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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.

Holy Week and Easter

Letter from Constantine

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It feels like only yesterday that we received ashes and began our Lenten journey. Now we stand just days away from Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week—the sacred time in which we enter into the final days of Lent and celebrate the Easter Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

The words of the Missal beautifully capture the meaning of this week: Christ entered Jerusalem in triumph to fulfil his mission as our Messiah—to suffer, to die, and to rise again. As we recall this triumphant entry, we are invited to follow Him with sincere faith and deep devotion.

In these holy celebrations, we are drawn deeply into the love and humility of God, who became one with us and gave his life for us (cf Phil 2:5-11). Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are offered freedom, hope, and the promise of eternal life. As we participate in the liturgies and services of this week, we share in Christ's journey—His humble service, His suffering, His hope, and His victory over death.

May this time of grace be an opportunity for each of us to enter more fully into Christ's Paschal Mystery -His Passion, Death and Resurrection -recognising in it our own experiences of sorrow and joy, loss and new life. And as we are united with Him in His suffering, may we also share in the joy of His Resurrection.

I wish you a grace-filled Holy Week. Please endeavour to attend the Holy Week & Easter Services, and invite your friends and family to attend (see schedule below) and be nourished spiritually by them.

Blessings and Prayers in exchange,

Constantine

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2026

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." (John 3:16)

Anglican Parish of Kingscliff
St James Kingscliff and St Mark's Pottsville

Palm Sunday (29 March)

8.30am - St James

10.30am - St Mark's

Maundy Thursday (2 April)

6.00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of the Feet
(St James), followed by Silent Prayers/Watch till 10pm.

Good Friday (3 April)

9.00 am - Liturgy of the Passion (St James)

10.30am - Ecumenical 'Stations of the Cross' (beginning at St
Anthony's Catholic Church Kingscliff and concluding at St
James Anglican Church Kingscliff)

3.00pm - Liturgy of the Passion (St Mark's)

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil (4 April)

7.00pm - Holy Communion Easter Vigil Service (St James)

Easter Sunday Service (5 April)

