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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.

Renovation

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

From “We Had Hoped” to “We Have Hope”

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During the season of Easter, we hear stories of the risen Christ appearing to his disciples in a variety of settings. One of my favourite resurrection accounts is the story of the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35), where we encounter the honest and fragile words of two disciples—Cleopas and his companion: “*We had hoped.*”

These simple words capture something profoundly human: the ache of disappointment, the weight of unanswered prayers, and the quiet grief of hopes that seem to have slipped away.

Yet, as they walk away from Jerusalem, a place of dashed hopes and shattered dreams, Jesus comes alongside them. He does not rush to fix their pain or offer easy answers and cheap platitudes. Instead, Jesus listens. He walks with them. And in the ordinary act of breaking bread, their eyes are opened—they recognise him.

This reminds us of our calling as a Christian community: to be present to one another. Not always to solve, but to listen. Not always to speak, but to walk alongside. Often, it is in these simple acts of companionship—sharing time, stories, presence, and bread—that Christ is made known.

And when the disciples recognise Jesus, everything changes. They return to Jerusalem—the place of their sorrow—but now with renewed hope, courage and new vision, proclaiming: “*The Lord is risen.*”

So too for us. Whatever our own “we had hoped” may be, we are not alone. The risen Christ walks beside us, meets us in the ups and downs of daily life, and leads us from past disappointment into present hope.

Not “we had hoped,” but “we have hope.” And, by God’s grace, even more than we had hoped.

Thank you for being part of our beloved parish, and for all your generosity, love, and friendship.

Thank you immensely for the lovely gift you bought for our son, Kene Patrick, and for all your support and prayers as we welcomed him into our family. May the good Lord bless you and bless you kindly.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families. Please don’t forget to pray for me and mine.

Yours in Christ,

Constantine



A Blessing "For Solitude", by John O'Donohue

For Solitude

May you recognize in your life the presence,
power and light of your soul.

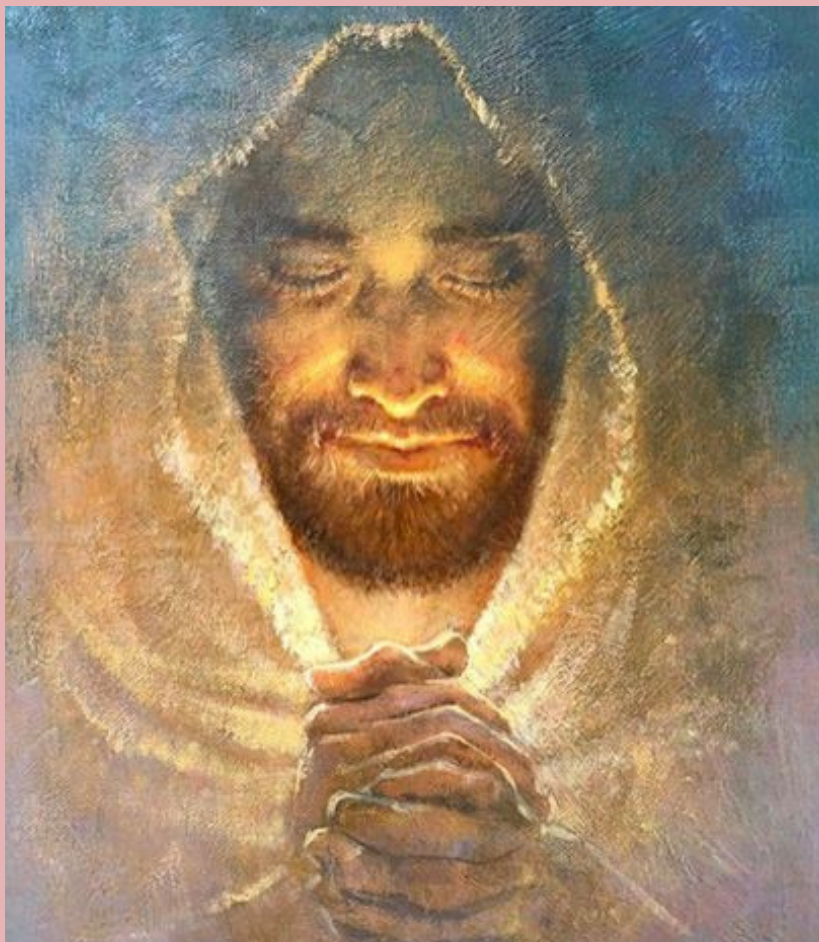
May you realize that you are never alone,
that your soul in its brightness and belonging
connects you intimately with the rhythm of the universe.

May you have respect for your own individuality and difference.
May you realize that the shape of your soul is unique,
that you have a special destiny here,
that behind the facade of your life
there is something beautiful and eternal happening.

