


ANGLICAN PARISH OF KINGSCLIFF
BULLETIN

Higher

“as it is in heaven”

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A large bonfire at night, with a tall, bright column of fire rising into a dark blue sky. The fire is surrounded by silhouettes of people sitting on the ground, watching the fire. The background shows dark evergreen trees.

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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.

Pentecost

Letter from Constantine

The Fire of God's Love – A Pentecost Reflection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost -the birthday of the Church and our own birthday as living temples of the Holy Spirit.

In John's Gospel, Jesus promises the Advocate, the Consoler, the Helper (see John 14:16). The Spirit comes to help us understand Jesus' life and mission. But what does the Holy Spirit do for us?

First, the Spirit is Divine Love. Paul says, "*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Spirit living in us*" (Romans 5:5) This is Jesus' parting gift—the very presence of the Father and Son in our lives. Ask the Holy Spirit to enable you to know God's unique and unimaginable love for you.

Second, the Spirit is the witness of Jesus. Apart from Christ, we lose our humanity, our hope, and our way. But the Holy Spirit leads us into true life, great hope, and the good life we all desire.

Third, the Spirit comes as wind and fire (see Acts 2:1-11). A strong, driving wind—not a timid spirit, but one that enables us to cry, "*Abba, Father!*" And fire: burning away what is not of God, igniting in us the passion for spiritual things and for God.

Finally, the Spirit brings unity. At Babel, languages scattered (see Genesis 11:1-9). At Pentecost, everyone heard in their own tongue the marvellous works of God (see Acts 2:1-11). The Holy Spirit heals divisions—whether in the world, our suburbs, our church, or our own hearts.

In the cries of hurting children, worried parents, or our own longing for love, healing and belonging, the Spirit alone satisfies our deepest thirst, and gives us fullness of life and joy.

As we gather each Sunday at St James and St Mark's —our cenacles—may we encounter the Holy Spirit again and again. Come, Holy Spirit! Fill our hearts with the fire of Your love, and send us out as witnesses of the same love, Amen.

In Christ,
Constantine

A Prayer to the Holy Spirit (Traditional)

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Holy Fire! Pentecost Bonfire Night, 5.30 pm – 8pm Saturday

What could be better than sitting around a big bonfire with a glass of wine or beer, with family, friends and neighbours, toasting marshmallows on a stick? Not much except if there was a hot mug of delicious soup to go with it and a live show to follow! All for free!

And that's exactly what's happening tomorrow night as St James invites the whole community to gather to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The event starts with the lighting of the fire at 5.30 pm and ends at 8 pm with the dousing of the flames.

The production team (Jason, Huck, Adrienne, Mike, Matt, Liz and others) would love to see a lot of new faces in the firelight so invite your family, friends, neighbours – anyone who'd like a warm and welcoming encounter with the Holy Spirit of God!



True North Morphs in to Tweed Christian Men's Muster

After an enjoyable and challenging series of True North, the group of men wanted to keep meeting monthly and adopted the name in the header. TCMM will meet this month on **Wednesday 27 May in the Kingscliff church hall**, at Constantine's suggestion. The program starts at 6:00pm and includes viewing a challenging interview that will raise issues that can be discussed. This month we will watch an interview with John Anderson who was Deputy Prime Minister in the Howard government from 1999 to 2005. John will speak about a significant tragedy in his life and how his Christian faith helped him work through it. There will be time to discuss issues raised that are meaningful to those in attendance.

After the discussion we will share a meal and a drink, and continue the yarnning. Constantine has offered to cook us a tasty meal. Please bring your own drinks.



John Anderson - Faith, Resilience & Surviving Life's Hardest Moments - Insight with Karl Faase

A Sea of Red and Green

The Church traditionally celebrates Pentecost by asking worshippers to wear red and green at the Sunday service. So this Sunday, May 24th rifle through your drawers at home and see what you can find – but no Christmas sweaters please folks (wrong season!). We look forward to seeing a Sea of Red and Green in the pews.



