, Christians are regularly persecuted, attacked and killed by Islamic extremists who dominate the north of that densely populated country. And yet they faithfully gather in Jesus' name, despite the risk to life and limb. Let us pray that such violence doesn't reach us here, and that our devotion not be tested (but that should it be so, we would have the courage to pass the test).

(Note: In the Lord's Prayer we ask God to "save us from the time of trial". Spare a thought for our suffering brothers and sisters in Nigeria and elsewhere, when you pray).



ONE more sleep! Christmas Market Preparations in Full Swing

The Christmas Market team were hard at work yesterday getting the St James campus ship-shape and safe for the big day, tomorrow.

The Parish Meeting Room was turned into a cool room for the zillions of Christmas cakes which materialised from nowhere, like manna from heaven (or loaves and fishes under Jesus miraculous touch).

Huck marked out the edges of raised areas to make them visible and safe, for visitors to the campus unfamiliar with the lay of the land. He and the team also put up the Christmas tree in the front yard, decoration of which turned out to be quite a challenge.



Tweed Valley Weekly Locals Supporting Locals

Special St James Christmas market

THE ANGLICAN Parish of Kingscliff is gearing up for a joyful community celebration as it prepares to host the Festive Christmas Market at St James on Saturday, November 22, with all proceeds supporting the church's rapidly expanding Food Ministries.

For many years, the parish has quietly served as a vital support network for locals doing it tough, offering free takeaway meals every Tuesday at St Mark's Church and every Thursday at St James Church, distributed by friendly volunteers between 11am and 1pm.

These long-running meal programs have become a dependable source of nourishment and community for residents in need.

Now, the parish is broadening its outreach with a new initiative: a weekly Monday evening soup kitchen in the St James Parish Hall.

The sit-down community dinner features hearty, home-cooked meals prepared by the church's team of skilled cooks, using fresh ingredients funded through donations and events like the Christmas market.

The parish emphasises that everyone is welcome to share in the meal and fellowship.

"To ensure these programs continue to grow, organisers are inviting locals to embrace the Christmas spirit and turn out in force for the upcoming market from 7.30am to 12noon, the event will offer an array of stalls, a breakfast barbecue, children's face painting, and live performances — including a choral group singing classic Christmas favourites," one of the organisers Jason Saltearn told *The Weekly*.





Christmas tree planted



Safety precautions



The Festive Christmas spirit is alive and well in Kingscliff

Soup Kitchen Planning Meeting

The new start date of the Soup Kitchen is Monday Dec 1. A final planning meeting in preparation for that day will be held in the Parish Hall, Kingscliff, after Church this Sunday, 23rd. Topics to be covered include : safe food handling, roles, rosters, short-term and long-term aims, meal planning and others.

Christmas Play/ Carols Evening taking shape

A new version of the parish Christmas Play is taking shape and will be ready for the APOKALYPSE* gang to start rehearsing soon. This family-friendly event provides an entertaining performance that invites the community to get into the TRUE Christmas spirit" before joining us for carols and a special Christmas Worship service. The plan is to present two shows in the "St James Auditorium"- one at 5pm on Sunday December 21st and the second on Christmas Eve.

If you've performed in any of the previous productions, your agent will be getting a call from the Producer, sometime soon. And, of course, we are always on the lookout for new talent so don't be surprised if you get a tap on the shoulder from Jason at Church this week. Whilst most roles (except Caesar) are still open, rehearsal dates yet to be decided (by mutual agreement with the cast), the first meeting will be held in the Parish hall after Church on Sunday.

Note : APOKALYPSE* is a group of artistic parishioners who come together to put on plays on Christian themes. The acronym stands for "Anglican Parish of Kingscliff Artists collaborating in 'Love Your Parish' Seasonal Entertainment".

60th Birthday Celebrations

Just a reminder that the NEXT big events on the Parish calendar are the birthday celebration events at St Marks on the 3rd December and St James on 5th December, with the Bishop in attendance and answering all your questions. Everyone is invited so please RSVP indicating which event you're attending to the Parish Office by Friday Nov 28. Also please let us know what dish you're bring, if you are doing so, by filling in the form in the foyer.

Christmas Services

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday 24 December

- 5.30pm Christmas Play with Carols at St James Kingscliff followed by
- 6.00pm Family and Children's service including the decoration of the Christmas Tree
- 11.00pm Christmas Vigil Service with Carols at St James Kingscliff

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday 25 December

- 8.30am Holy Communion Service at St James Kingscliff
- 9.30am Holy Communion Service at St Marks Pottsville

Monday Soup Kitchen

*6:00 pm Monday every week
from December 1*



Free Community Meal Served with LOVE
St James Church Hall, Kingscliff
All Welcome!

Prayer of the Week

Christ the King / The Reign of Christ

Stir up, we pray you, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful
people,
that they, plenteously bringing
forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously
rewarded;
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.

