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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.

Gathering

Letter from Constantine

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE, FRIENDSHIP, PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy” (Philippians 1:3).

It has now been 12 months since I was commissioned as your Parish Priest on 3 May 2025. I mark this anniversary with heartfelt thanksgiving to God, who in His providence led me and my family to the beautiful parish communities of Kingscliff and Pottsville. Thank you for your kindness, support, friendship, and partnership in ministry.

This past year has been something of a rollercoaster, particularly with the illness and passing of our beloved mother. Yet it has also been a year richly blessed by God—seen in the spiritual and numerical growth of our parish, and in your generosity of spirit, your gifts, your giving, and your outreach to the communities we serve.

As we begin our second year together in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ along the Tweed Coast, our focus remains clear: to deepen our relationship with Jesus, to commit ourselves more fully to Christian discipleship, and to invite many more people to share in the adventure of the Christian life.

I have no doubt that if we remain faithful to the Lord—loving Him above all else, loving our neighbours as ourselves, and reaching out to our community with the Gospel of life and salvation—He will provide all we need to proclaim His Word and to minister to the poor and the marginalised.

Let us, then, be fervent in prayer, joyful in hope, and abounding in good works.

I make my own the words of St Paul:

*“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.”
(Philippians 1:9–11)*

May God bless you, and bless you abundantly.

Be assured of my fervent prayers for you and your families, and please remember to pray for me and mine.

Yours in Christ,

Constantine



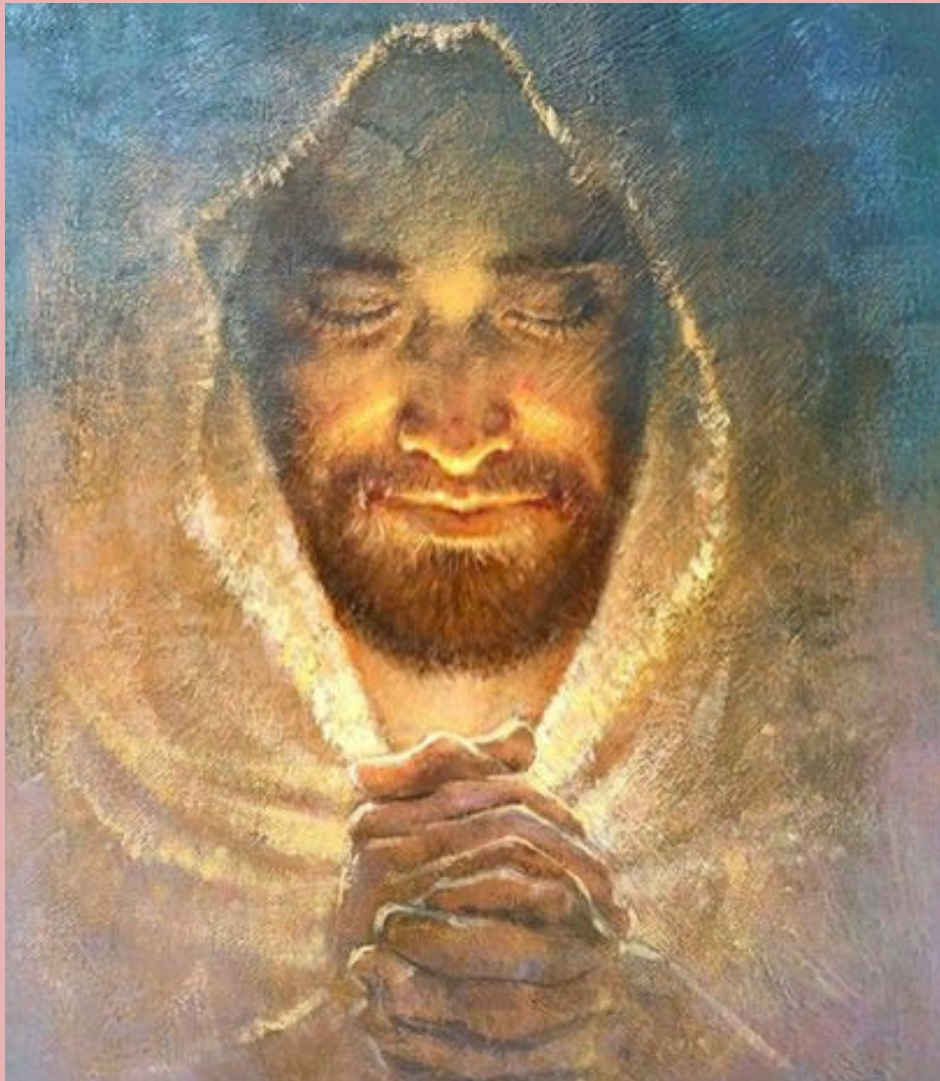
Pray for an End to Domestic Violence in Australia

