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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.

Sanctuary

Letter from Constantine

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

NAIDOC Week 2026: 50 Years of Deadly

From 5-12 July, we celebrate **NAIDOC Week 2026**, a time to honour the rich cultures, histories, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year's theme, "**50 Years of Deadly**," celebrates five decades of recognising the strength, resilience, leadership, and contributions of First Nations peoples. In Aboriginal English, deadly is a term of high praise, meaning something or someone is exceptional, inspiring, and worthy of celebration. It honours the Elders, artists, advocates, leaders, and communities who have faithfully carried forward the journey of justice, truth-telling, and hope.

As Christians, we are invited to celebrate all that is good and life-giving. St Paul asks us to be ambassadors of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:20).

During NAIDOC Week, may we give thanks for the gifts of First Nations peoples, commit ourselves anew to reconciliation, peace and justice, as well as celebrate all that is truly deadly in God's creation and in our lives.

Please endeavour to participate in the local NAIDOC Week events included in the posters if you are able to.

May God bless you and bless you kindly.

Your brother in Christ

Constantine

TWEED NAIDOC

5TH - 10TH JULY 2026

50 YEARS OF DEADLY

SUNDAY

05

JULY

DAY 1 - Opening Ceremony

Minjungbal Aboriginal Culture Centre and Museum

9:30am - Morning Tea

10:30am - Flag Raising

11:00am - Church Service

12:00pm - Lunch

MONDAY

06

JULY

DAY 2 - Cultural Day

Minjungbal Aboriginal Culture Centre and Museum

10:00am - Cultural Activities

5:30pm - Currie Night & Goori Oki

TUESDAY

07

JULY

DAY 3 - Hall of Fame Induction

Minjungbal Aboriginal Culture Centre and Museum

10:00am - Morning Tea

10:30am - Induction Ceremony

11:30am - Elders Luncheon

1:00pm - 4:00pm - Goori Bingo

WEDNESDAY

08

JULY

DAY 4 - NAIDOC Sports and Community Expo Day

Arkinhall Park Tweed Heads South

9:30am - 3:00pm - Stalls, games, races and free sausage sizzle

THURSDAY

09

JULY

DAY 5 - Salt Water Day

Fingal Beach

10:00am - 3:00pm - Surf and water activities, DJ and BBQ

5:00pm - 8:00pm - Jiraki Surf 10 year celebration

FRIDAY

10

JULY

DAY 6 - Tweed NAIDOC March

10:00am - Gather at the Civic Centre Tweed Heads

10:15am - March to Jack Evans Boat Harbour

10:45am - Gather in park

11:00am - Cooroboree begins

5:30pm - Tweed NAIDOC Ball (Tickets to be purchased through

Tweed NAIDOC Facebook Page or Humanita)

**ALL NAIDOC WEEK EVENTS ARE DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EXCLUDING
THE TWEED NAIDOC DINNER DANCE**

Artwork by Gene Slockee



A Prayer and Poem

by Winfred Ernest Garrison

Thy sea, O God, so great,
My boat so small.
It cannot be that any happy fate
Will me befall
Save as Thy goodness opens paths for me
Through the consuming vastness of the sea.

Thy winds, O God, so strong,
So slight my sail.
How could I curb and bit them on the long
And saltry trail,
Unless Thy love were mightier than the wrath
Of all the tempests that beset my path?

Thy world, O God, so fierce,
And I so frail.
Yet, though its arrows threaten oft to pierce
My fragile mail,
Cities of refuge rise where dangers cease,
Sweet silences abound, and all is peace.
Amen.



A Sanctuary in the Heart of the Village

One of the Parish's unheralded assets is the green space and heritage charm of the St James campus in the heart of Kingscliff. Once famous as "the little blue Church" St James now consists of a refurbished and very picturesque white chapel- style Church (with colourful stained glass windows) and a traditional Parish Hall set in a landscape of lawns and gardens and courtyards. It's not quite the Garden of Eden (especially the car park) but it's the closest we've got.