8.30am - St James

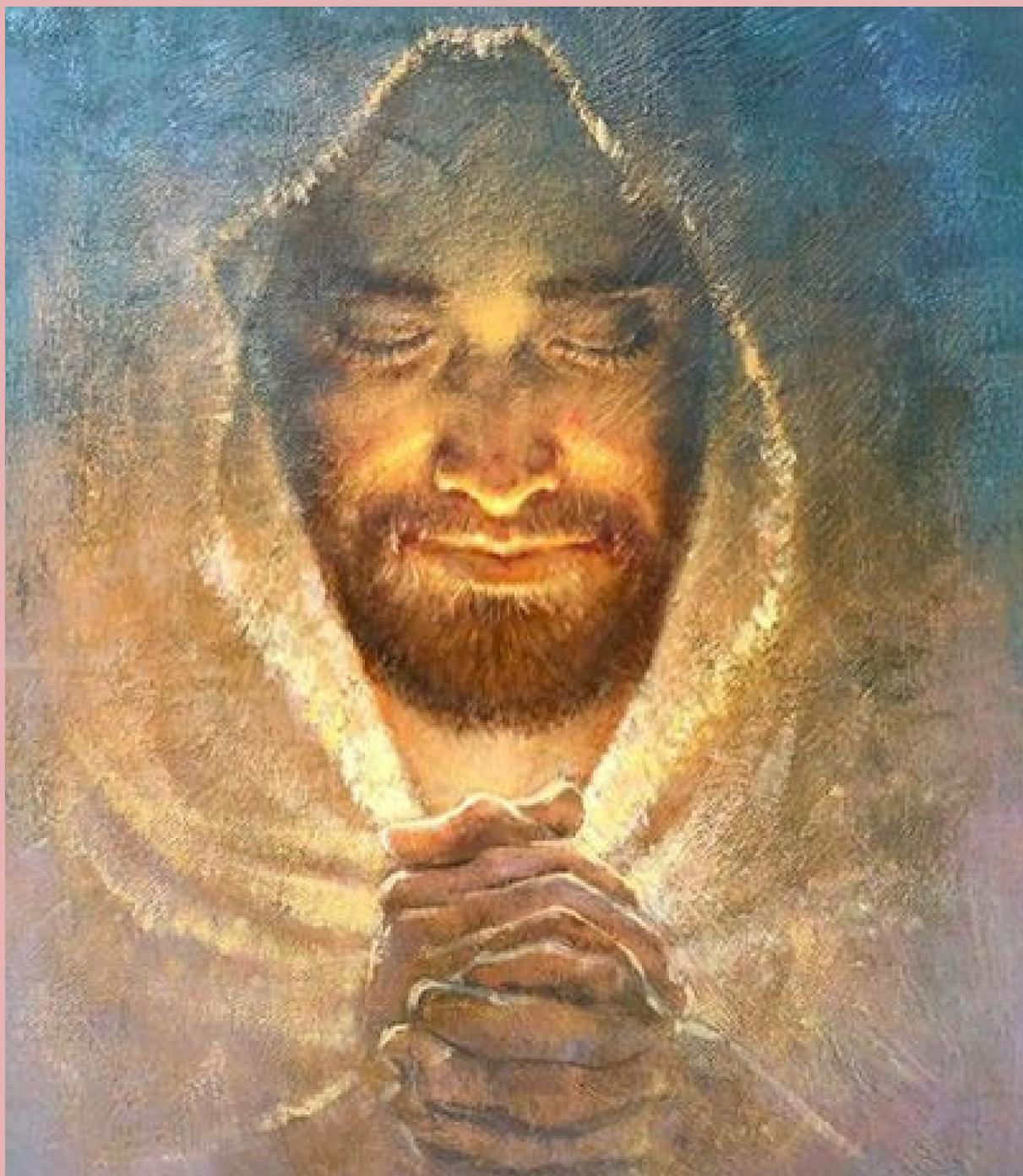
10.30am - St Mark's

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Holy Week Prayer

Lord, Jesus Christ, You became human and took on the realities of humanity in our world. During Your life on earth, You gave hope, perspective and salvation to many. Your words are challenging, uplifting, encouraging and guiding. At the end of your earthly life here in our world, You took upon yourself all suffering and made the cross a sign of hope. At this time when the whole world is suffering, when people are isolated and left to themselves, when people mourn for their loved ones, where people are sacrificing their physical and psychological strength to help others,

we pray in solidarity and entrust ourselves to You.
Amen.



New Life at Easter

Happy Easter

HE IS
Risen

An illustration of an empty tomb. A large, dark stone is rolled away from the entrance of a stone tomb. The scene is set in a landscape with several crosses on a hillside in the background, under a bright, hazy sky. The overall tone is warm and hopeful.

Easter, when we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Saviour, is the most important season in the Christian calendar. As we approach Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week let us all reflect on what has been done for us so that we might, like the Risen Christ Himself, have new life.

Christian faith is not about following religious laws or trying to be “perfect” in everything we do. It is about the humility of knowing that we are forgiven for our flaws and imperfections, and loved anyway. This Easter, let us celebrate the forgiveness won for us on the Cross and Christ’s resurrection from the death – which showed us the depth of God’s mercy, and the eternal love He has for the creatures He made.

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday

The ecumenical Stations of the Cross event in partnership with St Anthony's Catholic Church will start at 10.30 am on Good Friday, 3rd April, at their campus on Pearl St. Designed to remember the Lord's journey from Gethsemane to Golgotha, the procession will make its way along Pearl St turning right into Turnock St and then left at Marine Pde to arrive at St James, stopping at the stations along the way. The walk will take about 1.5 hrs and incorporates the reflections of Blessed Julian of Norwich. If you'd like to reflect on our Lord's suffering and death in this way on Good Friday, please add your name to the list in the foyer at St James. All are welcome.



