

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.

## Celebrations

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.

# Letter from Constantine

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

*"Gratitude is the memory of the heart" -French Proverb*

## **Profound Gratitude**

We kicked off the 60th Anniversary Celebrations of our Parish with a 'Hope Walk' from Kingscliff to Pottsville in support of Indigenous education. About 20 people including 13 Stage 6 Lindisfarne students joined us, and it was a wonderful experience for us to reflect on our blessings and privileges as we seek to leverage these to drive positive outcomes for marginalized communities. An Evening Prayer was followed by a Community BBQ. The Reverend Graeme Hodgkinson preached a fine sermon which included a brief yet compelling history of the Parish. Thank you to our team at St Mark's for a wonderful start to our 60th Anniversary celebration. As I write we are preparing for a Holy Communion Service with Bishop Murray Harvey, followed by an anniversary meal and 'Q & A' with the Bishop today, 5 December. Thank you all for your attendance and support of our 60th Anniversary celebrations. We pray that the good Lord may grant us the graces and blessings we need to continue to announce and witness to the good news of Jesus Christ with every fibre of our being.

## **Welcome to The Reverend David and Leone Hanger**

The Reverend Hanger will be our guest preacher on Sunday, 7 December, and will also speak about Christian Missionary Society (CMS), one of the missions our parish supports every year. Thank you for your support of the CMS in bringing the good news to those who are yet to hear about our Lord Jesus Christ and his gospel of life and love.

## **Parish Quiet Day on Saturday, 13 December at the Carmelite Monastery in Ormiston**

Please remember to register for our Advent Quiet Day at the Carmelite Monastery in Ormiston, QLD on Saturday, 13 December (departing St James at 9am, returning around 4pm).



Please send expressions of interest to [\*\*rector@apok.org.au\*\*](mailto:rector@apok.org.au) or call 0435 750 155 on or before Wednesday 10 December. The day will include silence, fellowship, talks by Fr Frank Jones, and reflective time in a serene and beautiful monastery chapel and grounds, etc.

### **‘Cans for Christmas’ for those in need**

Please remember to bring canned foods and non-perishables to support our drive for those doing it tough this Christmas. These items will be donated to ‘You Have A Friend’ charity to support those in need this Christmas.

### **Welcome to the Family**

Please pray for Henry O’Neill who will be baptized at St James on Thursday, 7 December at 11am. May God bless him and his family and guide him in the life of Christian faith.