May you learn to see yourself with the same delight, pride, and
expectation with which God sees you in every moment.

Amen.

-John O'Donohue, from "To Bless the Space Between Us, A book
of Blessings".



Easter Services

Our Easter services were beautiful and solemn liturgies, enabling us to celebrate our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection with reverence and joy. We are deeply grateful to all who attended, and to those who served in so many generous ways—arranging flowers, cleaning the church, office, toilets, and hall, reading during the services, welcoming guests, and faithfully praying for all who came.

Among the highlights were the Agape meal before the Maundy Thursday service, and the Ecumenical Stations of the Cross shared with St Anthony's Catholic Church. May the risen Christ fill our lives with his love and joy, and renew us in holiness.



Fantastic Easter Events

St Marks celebrated Easter in “fantastic” style, which included children’s events featuring fairies in the garden and Easter bunnies distributing chocolate eggs. What fun!



Parish Hall Renovated



After completing the exterior (including an improved disability access ramp for Anglicare customers) Huck and the Working Group (which now includes Adrian, Matt and Said) got cracking on the interior this week. As Higher goes to press, the wooden floor is being re-sanded and will be revarnished and polished to complete the stylish new look for the long-serving community resource. A new bookings schedule is in place to manage what we hope will be a rush of applications to use it.

Invitation to Men to Seek “True North”

You are invited! If you would like to meet with a small group of Christian men, once a month to enjoy fellowship over a meal and a drink, whilst discussing men’s issues, then “True North” is for you! Please register for this group by sending an e-mail to ppine76@gmail.com or calling Pottsville Pete on 0407 732 440. We need you to register so that we know numbers and can cater accordingly.

Rationalising Storage for Parish Ministries

As the Parish Master Planning process takes shape the SPI Group has been looking at the use of space on the St James campus. It has recognised the need to rationalise items kept in storage. Many items are never or rarely used and we cannot continue to provide long-term storage for them. Adrienne keeps all the costumes and props for the Plays in her garage and our friends in Making Marks and AA have reduced their storage footprint in half.

Could all ministries take a careful and honest review of the items they have in storage, with a view to reducing, rehoming, or responsibly disposing of anything that is no longer needed. Thank you.

Faithfulness in Service Volunteer Forms Due

Could all attendees at this week’s course complete their Volunteer Forms (see Handout Chapter 3) and return them to the office. Spare copies are available from the office.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 25th

Anzac Day and St. Marks Day

Next Saturday is ANZAC Day, that important day when we honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, lest we forget what has been done for us. Join us for a special early morning service at St. Marks from 7:00am, preceding the Pottsville March.

Sunday, April 26th

1. Children's Lesson at St Marks

The following day the monthly Childrens Lesson at St Marks will be given in church followed by an enhanced morning tea

2. St James Coffee Cart Updated

The St James coffee cart will be closed from this Sunday April 26th and reopened at a new location on site in the coming months.

Saturday May 2, Ecumenical Men's Breakfast at 8am

Our Ecumenical Men's Breakfast returns on may 2, 2026. Please mark your diaries and come along. Please let Constatine know if you'd be attending.

Sunday, May 3

1. Domestic Violence Aware Sunday. On May 3rd the Church dedicates its efforts to raising awareness of the epidemic of domestic violence which plagues this country.

2. KICK (Kids in Church, Kingscliff). The day will also see the return of the children's service KICK (Kids in Church, Kingscliff) followed by an enhanced Morning Tea in the refurbished Parish Hall. We extend a special invite to anyone who has recently joined the Church family of St. James to join us for a cuppa and a chat.

3. Spiritual Gym at 4.30pm at Lindisfarne. Lindisfarne's popular Spiritual Gym service returns in the school chapel on Sunday afternoon.

Thursday, May 7th

1. ALPHA

This well-known course which introduces people to the Christian faith in a relaxed, hospitable way (ie with food and fellowship). An electronic invite was sent out this week giving you an overview of what's involved. Its open to everyone so please prayerfully consider inviting someone you know to do the course. If you are able to help welcome and host guests, there is a sheet in the foyer at St James to sign up.

Further if you are able to assist with hosting, providing a meal, set up, clean up etc. to support this ministry outreach please indicate on that sheet also in the foyer or by e-mailing Kaz in the office.

Saturday, May 9th

1. Suicide Prevention Presentation. A special education programme explaining how to respond to people at risk of suicide will be held from 9.30am to 1pm at St. James on St May 9. See the poster in this edition for more information or, in the meanwhile, please contact Julie Pine on 0438 526 569.

Sunday, May 10th

1. Mothers Day is due to be celebrated on Sunday May 10, this year. Rev. Constantine will be leading a special service honouring everything our mothers do, and have done, for us. Ladies bring your kids (or your Mum!) along to share the occasion.