Can You Support the New Alpha Ministry?

The popular Alpha course introducing Christianity to the community, continues into its third week with 20 eager participants. If you are able to assist the Alpha team in supporting this ministry outreach by cooking a meal, setting up, serving, washing and clean up, etc, we'd love to hear from you.

Perhaps talk to your small group and join together to help for one night. Please contact Kaz at calendar@apok.org.au.

Celebrating Reconciliation on Trinity Sunday

The Christian faith is relational, teaching us to develop relations of love with others. On Trinity Sunday, Sunday, May 31st, the Parish will hold a special celebration of this important day which falls in National Reconciliation Week. Indigenous Pastor Adrian Itong (who we met when he helped refurbish the Parish Hall) will speak about Reconciliation and the Contemporary Worship service band will be playing, accompanied in song by members of the *Sing to Connect Choir*. Please invite your family and friends to share in this special service dedicated to the love of the triune God and national Reconciliation.



Fraternity of Ministers

St James will host a morning tea for the Fraternity of Ministers gathering on Wednesday, May 27th at 10:30 am at the Parish Hall.

Sing to Connect Choir

The Sing to Connect Choir gathers to sing an uplifting mix of contemporary and Gospel songs every Friday from 9.30am in St James Church. All are welcome. Please contact Wendy Hawkins on 0421 651 524 or just show up.



St Mark's Works Getting Underway

Warden Brian Wyver reports that St Mark's is due for works to upgrade its campus starting Monday next week. Following the decision by Parish Council in May, the Church hall will be painted including ceiling, walls and cupboards. An aluminium roof will go over the picnic table and box guttering installed to stop leaking on the back deck. A new front door and steps from the back deck to the garden are also being installed over the next 2 months.

There is also an agreement with the neighbour to share the cost of repairing the fence. Some \$1300 of the \$4200 total cost for all these works has already been met by generous parishioners keen to see St Marks continue to flourish.