Loving Father, we thank you that you bring light to the darkness of this world. We pray that you would bring understanding, knowledge, and acceptance of the truth and expose what lurks in the dark and bring it into the light.

We cry out to you. We cry out that these statistics might change. We cry out to you that the women and children who are victims of violence would cease to be so. We pray that violence in all its forms would cease.

We pray that you would give us courage to face this epidemic with all that we have. To make changes to education, implement early intervention, and resource front-line responders. We ask that the Australian government will start to recognise this tragedy for what it is. Most importantly, we ask that your people would be the hands, feet, and voices for change.

Amen.



St Mark's Day and ANZAC Day

It was most fitting that, on St Mark's Day on 25 April, we gathered at St Mark's Pottsville for our ANZAC Day Service at 7:00am, prior to the commencement of the ANZAC Day march. The Pottsville march begins in front of our community garden, where parishioners offer sprigs of rosemary and pins to members of the community.



We give thanks for the courage and sacrifice of our service men and women, and we pray for the repose of all who have died in service of our country and the cause of peace and freedom.

May the Good News of God's love for all creation, so faithfully proclaimed by St Mark, lead all humanity to the knowledge of the Prince of Peace, and into the fullness of life and love.



Parishioners Proud as Parish Hall Painted and Polished

Pride is a sin, we know, but surely parishioners can be forgiven for bursting with pride this week at the sight of our freshly painted and polished Parish Hall, at St James? As the historic building has been renovated, inside and out, by the labours of Huck's merry band of volunteers, the long-held dream of revitalising the Hall as a vibrant place where the community gathers, is fast becoming a reality.



In addition to the Anglicare Food Pantry (and their growing partnership with the parish meals ministry) new tenants already booked include a dance group who are sure to liven up Wednesday mornings!

Community Meal/Community Kitchen

Eager to ensure that more people get to enjoy the nutritious hot meals on offer at St James every Monday evening, the new Soup Kitchen Committee has refreshed the branding and advertising strategy. Henceforth to be known as a “Community Meal” provided by the Church’s “Community Kitchen” the hope is that the bold new poster will attract a wide diversity of locals to come enjoy Mike’s roast pork, Raewyn’s chicken and vegetable pies, Charlotte’s , Kim’s silverside, Jason’s bangers and mash, Constantine’s minestrone soup, Tara’s roast turkey and to talk about whatever’s on their mind with good Christian folk.



Alpha Seeking Enquirers

Alpha is a well-known course run all around the world as an introduction to Christianity for those curious about our faith and looking for answers. The Parish’s very own Alpha course, to be facilitated by Rev. Constantine, starts Thursday May 7 in the Parish Hall and runs for eight weeks. The Alpha team has assembled a group of hosts, a TV to play the videos each week, as well as some new cutlery, tablecloths and vases (to make a good impression!). Still needed: more people interested in learning about Christianity over a meal over the next eight weeks. If you know someone who’s interested in being part in Alphaplease have them contact the Parish office at office@apok.org.au.

Invitation to Ecumenical Men's Breakfast

Dear Friends,

You are warmly invited to join me and other Christian men in our area for a morning of breakfast, prayer, and fellowship. Our guest speaker, Pastor Adrian Ithong, will share his journey of faith and how Christ inspires him to live as a godly man.

Date: Saturday, 2 May

Time: 8am to 9.30am.

Venue: Parish Hall, St James Kingscliff, 41 Pearl Street (or 120 Marine Pde)

I look forward to seeing you there. Please let me know if you're able to attend, to assist with catering arrangements.