Giving Generously at Easter

Jesus' death for our sake is a divine gift which means that others do not have to go through what He went through. The Scriptures teach that since so much has been done for us, we should respond with generosity, ourselves. Whether it is Jesus' teaching "render unto God what belongs to God" in the Gospels, or Paul writing to the Romans about the importance of using your gifts in service of others, the teaching is clear.

Our Parish relies on the generosity of parishioners who support the work done for Christ's sake by giving what they can to support the mission and ministry of the Church:

- a) **Time** – putting in time to assist with the weekly tasks of Church life
- b) **Effort** – showing up for working bees, volunteering to serve in some way
- c) **Money** – making an offering on Sunday, or a deposit into the Parish bank account



Palm Sunday Processions

Rev. Constantine advises: Services this Sunday, Palm Sunday, 29 March will include a blessing of the palms and a short procession into the Church. Weather permitting, we will begin at St James under the blue umbrellas and process into the Church. At St Marks, the procession will start from the community garden



Community Pantry To Open Soon



With the work on the new Community Pantry space in the Parish Hall almost complete Anglicare is preparing to take possession on April 7th and start operations soon after.

This is a big change at St James which will bring more people in the community into our Church and make it a busier place. Let us pray that we welcome our new neighbours and visitors in a way that truly reflects the movement of the Spirit of God in this place.