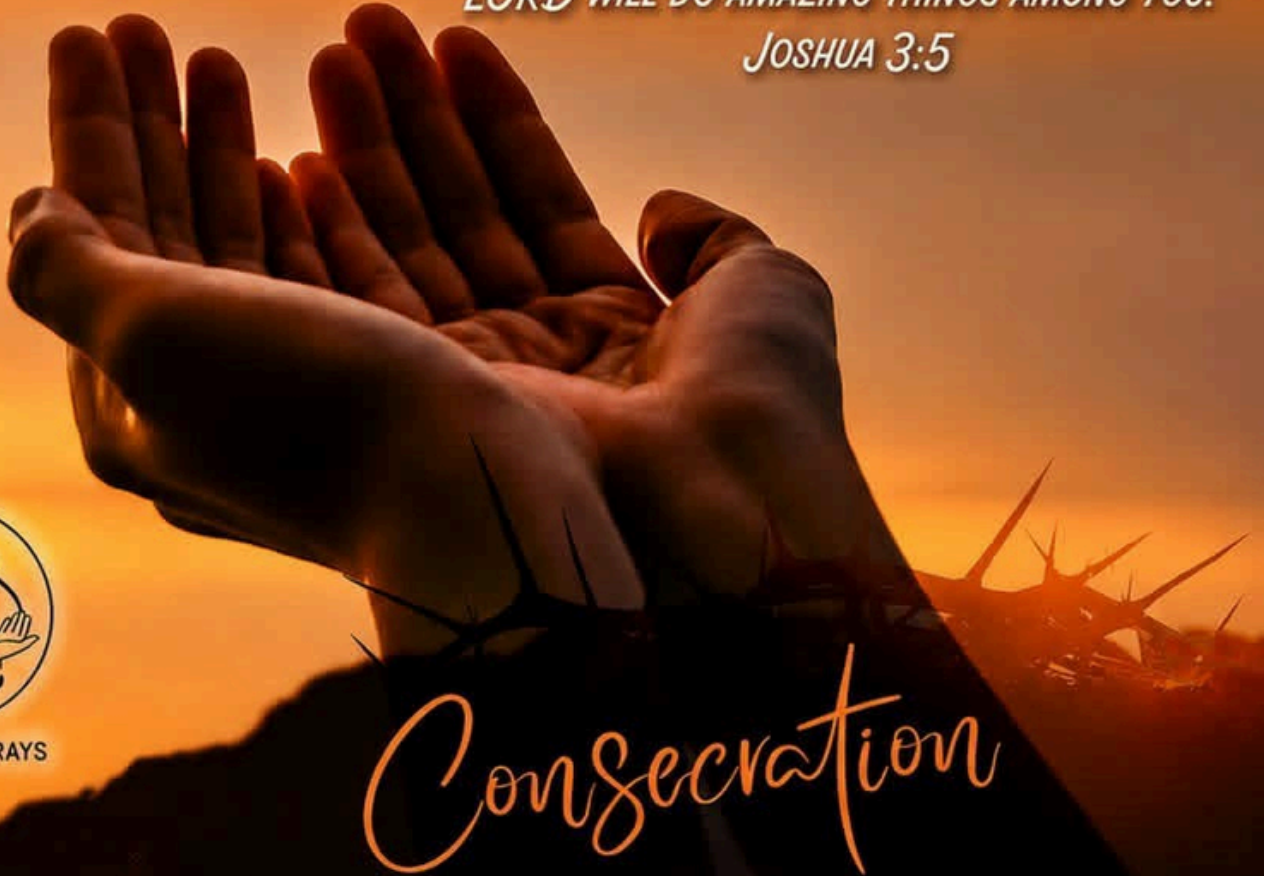
Children's Hand Painting at St Marks

There will be children's hand painting at St Marks at 10 am on Saturday. Children will get a badge, a cookie and a drink of juice.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

*JOSHUA TOLD THE PEOPLE,
"CONSECRATE YOURSELVES, FOR TOMORROW THE
LORD WILL DO AMAZING THINGS AMONG YOU."
JOSHUA 3:5*



AUSTRALIA PRAYS

Consecration

23 MAY 2026 | 10 AM - 4 PM

**COMBINED CHURCHES OF TWEED
VIBE CHURCH, 3 BERYL ST, TWEED HEADS**

All welcome to join, or send prayer requests as we pray
for the people, families, businesses and communities
of our region and country

Come for some of the day or come for all of the day

Light Lunch and Communion at 1:30-2:30pm

Send prayer requests to - 0421 074 460

St James Annual

BONFIRE NIGHT

Community Gathering at St James, Sat May 23rd 5 – 8 pm

Toasting Marshmallows. Free mug of delicious hot soup. BYO



The whole community is invited to gather around the bonfire

Celebratory Atmosphere
Fun for the kids
Music and a live show
BYO Drinks

St James Church, 122 Marine Pde, Kingscliff

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
at the feast of Pentecost
you sent your Holy Spirit to
the disciples,
filling them with joy and
boldness to preach the
gospel: empower us with
that same Spirit
to witness to your
redeeming love and draw
all people to you;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord, 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.



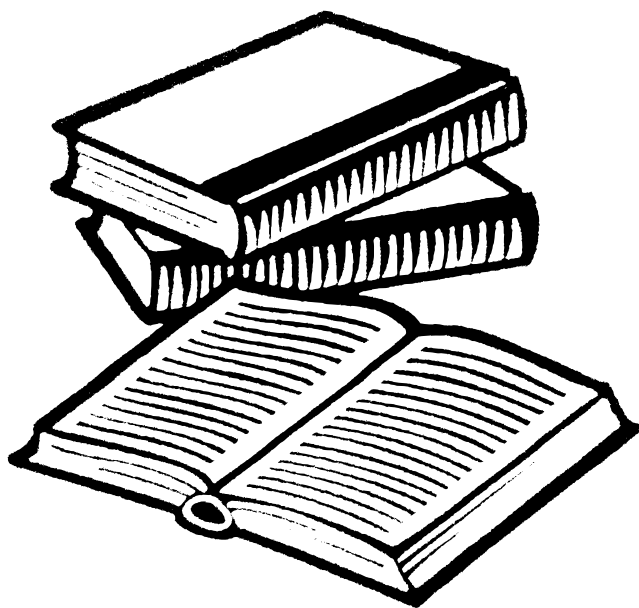
Parish Food Ministry

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 - 69 meals

St Marks - 50 meals

Praise be to God!



