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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.

The Holy Trinity

Letter from Constantine

Living in the Love of the Trinity

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Trinity Sunday we celebrate the great mystery at the heart of the Christian faith: one God in three Persons -Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As St Augustine once observed, the Trinity is a mystery so profound that we can never fully comprehend it, yet we can experience its love. God reveals Himself not as a solitary being, but as a communion of love, inviting us into relationship with Him and with one another. In a world often marked by individualism, fragmentation, and division, the Trinity reminds us that we are created for communion, unity and self-giving love. Whenever we build relationships of love, compassion, peace and reconciliation in our homes, parish and community, we reflect something of the life of God Himself.

The Feast of the Trinity is ultimately not about solving a theological puzzle, but about living in the reality of God's love. Through baptism we are drawn into the life of the Father who creates us, the Son who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us. As St Catherine of Siena beautifully described, we are like fish living in the boundless sea of God's love - surrounded, sustained and filled by His presence, often without fully realizing its depth.

Today we are reminded that we carry God within us and are called to live confidently as beloved sons and daughters of God, sharing His love with the people and world around us.

We welcome Pastor Adrian Ithong at St James on Sunday, 31 May, who is a Bundjalung man and a friend of mine. He will share his Christian testimony with us and speak about reconciliation as we celebrate the National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June). May we continue to work and pray for a more reconciled, united and harmonious Australia where everyone is seen, loved, and heard.

I thank you all for the gift you are to me and to our parish communities. I pray with St Paul for you and all those you love: *"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all"* (2 Corinthians 13:14). Pray for me and mine, too.

Your brother in Christ

Constantine



A Celtic Blessing

The guarding of the God of life be on you,
The guarding of loving Christ be on you,
The guarding of Holy Spirit be on you
Every night of your lives,
To aid you and enfold you
Each day and night of your lives.

Amen.



Rublev's Icon of the Trinity

Pentecost Wind Blows on Parish Bonfire Night

At Pentecost following the first Easter, the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem awaiting the gift Jesus had promised the Father would send. As every Christian knows that gift was the descent of the Holy Spirit into their hearts . . . and the rest is history.

Jason reports: To celebrate this uniquely transformational event (and share it with our community) a group of faithful Christians gathered around the bonfire – representing the “holy fire” of God – in the St James carpark last Saturday night, Pentecost Eve. A family event, the kids played on the lawn and around the fire, toasting marshmallows and using their sticky toasting-sticks to duel with swords afterwards. Then mugs of hot soup were served and the entertainment began – a short drama by the APOKALYPSE gang about the confusion of languages into which the Holy Spirit arrived at Pentecost.



Costumed by Adrienne, lit by Matt, sound engineered by Mike, the play was performed by Huck (as Peter), Jason (as Luke), Sophie, Paige and Brooklyn (as the Angelic Chorus) and the talented Johnstone family (Kim, Chris, James) who showed their acting chops as bewildered Apostles upon whom “tongues of fire” descended as Adrienne’s extraordinary headpieces lit up the stage brilliantly. The play ended with Huck’ delivering Peter’s famous speech to the Jerusalem crowd, citing the prophecy of Joel:

In the last days God says
I will pour out my Spirit on all people
. . . your young men will see visions
Your old men will dream dreams
. . . And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved



When the powerful gust of wind which Scripture describes (based on Acts 2: 2) arrived a little too early, the actors scattered for cover, duly humbled by a reminder from the Lord that He is in control, not us. Next year we will be sure to pray more fervently for calm weather (and have a Plan B just in case)



Thanks to all who contributed to this year's wind-swept Bonfire Night, including Liz and Kerry and all who made and served soup). In spite of the adverse conditions an enjoyable night was had by all.



Rev. Constantine Welcomes Fraternity of Ministers

On Wednesday 27th May, Rev. Constantine hosted the Fraternity of Ministers morning tea at St. James, gathering with fellow clergy from Churches around the Tweed for prayer and fellowship.



St James to Hear About Reconciliation on Trinity Sunday

Pastor Adrian (known to many of us through his recent efforts repainting the interior of the Parish Hall) will speak about Reconciliation at St James this Sunday, Trinity Sunday. How fitting!



Seeking True North Monthly Men's Small Group

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.

Alpha Enters Fourth Week

Alpha continues into our 4th week with 20 participants attending. If you are able to assist with cooking a meal, set up, serving, wash up and clean up etc. to support this ministry outreach please contact Kaz at calendar@apok.org.au. Perhaps talk to your small group and join together to help for one night

PROGRAM
ALL SAINTS MURWILLUMBAH
ORGAN CENTENARY



Saturday 13th &
Sunday 14th June 2026

All Saints Anglican Church Organ Centenary

Hymnifest

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

Organ and Choral Concert



**Warren Whitney,
organist.**

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

Optional rehearsal, 1 pm



Guest organist Phillip Gearing

**Murwillumbah
Philharmonic Choir
and Chillingham Voices**

Conductor, Darren Postema



**Saturday June 13
3 pm**

**Sunday June 14
2 pm**

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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, so that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before us, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.