*With every blessing and prayers for you and all those you love,  
Constantine*





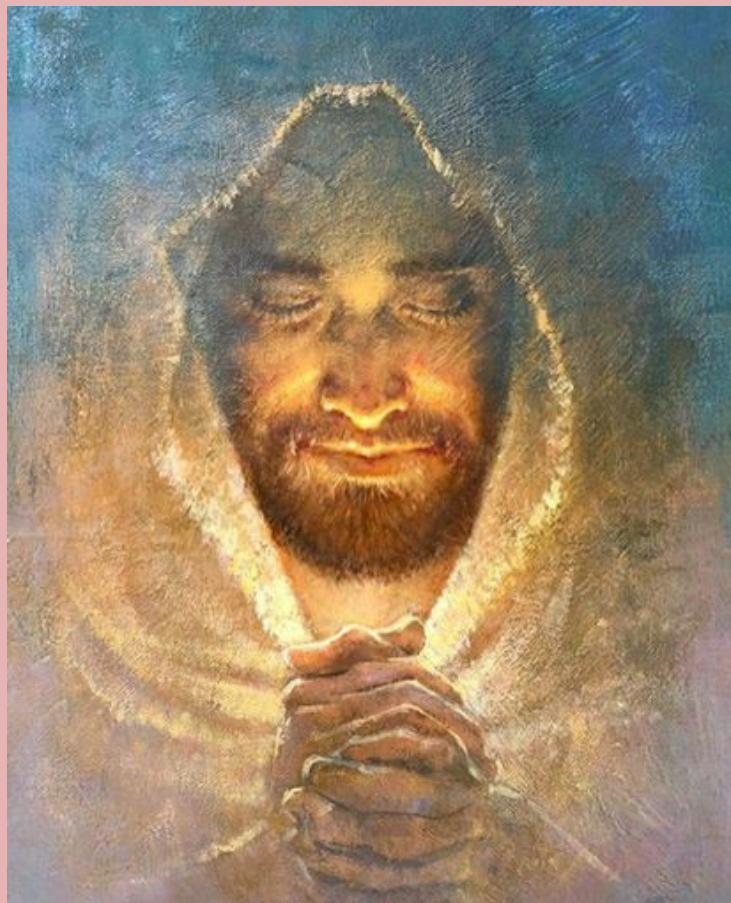
# My God by St Francis Xavier

O God I Love you,  
not simply to be saved,  
and not because those who fail in love to you  
will be punished with eternal fire.

You, you, my Jesus, have all-embraced me on the cross.  
You have borne the nails, the lance, much ignominy,  
numberless griefs, sweatings and anguish, and death,  
and these on account of me and for me, a sinner.

Why, therefore, should I not love you,  
O, most loving Jesus?  
Not that in heaven you shall save me,  
nor lest for eternity you shall condemn me;  
not with the hope of any reward,  
but as you have loved me, so also will I love you,  
only because you are my King,  
and because you are my God.

Amen.



# Soup Kitchen Up and Running

The Soup Kitchen is now up and running with the first meals served on Monday night. With the Hall Kitchen visited by the Cleaning Fairy (or Angel) and the volunteers working smoothly together, a tasty dinner of Bangers and Mash with peas drowned in an onion gravy was provided to two diners (and Constantine, who joined them at table for a chat). Although it was a small crowd, we expect word to spread and more guests to attend future sittings. And don't worry, folks, uneaten meals don't go to waste, they are stored in the freezer and distributed as takeaways.





# 60th Birthday Service at St Mark's

After walking most of the way from Kingscliff for three hours, Rev. Constantine was picked up and delivered to St Mark's in time to lead the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday service there on Wed evening. The dignified service gave participants an opportunity to acknowledge all those who have gone before, and on whose shoulders we stand. MC Pete Pine graciously made all the visitors (including the School Principals of both Lindisfarne and Toowoomba Anglican, who are working together on the Hope Vale Indigenous Education project) feel very welcome indeed. The peloton of dedicated students who walked all the way between the two Churches, showed up halfway through and joined those celebrating, at a friendly BBQ in the garden.





# Preparations for Birthday Celebrations

Dedicated gardeners Gail and Glenn Kellow, and Phil and Marta Redhead were hard at work this week getting St James looking fantastic ahead of the Special 60th Birthday Service on Friday. How wonderful!



## Faithfulness Course Schedule

Dear Parishioners,

We wish to remind you that Leonie will be leading the Faithfulness course tomorrow, Saturday 4 December, at 10:00 AM at St James, Kingscliff. We warmly encourage all who are able to attend, as it promises to be a meaningful time of learning, reflection, and fellowship.

Originally, two sessions of the course were planned. Please note that the Wednesday session (10 December) has been cancelled and will instead be rescheduled for January 2025. We will share the new date with you as soon as it is confirmed. Thank you for your understanding, and we hope you can join us for tomorrow's session.