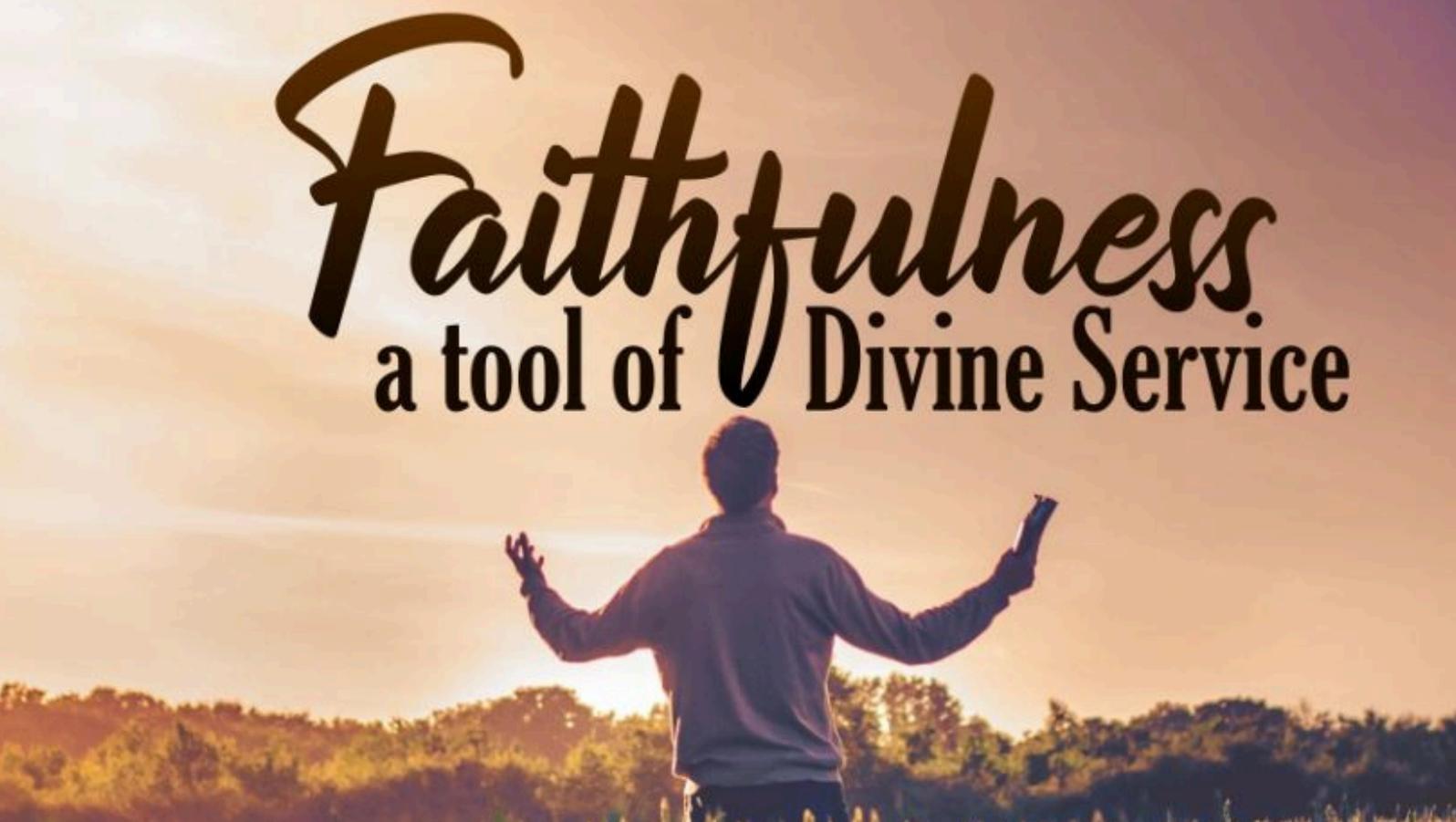
Rev. Constantine Back at Work Next Week

After taking 12 days paternity leave to welcome his new son into the world, and to support Faith as she recovers from the labours of child-bearing, Rev. Constantine will return to work on Monday, just in time to celebrate Easter with the Parish. The Wardens are pleased to report that inspite of being technically "off-duty" Constantine continued to work behind the scenes getting stuff done at this busy time of the year. A priest's work is truly vocational and we are thankful for that.

Once again, hearty congratulations to Constantine and Faith on their bouncing baby boy: we all can't wait to meet the newest member of the Osuchukwu clan!

