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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.

**New
Beginnings**

Letter from Constantine

Mother's Day: A Reflection on Nurturing Love

Dear Sisters and brothers in Christ,

This Sunday, 10 May, is Mother's Day. We give thanks for mothers in every sense of the word: biological mothers, spiritual mothers, grandmothers, carers, mentors, and all those women whose love, tenderness and care help shape our lives.

One of the great privileges of ministry is witnessing the extraordinary faithfulness of a mother's love. During my time as a prison chaplain in Victoria, I met many mothers who continued to visit and support their children despite heartbreak and disappointment. One mother, speaking of her son who had spent years in prison, simply said through tears: *"I do not condone what he's done, but he is still my son and I love him."* Such love reflects something of the mercy and compassion of God.

The Christian tradition often uses maternal images for God. Julian of Norwich described Christ as our mother, nurturing us with tenderness and grace. Scripture too reminds us of God's loving care: *"Can a mother forget the child at her breast? ... Even if she could forget, I will not forget you..."* (Isaiah 49:15).

Mother's Day is about more than flowers, fancy dinners and gifts -important and joyful as these celebrations may be. It is an opportunity to rediscover the importance of compassion, gentleness, tenderness, patience, and nurturing in our homes, our Church, and our society.

We pray today for all mothers – especially those who are grieving, struggling, or carrying heavy burdens – and we thank God for the gift of their love, care and generosity.

A Mother's Day Poem

A mother's love is quiet strength,
A gentle hand through joy and pain,
A faithful heart that does not leave,
But shelters hope again and again.

In whispered prayers and patient care,
In tears unseen and burdens borne,
We glimpse the tender heart of God,
Whose mercy greets each weary morn.

Like Mary pointing us to Christ,
With humble grace and steady light,
May we become a nurturing people,
Bringing compassion into life.

And may our homes, our Church, our hearts,
Grow kinder, gentler every day,
Until a revolution of tenderness
Transforms the world through love's quiet way.

Thank you all for who you are and for all you do. It's very much appreciated.

In Christ

Constantine



A Mother's Day Prayer

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways. We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.
Amen.



Alpha Kicks Off in Style

The Alpha Course began on Thursday night with 17 guests (which we expect to grow to 20 next week!) with the Holy Spirit definitely amongst us as everything came together and relationships were forged.

The freshly renovated Parish Hall was filled with elegant tables laid and fresh flowers providing a wonderfully inviting space for us to gather. A scrumptious meal provided by Kim Johnstone and her family was heartily enjoyed by all. The first session video with some big life questions provided for lots of interesting discussion. Everyone seemed to leave with great enthusiasm for what's to come.

This course has proven to be an extremely successful outreach in churches and so can we encourage you to prayerfully consider supporting it in some way. With the now substantial numbers we need more food prepared, more servers and kitchen staff, or even a donation towards some of our costs e.g. drinks, food, printing etc. Even if you can give just one night that would be helpful. We already have one home group volunteering for a night so that might be something to be considered for your group. Please talk to Kaz Sainsbury or email her at calendar@apok.org.au if you want to know more.



Mothers, Day High Tea at Parish Hall

Kylie from Wildflower Café (on the corner of Pearl and Turnock Sts) is catering a Mothers Day High Tea at 11:30 am **at the Parish Hall** next Wednesday 13 May (the first after Mother's Day on Sunday).

The cakes , pastries and other plates are expected to be totally delicious!

Places are limited and bookings are filling up fast. Please contact Kaz in the office on calendar@apok.org.au.



Holy Fire : Pentecost Bonfire Night

As Pentecost approaches on Sunday May 24, the Apokalypse team is putting together a Saturday night to remember on May 23. It'll have a huge bonfire and marshmallows (byo drinks), a soup kitchen serving a range of delicious soups and a short play telling the story of the birth of the Church.

Adrienne thanks everyone for the baseball caps she received for costuming, Liz is working on the Soup Kitchen, Mike is putting together the soundtrack and Jason is finishing the script.

That means its time for actors to come forward, we have an Apostle Luke and a handful of disciples, but there were 12 remember (or perhaps just 11 at that point, depending on who you count)? Please talk to Jason about this unique chance to play your favourite disciple.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 14th

ALPHA Parish Hall, St James. See article above.

Saturday, May 9th - THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED

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

Wednesday, May 13th

Catered High Tea – see flyer to include – please RSVP asap - \$ can be paid on the day

Thursday, May 14th – Ascension Thursday

Saturday, May 23rd – Pentecost Outreach Night? Play?

Seeking **True North Monthly Mens Small Group**

You are invited! If you would like to meet with a group of Christian men, discuss man issues and enjoy fellowship, register for this group. We need you to register so that we know numbers and can cater accordingly. To register please send an e-mail to ppine76@gmail.com or call 0407 732 440.