FREE MEAL ON MONDAYS

Home cooked, community dinner
served each Monday evening

from 6pm to 7pm

Winter Hours May to July
5pm to 6pm

ALL WELCOME



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**THURSDAYS
11am to 1pm
FREE FROZEN
MEALS**



**MONDAYS,
THURSDAYS
AND FRIDAYS
FOOD PANTRY
AND SERVICES HUB**

Everyone is welcome.



St James Anglican Church Hall

41 Pearl Street, Kingscliff

Free Suicide Alertness Workshop

LivingWorks safeTALK - 4 hour practical workshop for everyone



Funded through a veteran community initiative, but the skills are relevant for supporting anyone in your life or community

Saturday 9 May 9am -1pm

Kingscliff Anglican Church Hall

Open to all of community 18+ years

Register now - places are limited

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1540153>

- Recognise when someone may be having thoughts of suicide, start a conversation with confidence & know what to do and connect them to support.
- Presentations, guidance & skills practice with a Registered Trainer.



**Make No
Mistake...**

**Movement for the Ordination of Women
Conference**

**2026 Conference Date Claimer:
12 to 14 November**

**Australian Centre for Christianity and
Culture, Canberra**

God Calls Women!

ADVANCE NOTICE

Movement for the Ordination of Women Conference

MAKE NO MISTAKE ... GOD CALLS WOMEN!

12-14 November 2026

Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

15 Blackall Street, Barton ACT

Do lay and ordained women leaders have a future in the church?

How do we respond to increasingly strident calls for women to submit to male authority in church and society?

What can we do, individually and as members of faith communities, to witness our belief in the spiritual equality and dignity of all people?

Keynote Speakers

The Rev'd Dr Karen Pack, a religious historian whose research focuses on the agency and activism of unmarried Australian women who have been erased from religious histories. Author of *Queer Omissions: Unmarried Women and Social Justice Activism in the Church* (2025).

The Rev'd Dr Elenie Poulos, a public commentator on religion and politics, religion and society, social justice, and human rights in Australia. A recent article (with Cristina Rocha) is 'Saving Australia': Global populism and the rhetoric of the Australian Christian Right (*Religion, State & Society*, 2025).

Dr Rosie Clare Shorter, a feminist researcher with expertise in gender studies and sociology of religion. Author of *Complementarianism, Gender and Evangelism: Retelling Sydney Anglican Stories* (2026).

The Rev'd Dr Robyn Whitaker, a biblical scholar and public theologian who specialises in apocalyptic literature, gender, and (mis)use of the Bible in public and political discourse. Author of *Even the Devil Quotes Scripture: Reading the Bible on its own Terms* (2023).

Panels and discussions

- Developing a new inclusive theology of priesthood
- Learning from women's experiences in the church
- Progress in dioceses that support women's leadership
- Where to from here?

Meditations facilitated by The Rev'd Susanna Pain, Benedictus Contemplative Church

Liturgies and prayer times

Celebrant for the opening Eucharist, The Rt Rev'd Vanessa Bennett, Assistant Bishop and Vicar General, Anglican Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn

A public discussion on the evening of 12 November, in conjunction with the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, on counteracting the weaponisation of Christianity by those who sow social division.



The final program and registration details will be uploaded on the MOW website, <https://mowatch.com.au/> in coming months.

There will be a concession rate for MOW members. If you are not a member, please consider joining us. Membership is \$70 (concession \$40 and you can find the online membership form here: <https://mowatch.com.au/membership-form/>)

Your registration will include a light dinner on the first evening, lunch on the second day, and tea/coffee breaks. There are also cafes and restaurants nearby.

There should be sufficient access to free on-site parking (<https://about.csu.edu.au/community/accc/about>).

Accommodation is not included. There are several hotels nearby, some of which offer discounts if you become a VIP member (e.g. The Brassey, Hotel Realm, Hotel Kurrajong). Early bookings are recommended.

Our 2026 conference is ecumenical and welcomes women and men from all Christian denominations who support lay and ordained women's leadership in the church and seek to witness God's love to all people equally.

Please share this flier with fellow parishioners, colleagues and all who might wish to contribute to the conference

For further information, contact president@mowatch.com.au



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Prayer of the Week

God of peace,
who brought again from
the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the
sheep, through the blood
of the everlasting covenant:
make us perfect in every
good work to do your will,
and work in us that which
is well-pleasing in your
sight; 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.