Blessings

Rev Constantine Osuchukwu

Chaplain



Holy Fire! Pentecost Bonfire Night

Those crazy folk from APOKALYPSE are at it again, gearing up to put on another Gospel play for the community at St James. This time its for the annual 'Holy Fire' Pentecost Bonfire Night on Sat May 23rd.

The highlight of the night is, of course, the roaring bonfire in the carpark which guests gather around, to enjoy toasting marshmallows, a drink (BYO) and a chinwag. As dusk settles, the Church verandah will convert into a Soup Kitchen serving free delicious hot soup and a hunk of crusty bread to all comers in the spirit of the traditional AGAPE meal of the early Church.

Then the lights will come up, and the show will begin, with the Evangelist Luke leading us on a journey back in time to the day when the Church was born, with the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.



Sister Suzie's Sewing Circle Starts Saturday

Sister Suzie's is opening its doors again from Saturday at Adrienne Freckelton's place in Cudgen - 10 Guilfoyle Place. It turns out that the sewing never stops. The eternally youthful Adrienne assures us that she's been hard at work restoring the classic crochet piece, used for Church services, illustrated below.

Adrienne is also asking that anyone who has baseball caps they don't need to contribute them for costume-making purposes. They make a great foundation for ancient headgear, apparently.



Lynn's Community Spirit



Warden Bryan reports: Pottsville local Lynne is baking cakes to hand out as part of St Marks' meal handout programme. What great community spirit we have in our part of the world.

Shirley Bedser's 90th birthday celebration with congregation

Long-term parishioner Shirley Bedser celebrated her 90th birthday in March, but her friends from the 10 am Wednesday congregation, gathered to help her celebrate again over Morning Tea at St James this week. Happy 90th Shirley!



Upcoming Events

Saturday May 2

Ecumenical Mens Breakfast. St James, Parish Hall, 8 am

Sunday, May 3

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.

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.

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

Thursday, May 7th

ALPHA Parish Hall, St James. See article above.

Saturday, May 9th

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. Watch this space for more information or, in the meanwhile, please contact Julie Pine on 0438 526 569.

Sunday, May 10th

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.

Saturday May 23rd

Holy Fire! Pentecost Bonfire Night see article above

CELEBRATE THE
WONDERFUL WOMEN IN OUR LIVES

.....♥.....

Mother's Day

HIGH TEA

.....♥.....



WEDNESDAY
13 MAY 2026



11.30AM



ST JAMES
PARISH HALL

\$30

\$30 PER PERSON

GOOD COMPANY, DELICIOUS TREATS
& TREASURED MEMORIES

All in Love

REGISTER TO ATTEND:
calendar@apok.org.au



LINDISFARNE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL WARMLY INVITES YOU TO OUR

SPIRITUAL GYM

SEASON OF EASTER SERVICE



Sunday, 3 May 2026

4.30pm Refreshments | 5.00pm Service

Mahers Lane Chapel | All Welcome



LINDISFARNE
Anglican Grammar School



THERE'S A *SEAT FOR* EVERYONE

Alpha is a place to share a meal, watch a short video,
and talk honestly about life, faith and meaning.

St James Anglican Church Hall

41 Pearl Steer, Kingscliff

THURSDAY - From May 7th - 6:30 pm til 8:15 pm

Meal Included

alpha.org.au





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



**SHOWERS
AVAILABLE
ON SITE**

Soap and towels
provided.



**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

Prayer of the Week

Saving God,
who called your Church to
witness that you were in
Christ reconciling the
world to yourself: help us
so to proclaim the good
news of your love, that all
who hear it may be
reconciled to you;
through him who died for
us and rose again
and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.
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.