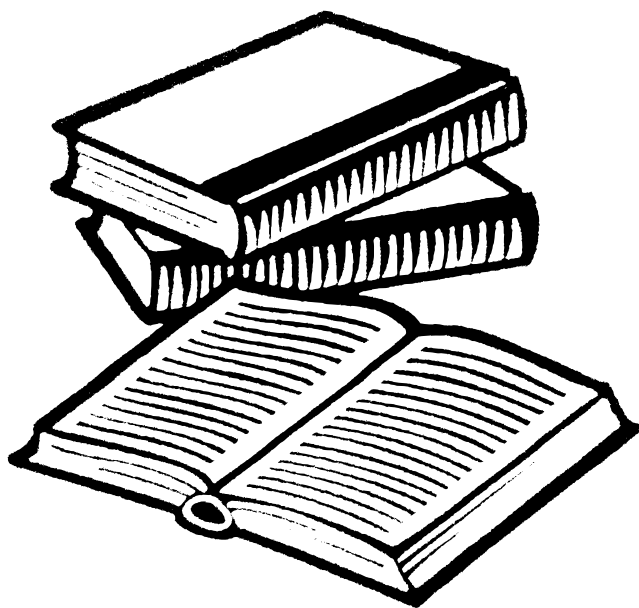
Parish Food Ministry

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 - 69 meals

St Marks - 50 meals

Praise be to God!



Sunday Worship Readings

Sunday 31 May 2026

Exodus 34 v 1-8

Song of 3YM 29-34

2 Corinthians 13 v11-13

Matthew 28 v 16-20

Sunday 7 June 2026

Genesis 12 v 1-9

Psalms 33 v 1-12

Romans 4v 13-25

Matthew 9 v9-13, 18-26

Service Schedule

St James @ 8.30am

Sunday 31st May 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

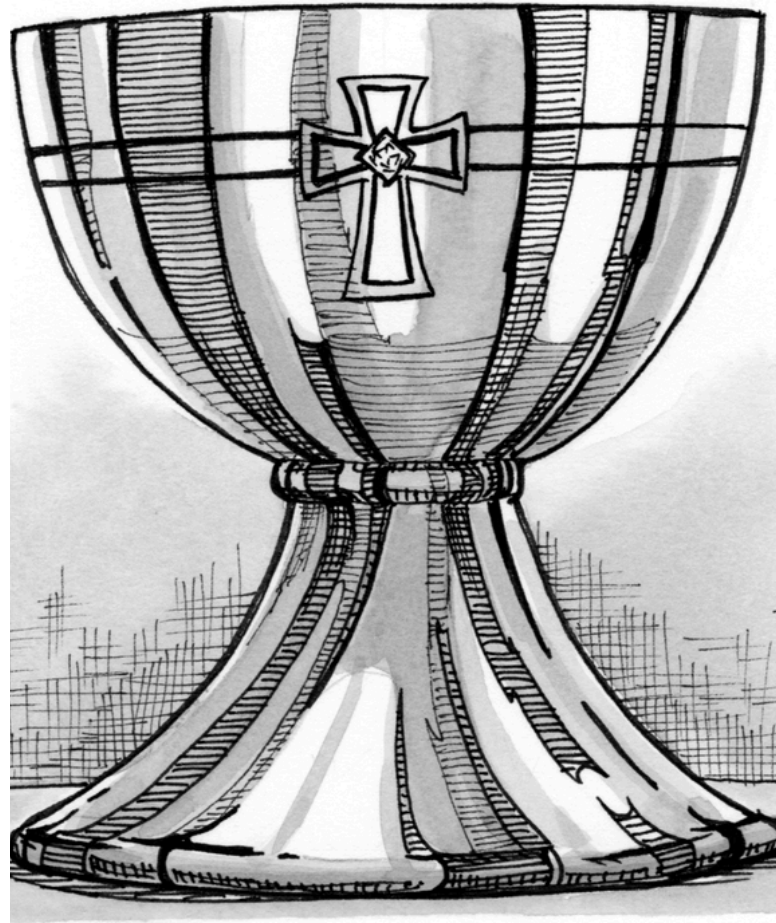
Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu

St Marks @ 10.30am

Sunday 31st May 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

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Parish Calendar for May/June 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 30th**, Pastoral Care Meeting at St James Parish Hall at 11:00 am
- **Thursday June 4th**, Alpha Course at St James Parish Hall at 6:30 pm
- **Saturday June 6th**, Healing Service at St James Parish Hall at 5:00 pm
- **Wednesday June 10th**, Parish Council Meeting at St James Parish Hall at 5:30 pm