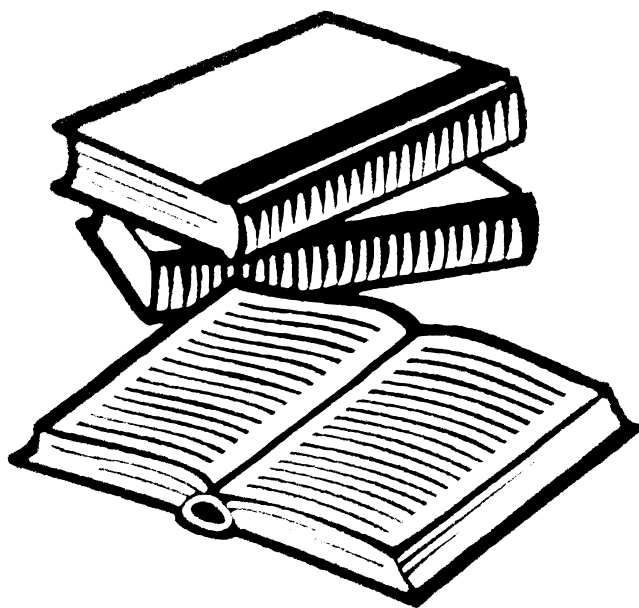
Parish Food Ministry

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 - 42 meals

St Marks - 45 meals

Praise be to God!



Sunday Worship Readings

Sunday 26 April 2026

Acts 2.42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2.1-10
John 10.1-10

Sunday 3 May 2026

Acts 7.55-60
Psalm 31.1-5; 31.17-18
1 Peter 2.11-25
John 14.1-14

Service Schedule

St James @ 8.30am

Sunday 26th April 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

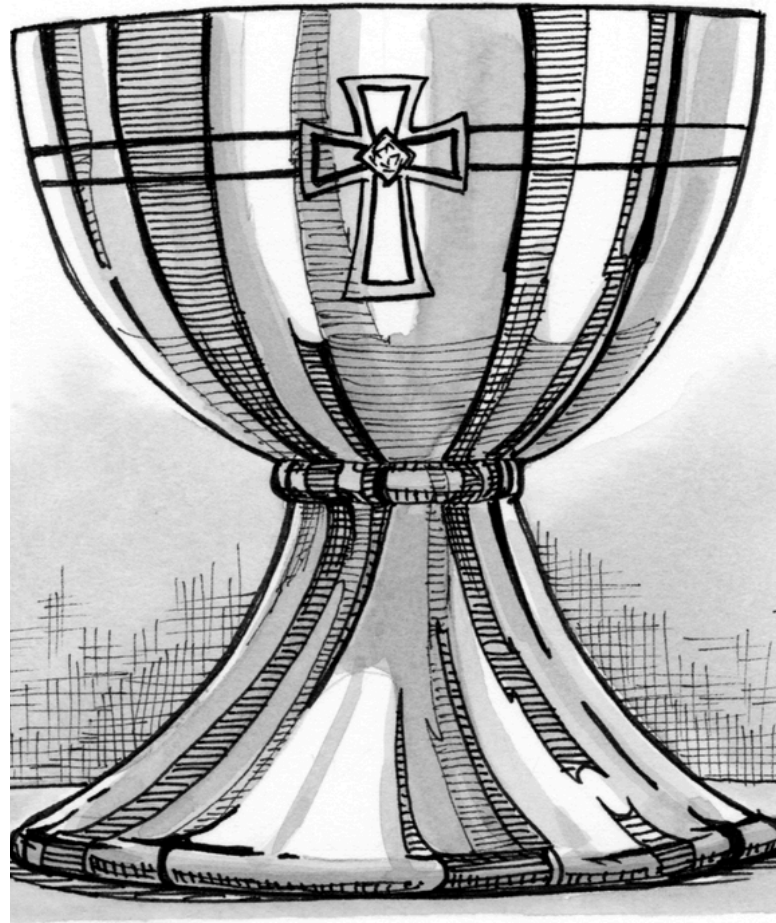
Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu

St Marks @ 10.30am

Sunday 26th April 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu



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Parish Calendar for April/May 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>
- ZOOM in to pray with fellow parishioners for peace and for the material and spiritual needs of all in our communities. Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84084825835?pwd=aPSm1tk4mn4GW9BiAHTkIIBNBfHFfaE.1>
Meeting ID: 840 8482 5835 **Passcode:** K9D1Z4

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:

- **Saturday 25 April** ANZAC Service, at St Mark's Church at 7.00am
- **Sunday 26 April** Enhanced Morning Tea at St Mark's with Children's ministry, 10.30am
- **Saturday 2 May** Ecumenical Men's Breakfast at 8.30am at St James Parish Hall
- **Sunday 3 May** Domestic Awareness and KICK & Enhanced Morning Tea at St James
- **Thursday May 7** Alpha Course starts at 6.30pm at St James Parish Hall
- **May 9** Suicide Alertness Workshop , 9am to 1pm, at St James Parish Hall