# *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



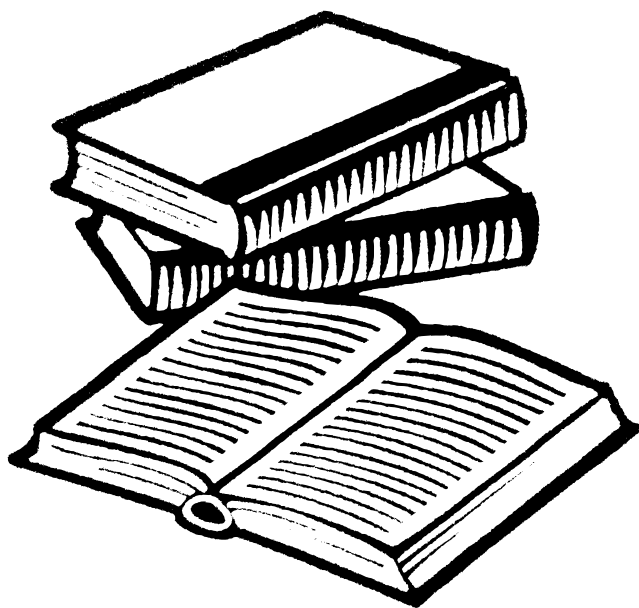
# Parish Food Ministry

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 - 21 meals

St Marks - 46 meals

Praise be to God!



## Sunday Worship Readings

### Sunday 7 December 2025

Isaiah 11 v 1-10

Psalms 72 v 1-7, 18-21

Romans 15 v 4-13

Matthew 3 v 1-12

### Sunday 14 December 2025

Isaiah 35 v 1-10

Psalms Song of Mary (APBA p9)

James 5 v 7-10

Matthew 11 v 2-11



# Service Schedule

**St James @ 8.30am**

**Sunday 7 December 2025**

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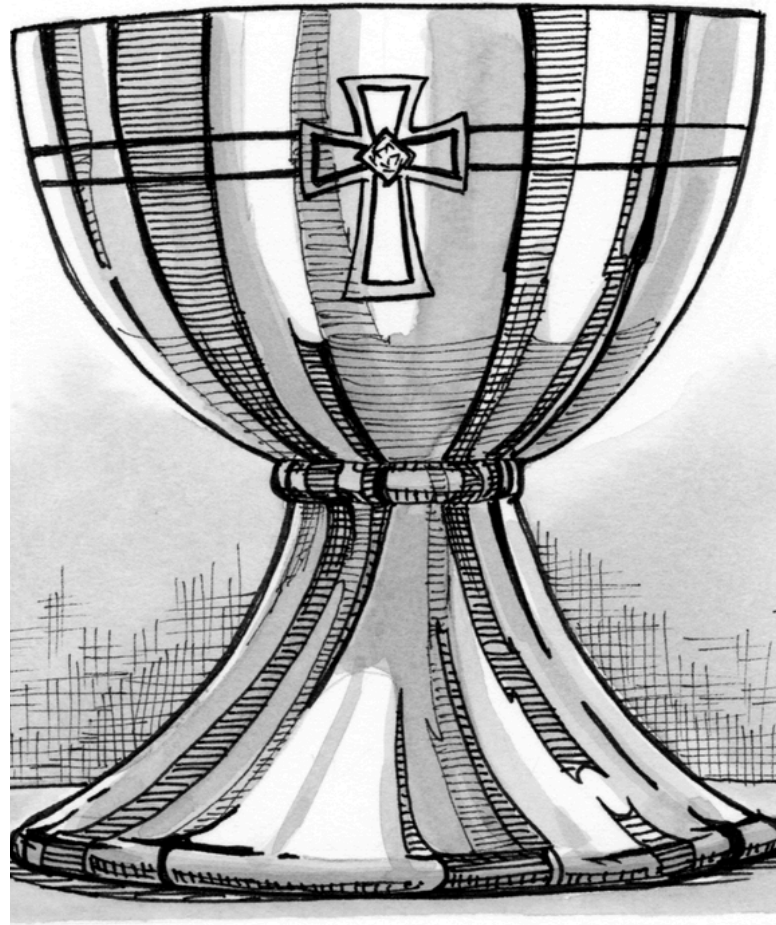
**St Marks @ 10.30am**

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# Parish Calendar for December 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

## ● 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

## ● Friday

- 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*, 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
  - *KICK Service, 1st Sundays of the Month at St James at 8.30am*
  - Contemporary Service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the Month at St James at 5pm.*

## 📌 Upcoming Events:

***BCP Healing Service at St James Kingscliff -Sat, 6 November at 5pm.***

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

***Contemporary Service, 14 November at St James at 5pm.***