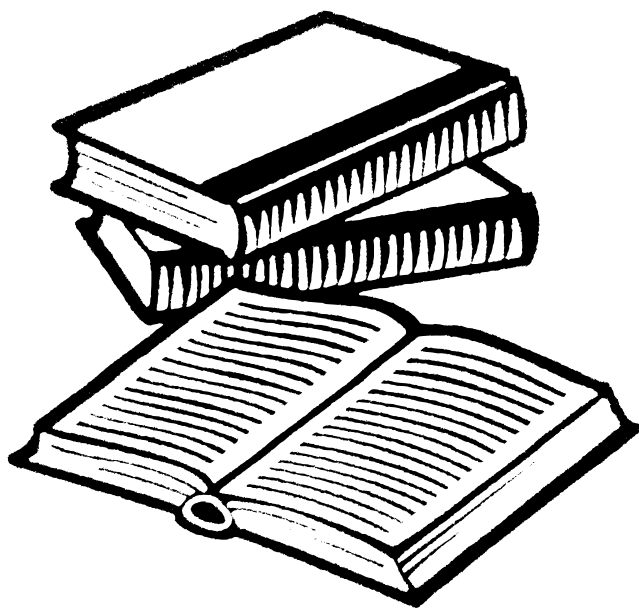
Parish Food Ministry

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 - 76 meals

St Marks - 40 meals

Praise be to God!



Sunday Worship Readings

Sunday 3 May 2026

Acts 7.55-60

Psalm 31.1-5; 31.17-18

1 Peter 2.11-25

John 14.1-14

Sunday 10 May 2026

Acts 17 v 22-31

Psalm 66 v 7-19

1 Peter 3 v 8-22

John 14 v 15-21

Service Schedule

St James @ 8.30am

Sunday 3rd April 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

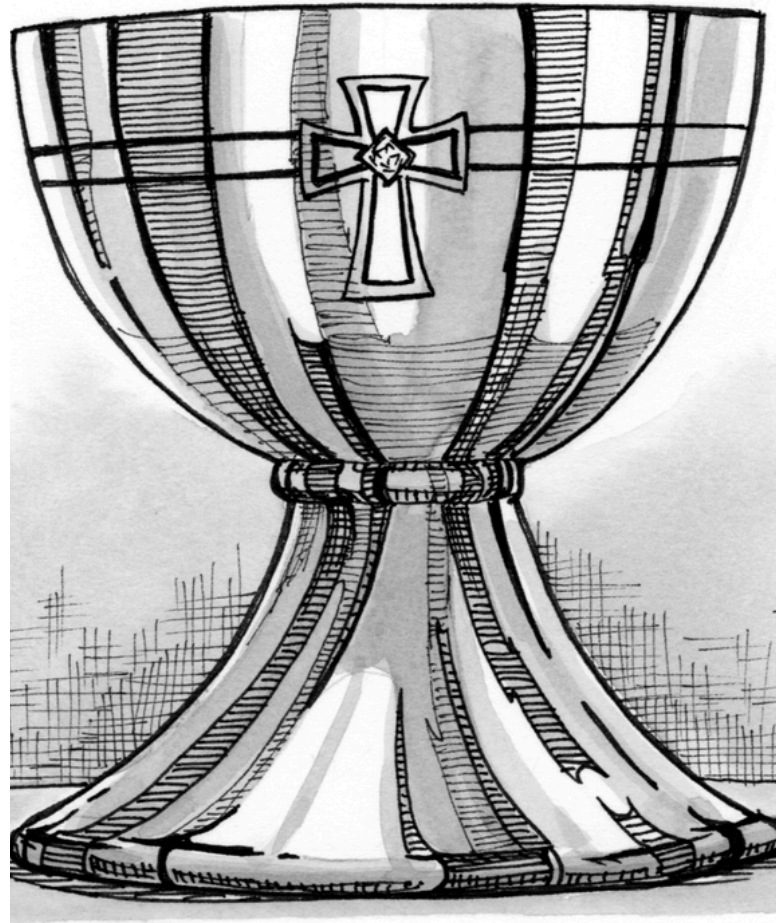
Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu

St Marks @ 10.30am

Sunday 3rd April 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu



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Parish Calendar for 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=aPSm1tk4mn4GW9BiAHTkIBNBfHFfaE.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 2 May** Ecumenical Men's Breakfast at 8.30am at St James Parish Hall
- **Sunday 3 May** Domestic violence Awareness and KICK & Enhanced Morning Tea at St James
- **Thursday May 7** Alpha Course starts at 6.30pm at St James Parish Hall
- **Saturday May 9** Suicide Alertness Workshop , 9am to 1pm, at St James Parish Hall
- **Wednesday May 13**, Parish Council Meeting at St James Parish Hall