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



Pre-Loved Pop-Up Shop

clothing, shoes, bags,
cookbooks and lots of
other treasures

Saturday
9th May 2026

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8am - 2pm

at **St James Parish Hall, Kingscliff**

Entry via Marine Parade or Pearl Street

Onsite parking

All Saints Anglican Church Organ Centenary

Hymnfest

12 of your favourite hymns,
for congregational singing
and an aria from "Elijah"
with Lindisfarne School
choir



**Warren Whitney,
organist**

**Ian Holston, vocal soloist,
with Ayesha Gough**

Optional rehearsal, 1 pm

**Saturday June 13
3 pm**

Organ and Choral Concert



Guest organist Phillip Gearing

**Murwillumbah
Philharmonic Choir
and Chillingham Voices**

Conductor, Darren Postema



**Sunday June 14
2 pm**

**All Saints Anglican Church
Byangum Road, Murwillumbah
Admission by donation**



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



Prayer of the Week

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is
the way, the truth, and the
life: grant that we may walk
in his way, rejoice in his
truth, and share his risen
life; who lives 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.

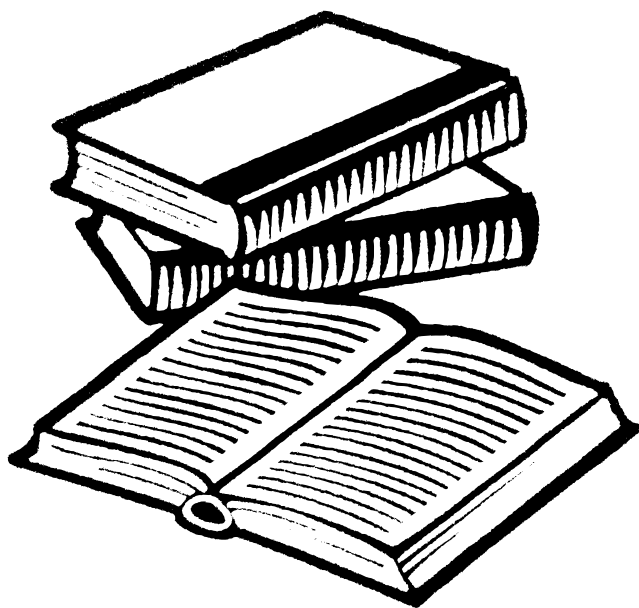
Parish Food Ministry

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 - 72 meals

St Marks - 33 meals

Praise be to God!



Sunday Worship Readings

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

Sunday 17 May 2026

Acts 1 v 1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1 v 15-23
Matthew 28 v 16-20

Service Schedule

St James @ 8.30am

Sunday 10th May 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

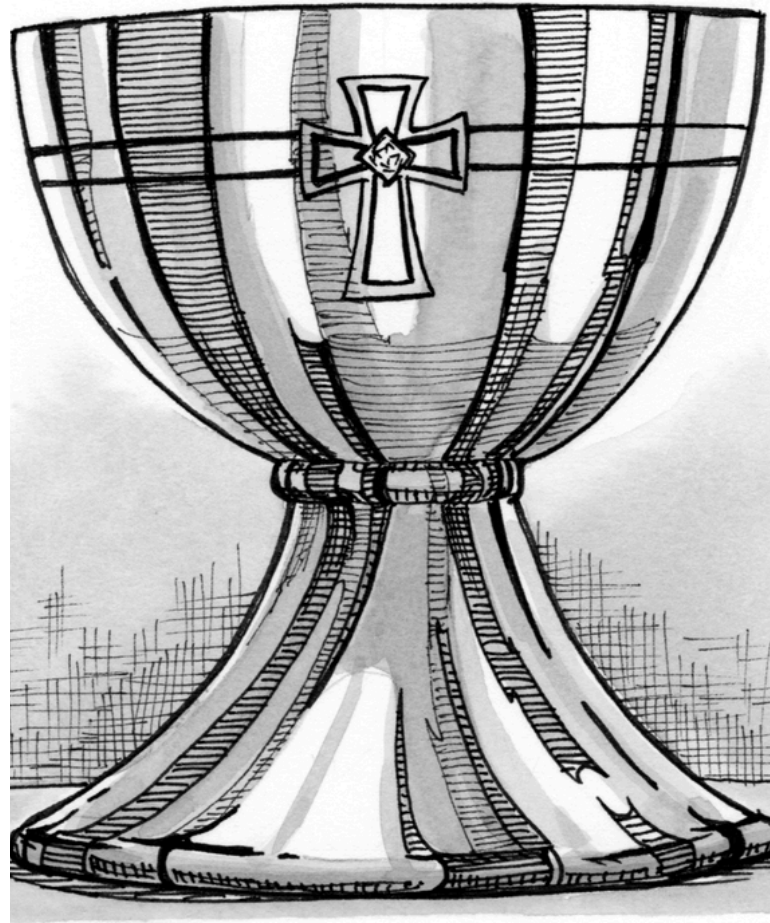
Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu

St Marks @ 10.30am

Sunday 10th May 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
- Eucharist service 12.30 at St Marks

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/89184784092?pwd=TFI3eWc1UXM0b3VVZnR5bkMxUIM1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 891 8478 4092 Passcode: 516345

- 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
- **Sing to Connect Choir** 9.30 - 10.45. In the church. All welcome. Wendy Hawkins 0421651524

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:

- **Wednesday May 13**, Parish Council Meeting at St James Parish Hall