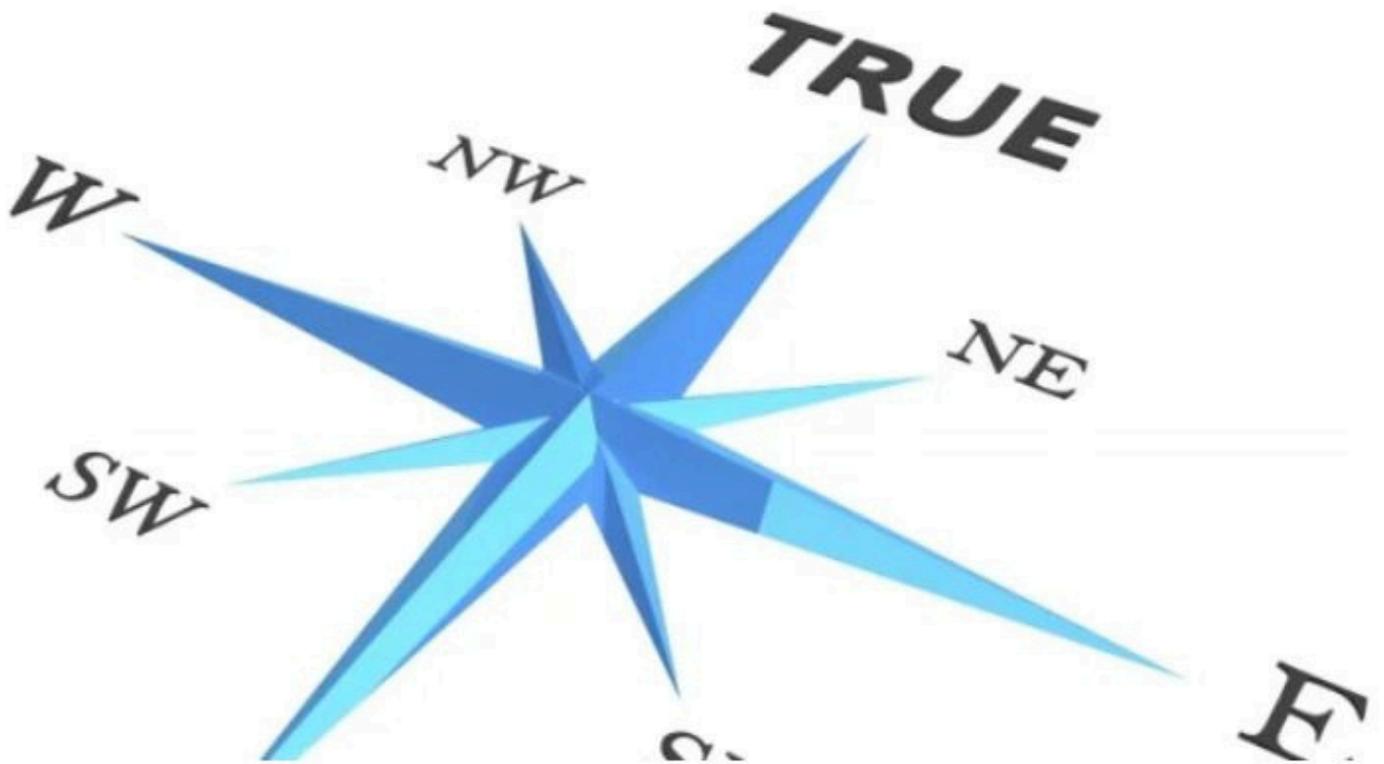
Faithfulness in Service Sat April 11th

The Parish's safety education officer Leonie has nominated April 11 as the date of the next Faithfulness in Service course. Running for about 2 hours, FiS is essential for anyone who contributes as a volunteer around the Church. Keeps us all safe and working well with others. Please register your attendance by sending an email to the parish office : office@apok.org.au

A person is seen from behind, standing in a field with their arms raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The background is a soft, golden sunset over a line of trees. The text "Faithfulness" is written in a large, elegant, cursive font, and "a tool of Divine Service" is written in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font below it.

Faithfulness
a tool of Divine Service

New Directions for 'True North'



For the last few months the blokes from 'True North' have been gathering at various venues south of the border in Mexico, er, Casuarina (with occasional forays to Pottsville and beyond) to discuss the things that matter. As Easter approaches the merry band of brothers have begun looking to the West and starting to wonder what happens after the sun sets on their gatherings next Thursday.

Their convivial weekly gatherings have enabled the fellers to discuss topics including work/life balance, risk-taking, family, young people, health, sex, politics and other religions. But, as many women understand, men are generally simple creatures with simple needs. True North has confirmed for these blokes that they need two things to stay on the right path in life : their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and a few good mates.

Sharing the Gospel at Soup Kitchen



Local Masterchef, Mike Sainsbury served up his signature Worcester-sauce-infused Spaghetti Bolognese (with a side of garlic bread) at last Monday's Soup Kitchen, much to the delight of the assembled dinner guests. A mixture of regulars, drop-ins, volunteers and hungry family members keen for a free feed without the hassle of cooking or washing up, showed up. This reflects our open door policy of "ALL ARE WELCOME".

The good news this week is that our guests were curious to know more about our faith so our volunteers were able to share the Gospel with people eager to hear it. After months of struggling with guests more interested in drinking, vandalism and giving our volunteers a tough time, it was a delight to discuss spiritual matters with people seeking answers to the deepest mysteries of life. Praise God!

Flowers for Easter

If you would like to contribute towards fresh flowers for the decoration of our churches this Easter, in memory of a loved one, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and put it in the collection plate, or give it to the Treasurer, Terry, or one of the Wardens.



Alpha Looking for Volunteers

If you are interested in assisting with hosting the Alpha course planned for May-June please sign up on the form provided in the foyers of both St James and St Marks. Watch this space for more information.