We should recognise the value of the Church grounds as a sanctuary amidst the burgeoning development of Marine Pde and Pearl St. As a physical connection to the past our Church provides a place where the peace of the present creates a bridge to the future. We see this when children play joyfully on our green lawns, revelling in the beauty of our garden sanctuary. Retaining those qualities are important in ensuring that we continue to offer a welcoming place for the people of Kingscliff to come and seek God. "Be still", says the Lord, "and know that I am God".



Synod Review

I had the very great pleasure of attending the 39th Synod of the Anglican Diocese for Grafton with Rev Constantine and Stephen Elworthy. It was held in Coffs Harbour at the Opal Cove resort last weekend.

I found it fascinating to get an insight into this formal and important process of the Church. To Witness how all decisions are laid bare with transparency allowing input, questions and discussions important for the future of the Church and for all who attend.

I saw the Synod take an introspective reflection on matters using prayer and unity of the members present in making changes for the benefit of all members both current and future.

I have come away from Synod feeling confident in the Anglican Dioceses of Grafton and proud to be a member. I know firsthand the leaders and member of Synod are being led by the Holy Spirit to ensuring the continuing work of our commission to spread the gospel as our Lord and

Saviour has commanded us.

I recommend if you get the opportunity to attend Synod do so it is a great privilege to represent our parish.

Debbie Clarke



KICK and Enhanced Morning Tea this Sunday

St James' popular children's service KICK will return on Sunday 5th, closely followed by an Enhanced Morning Tea in the Parish Hall.

Cursillo Fire Day

Cursillo will conduct their annual Fire Day at St James on Saturday 4th July from 9.30am.

Men's Breakfast Sat 5th



The Ecumenical Men's Breakfast is from 8 am on this Saturday July 4th with special guest Rev. Chibuzo Anene the Rector of the Anglican Parish of Kyogle, Rev. to address the roomful of hungry gents.

Parish Council to Meet Wed 8th

Parish Council will meet from 5.30 pm at St James. Matters to be considered include Church Safety, fundraising and the SPI Group's recommendations on the Building Works in the Master Planning Process begun at Discernment Day last year.

Opening of the Chinderah and Surrounds People's Hub

On Thursday July 9th the Anglicare Community Food Pantry in the Parish Hall will launch as the "Chinderah and Surrounds People's Hub" with local civic leaders and invited guests in attendance,



Congratulations to our friends in the Hub!

Faithfulness in Service in M'Bah Sat 11th July

A reminder to all parishioners who need to renew their Faithfulness in Service certification that there is a course running at All Saints in Murwillumbah on Sat 11th July from 9 – 12. Please contact the Parish office to register, call at **02 – 6672 6070** or email **office@allsaintsanglican.org.au**

Contemporary Worship Service Sun 12th

Those who attend the next Contemporary Worship Service at St James on Sunday 12th July (5pm) will be treated not only to great music and worship but inspiration from our friends in the PAIS group, young missionaries sharing their gifts and resources for the building of God's Kingdom.

NAIDOC Week 2026

NAIDOC week is when we pay special attention to reconciliation with our indigenous brothers and sisters and the harmony of our nation with its three strands of influence drawing on aboriginal, European and multicultural influences. Enjoy!

Saturday 4 July 2pm
Grafton Cathedral



NAIDOC
WEEK
50 YEARS
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Alpha Wraps

Alpha wrapped up on Thursday night with a meal shared in the Parish Hall by 10 of those who'd shared the eight week journey exploring the Christian faith. Thanks to Kaz Sainsbury for managing this inspiring event and to Charlotte, Kim, Mike Sainsbury, Peter Pine and the Tweed Christian Men's Muster – among others – who helped cater the event.

Resilience Training

The NSW Reconstruction authority will be conducting training in local resilience skills for future emergencies in Tweed Heads on July 29th. If you're interested in being able to contribute to assisting others when the next flood or cyclone hits please contact the office or watch this space. Details to follow.

Hope Vale Walk

The annual Hope Vale Walk to support indigenous education is taking place on Saturday July 25 which is also St James Day to be celebrated on the Sunday.