Sunday Worship Readings

Sunday 24 May 2026

Acts 2 v 1-21

Psalm 104 v 24-35

1 Corinthians 12 v 1-13

John 20 v 19-23

Sunday 31 May 2026

Exodus 34 v 1-8

Song of 3YM 29-34

Romans 4v 13-25

Matthew 9 v9-13, 18-26

Service Schedule

St James @ 8.30am

Sunday 24th May 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

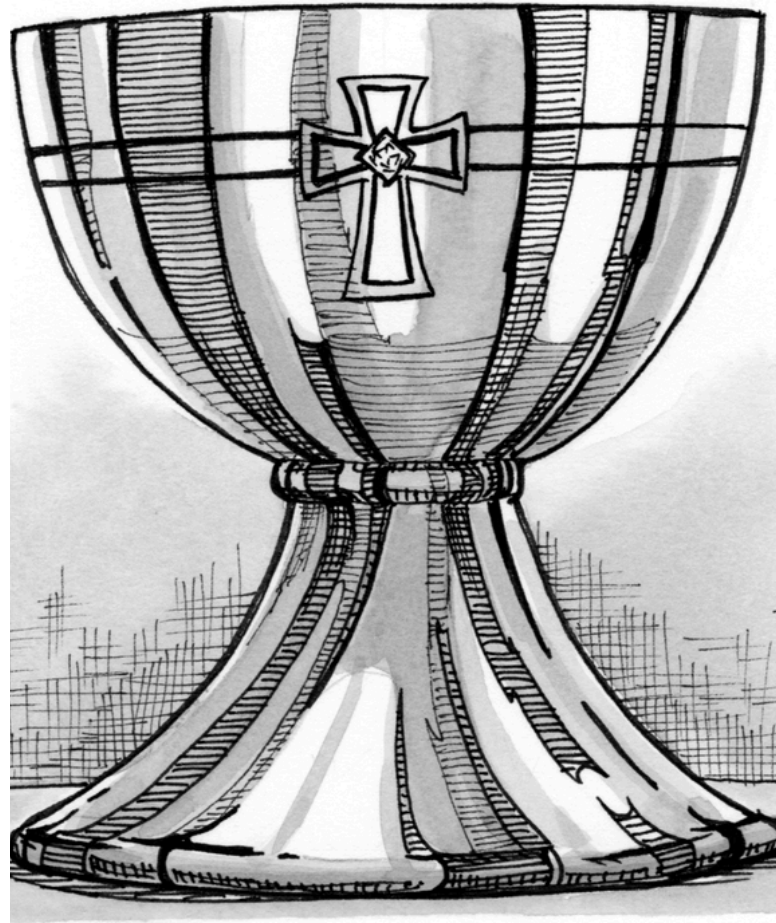
Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu

St Marks @ 10.30am

Sunday 24th 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
- Holy Communion Service 12.30pm at St Marks

● Wednesdays

- Holy Communion/Eucharist – St James Kingscliff, 10:00am
- *Lectio Divina*, (Holy Reading of the Bible) St. James Hall, 11:30 am to 12 noon
- Ecumenical Bible Study -St Mark's Pottsville 10:00am, Fortnightly
- 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:

- **Saturday May 23rd**, Holy Fire! Pentecost Bonfire Night see article above.
- **Thursday May 28th**, Alpha Course, Parish Hall 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm
- **Wednesday June 10th**, Parish Council Meeting at St James Parish Hall at 5:30 pm