Dame Sarah Installed as Archbishop of Canterbury



The Installation of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, took place at Canterbury Cathedral on Wednesday 25 March 2026, the Feast of the Annunciation (which celebrates the day the Angel Gabriel told Mary she would be the mother of Jesus). Historically known as an enthronement, the Installation marks the symbolic start of the Archbishop of Canterbury's public ministry in the Church of England and across the Anglican Communion. The service marks the first time a woman has been installed in the role, one rooted in centuries of tradition

Join us for
BCA Connect
on the Gold Coast

Registration is essential, use the button below

Come along and hear about life and ministry in Gladstone from **David & Zoë Browne**. Former BCA Field Staff, and current Rector of Northern Beaches/Woolgoolga **Simon Reeve** will open God's word. Regional Officer **Mike Uptin** will provide an update on the work around our region and the country. There will also be a BCA 4 Kids program for children (under 12)

Adults \$12, children under 12 free.

Should you require any assistance with the registration process, please call Sarah McKinnon in the BCA office on 07 3349 9081 or email qld@bushchurcaid.com.au. Mondays & Tuesdays 9.30 am-1 pm



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'Palm Sunday'



Sunday, 29 March 2026

4.30pm Refreshments | 5.00pm Service

Mahers Lane Chapel | All Welcome



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Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, of your tender love towards us you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same 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.



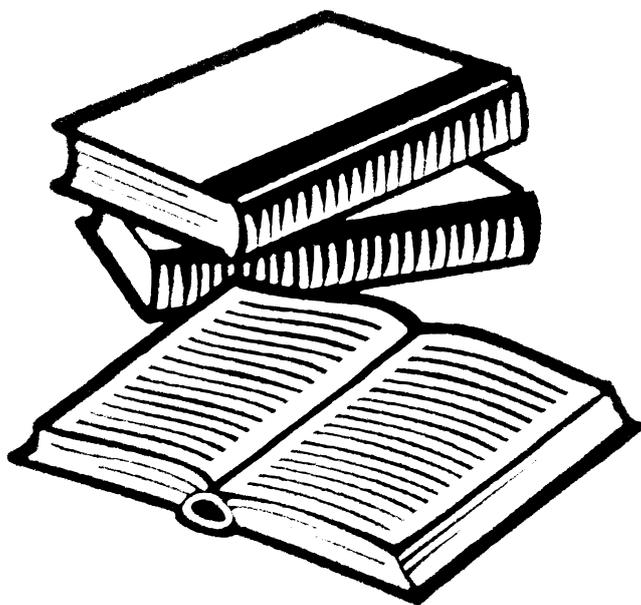
Parish Food Ministry

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 - 40 meals

St Marks - 37 meals

Praise be to God!