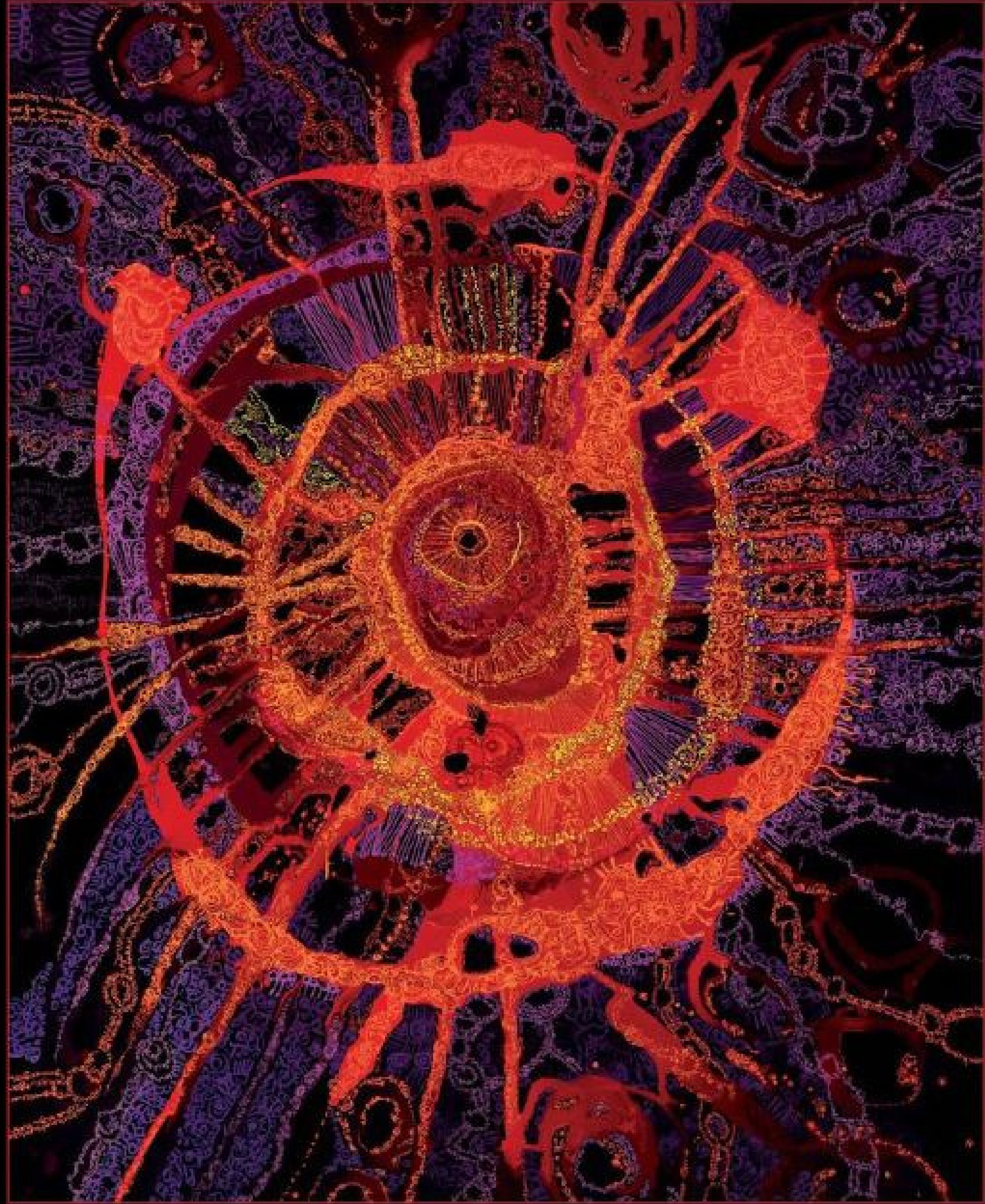
Rotary Lunches and Breakfasts

Parishioners are reminded that they are invited to the breakfasts (for men) and lunches (for ladies) that Rotary are holding the Parish Hall on Fridays. Breakfasts start at 8 am and lunches at 11 am

First Aid Training

The Red Cross is providing free First Aid training in the Parish Hall on Wednesday July 15th. Please contact the office at **office@apok.org.au** if you'd like to participate. Spaces are limited so get in early.