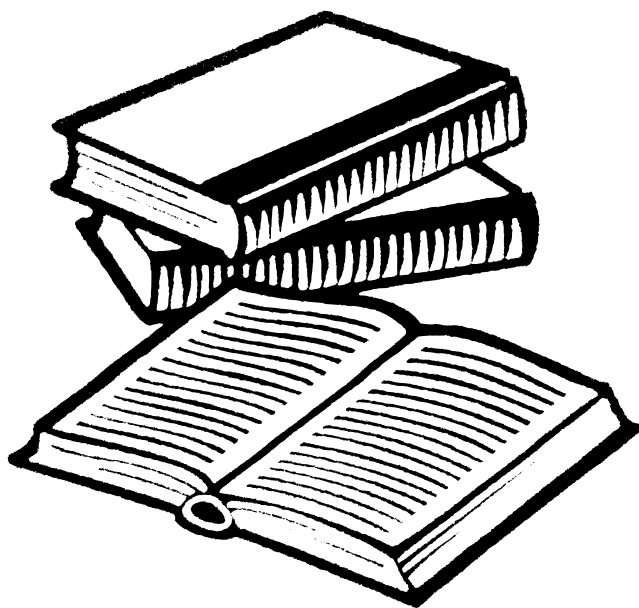
Parish Food Ministry

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 - 31 meals

St Marks - 19 meals

Praise be to God!



Sunday Worship Readings

Sunday 23 November 2025

Kingscliff

Jeremiah 23 v1-6

Psalms 46

Matthew 28 18-20

Pottsville

Jeremiah 23 v1-6

Song of Zechariah (APBA p10)

Colossians 1v 11-20

Luke 23 v33-43

Sunday 30 November 2025

Isaiah 2 v 1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13 v 9-14

Matthew 24 v 36-44

Service Schedule

St James

Sunday 23 November 2025

8.30am

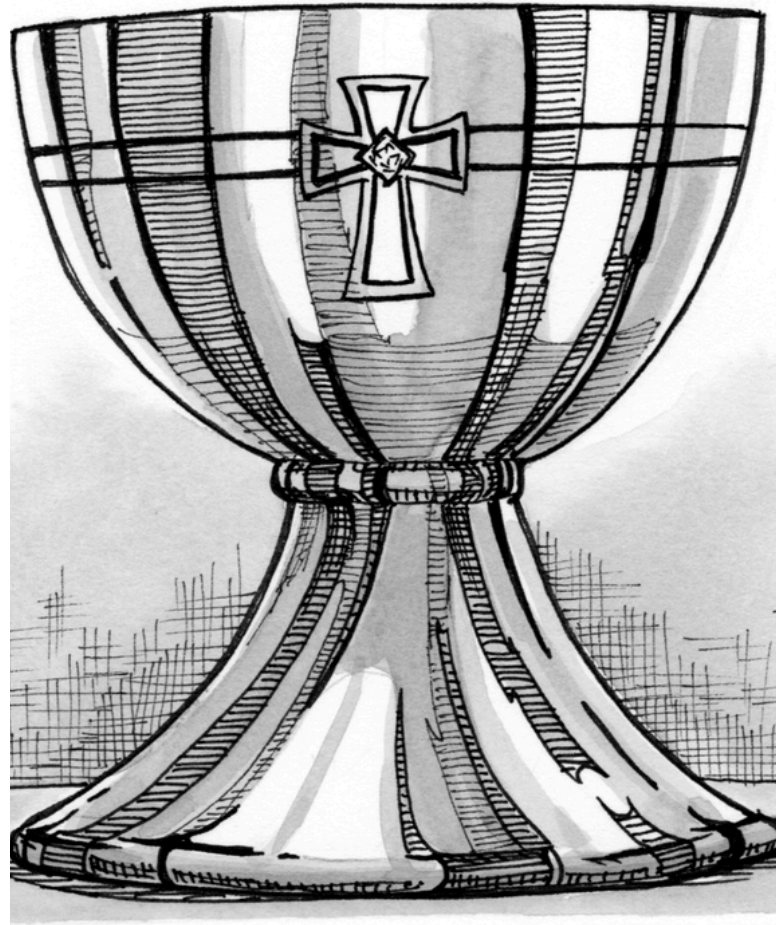
Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu

St Marks

Sunday 23 November 2025

10.30am

Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu



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Parish Calendar for November/Dec 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
- Bible Study (fortnightly) -St Mark's Pottsville, 10.00am
- 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, Mike Sainsbury's Home, 5 Vulcan street, Kingscliff
Contact: Jason 0406 450 056
- Evening Prayer – St James Kingscliff, 5:15pm–5:30pm

Fridays

- Sing to Connect Choir – St James Kingscliff, 9:30–10:45am
- Making Marks Art Group – St James Kingscliff, 1:00pm–4:00pm

Saturdays

- Community Garden Club – St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am–11:00am
 - Seven-Day Adventist Church at St Mark's, 9.00am -1.00pm
 - BCP Healing Service at St James Kingscliff, 1st Saturday of the month at 5pm

Sundays

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

Upcoming Events

Parish Market Day - Saturday, 22 November at St James Parish Grounds.

Baptism of Liam Smith -Sunday, 23 November at 8.30am.

Parish 60th Anniversary Celebrations -3rd and 5th December 2025.

Parish Council Meeting -Wednesday, 10 December at 5:30 pm at St. Marks.