Sunday Worship Readings

Sunday 29 March 2026

Isaiah 50 v 4-9

Psalm 31 v 9-18

Philippians 2v 5-11

Matthew 26 v14-27 v66

Sunday 5 April 2026

Acts 10 v 34 - 43

Psalm v 118 v 1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3v 1-4

Matthew 28 v 1-10

Service Schedule

St James @ 8.30am

Sunday 29th March 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

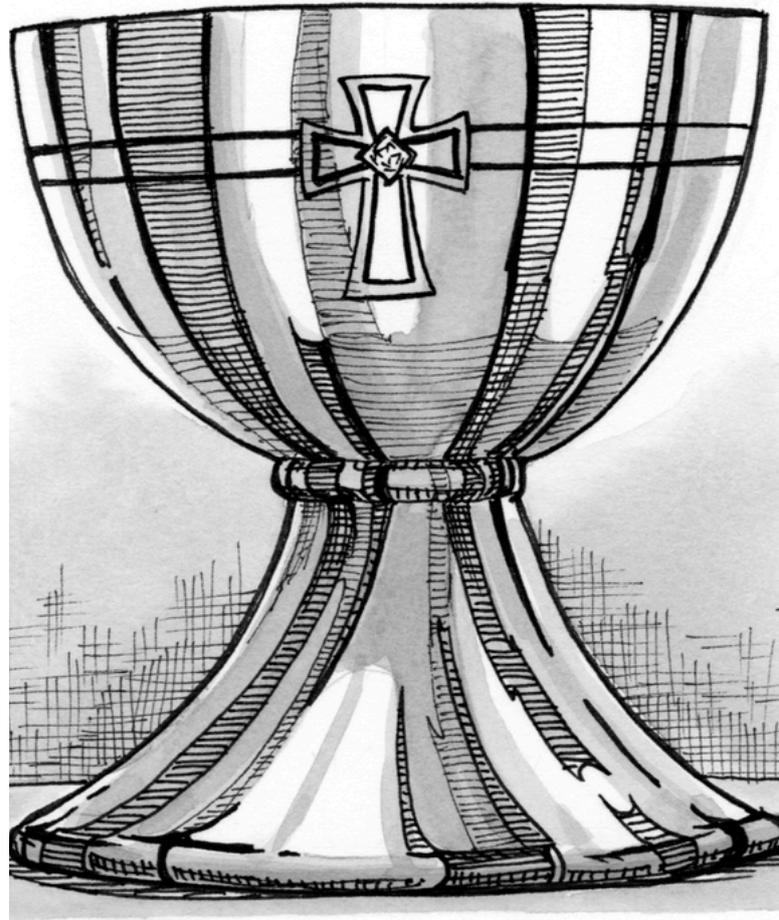
Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu

St Marks @ 10.30am

Sunday 29th March 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

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Parish Calendar for March/April 2026

Mondays

- U3A Art Group – St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Bible Study – 10 Guilfoyle Plc, Cudgen, 2:00pm–4:00pm
- Evening Prayer – St James Kingscliff, 5:15pm–5:30pm
- Soup Kitchen, St James Kingscliff from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Tuesdays

- Meals Handout – St Mark's Pottsville 11:00am–1:00pm
- Justice of the Peace -St Mark's Pottsville 9:00am -12:00pm
- AA Meeting – St James Kingscliff, 7:30pm
- Pottsville Community Association – Last Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm

Wednesdays

- Holy Communion/Eucharist by extension– St James Kingscliff, 10:00am
- Ecumenical Bible Study -St Mark's Pottsville 10:00am
- Christian Meditation -St James Kingscliff, 4pm, Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89184784092pwd=TFI3eWc1UXM0b3VVZnR5bkMxUIM1Zz09>

Thursdays

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

Fridays

- Making Art Group – St. Mark's, Pottsville, 10:00am to 2:00pm
- Making Art Group – St James, Kingscliff, 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Saturdays

- Community Garden Club – St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am–11:00am
- Sister Suzie's Sewing Circle – 10 Guilfoyle Plc, Cudgen, 1:00pm–3:00pm
- Seven-Day Adventist Church at St Mark's, 9.00am -1.00pm
- Healing Service (Book of Common Prayer) -St James Kingscliff, 5pm (1st Saturday)

Sundays

- Holy Communion/Eucharist, St James Kingscliff, 8:30am
- Holy Communion/Eucharist, St Mark's Pottsville, 10:30am
- Contemporary Service, 5pm, St James Kingscliff, every second Sunday of the month

Upcoming Events:

- **Thursday 2nd April** - Maundy Thursday Eucharist at 6 pm at St James.
- **Good Friday, 3rd April** -9.00 am -Liturgy of the Passion (St James)
- **Stations of the Cross** with St Anthony's Catholic Parish at 10.30am
- **Good Friday Service**, 3pm at St Mark's
- **Saturday, 4th April** - **Easter Vigil Service** at 7pm at St James
- **Sunday, 5th April**- **Easter Sunday**, 8.30am at St James and 10.30am at St Mark's.
- **April Sat 11, The Tweed Anglican Network meeting**, Lindisfarne School's Chapel at 11.30am. Please RSVP for catering purposes: rector@apok.org.au