NAIDOC WEEK
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Paralpi by Zaachariaha Fielding

Paralpi extends Zaachariaha's acclaimed *Inma* series and reflects a deeply cultural and immersive narrative grounded in Country. The artwork depicts the sounds of *Paralpi*, a significant place just outside Mimili on the eastern APY Lands in South Australia. As Zaachariaha describes, *Paralpi* is a place where people come to embrace and celebrate children, where they are taught by Elders to move and mimic their Clan emblem – for Mimili, this being the maku (witchetty grub).

#NAIDOC2026 #FIFTYYEARSDEADLY #NAIDOCWEEK
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Aboriginal Flag
designed by Mr
Harold Thomas



Torres Strait Islander Flag reproduced by kind
permission of the Torres Strait Island Regional
Council, designed by the late Mr Bernard Namok

CURSILLO FIRE DAY

Kingscliff
Saturday 4th July
St James Church
122 Marine parade
Kingscliff

9:30am morning tea
for a 10:00am start

All welcome, invite your friends
Lunch \$10.00



HOLY BAPTISM

*Saturday 18 July at 11:00am
followed by morning tea
at St. James Anglican Church, Kingscliff, NSW*



Kenechukwu Patrick Osuchukwu

"I praise you, God, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psalm 139:14)

RSVP: Faith -0477 527 870; Constantine-0435 750 155

Walk for Hope Vale

Join the 17 km walk from St James Kingscliff to St Mark's Pottsville on Saturday, 25th July, starting at 12pm and concluding at 6pm with Prayer, Community BBQ and Curries.



Join us on this walk to raise money for Indigenous Education. Please use the QR code to donate if you can.

SERVICE

LEADERSHIP

HOPE

DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2026

July

Sat 11/7 Faithfulness in Service Workshop, All Saints
Murwillumbah 9am-12pm

Sun 12/7 Contemporary Worship Service at St James, 5pm

Sat 25/7 Hope Walk for Hope Vale from Kingscliff to
Pottsville, starting at midday and finishing at 4pm with
Evening Prayer, Community BBQ and Curries.

August

Sun 2/08 Spiritual Gym, Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar
School, 4.30pm

Sun 9/8 Contemporary Worship Service at St James, 5pm

September

Sun, 6/9 Spiritual Gym, Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar
School, 4.30pm

Sun 13/9 Contemporary Worship Service at St James, 5pm

Sat 19/9 Safe Church Ministry, Lismore

October

Sun 11/10 Contemporary Worship Service at St James, 5pm

Sat 17/10 Tweed Network Prayer Day (St James Kingscliff)

Sun 18/10 Bishop Murray's Parish Pastoral Visit with
confirmations of students from Lindisfarne Anglican
Grammar School.

November

Sun 1/11 Spiritual Gym, Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar
School, 4.30pm

Sun 8/11 Contemporary Worship Service at St James, 5pm

Sat 28/11 Parish Festive Christmas Market

December

Sun 6/12 Community Carols Service, Lindisfarne Anglican
Grammar School, 4.30pm

Sun 13/12 Contemporary Worship Service at St James, 5pm

Prayer of the Week

O God,
you have prepared for
those who love you
such good things as pass
our understanding:
pour into our hearts such
love toward you,
that, loving you above all
things,
we may obtain your
promises
which exceed all that we
can desire;
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.

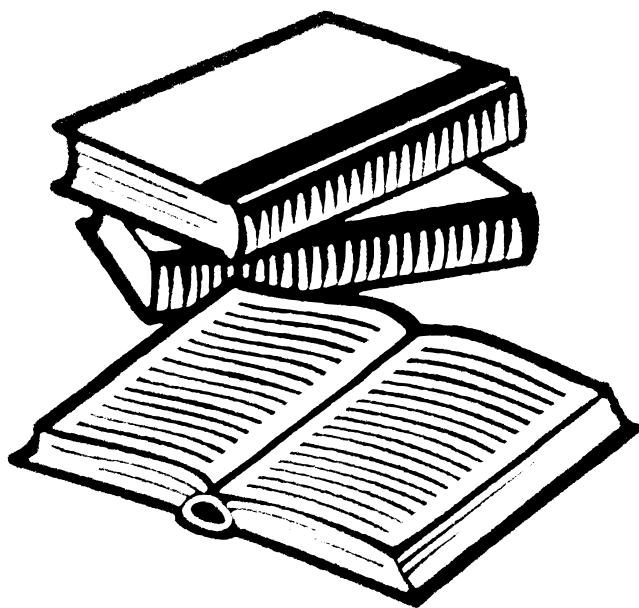
Parish Food Ministry

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 - 64 meals

St Marks - 28 meals

Praise be to God!



Sunday Worship Readings

Sunday 5 July 2026

Genesis 24 v34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45 v10-17
Romans 7 v 14-25
Matthew 11 v15-19, 25-30

Sunday 12 July 2026

Genesis 25 v19-34
Psalm 139 v105-112
Romans 8 v 1-11
Matthew 13 v1-9, 18-23

Service Schedule

St James @ 8.30am

Sunday 5th July 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

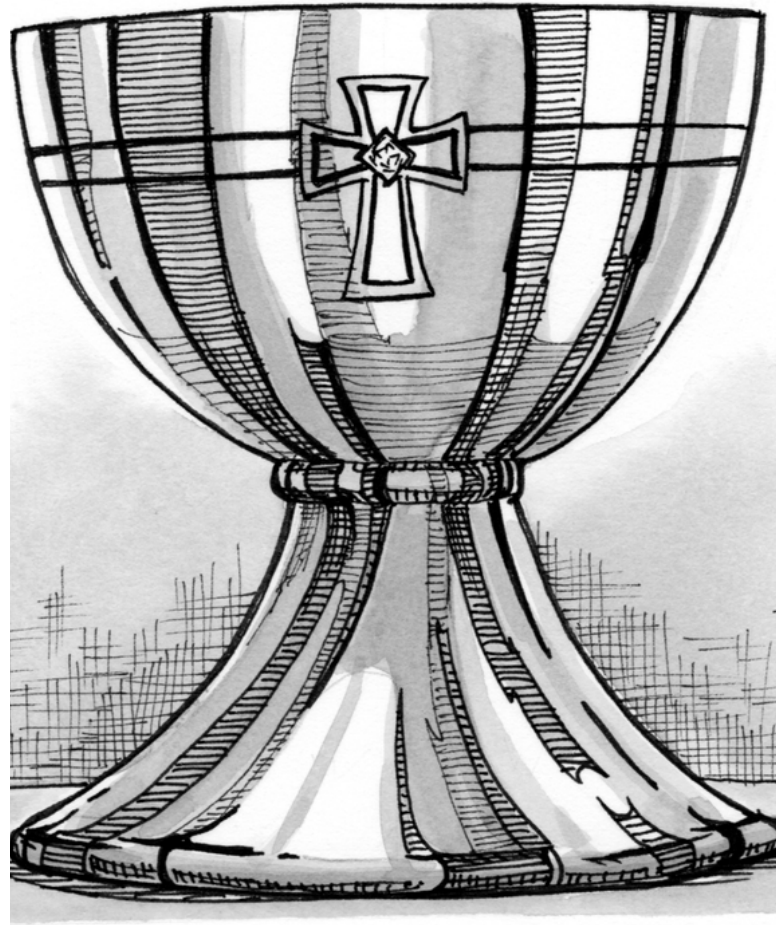
Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu

St Marks @ 10.30am

Sunday 5th July 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu



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Parish Calendar for July 2026

Mondays

- U3A Art Group – St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Evening Prayer – St James Kingscliff, 5:15pm–5:30pm
- Community Meal, 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
- **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:

- **Healing Service, 5 July**, St James Kingscliff, 5pm.
- **Wednesday 8 July**, Parish Council Meeting at St James at 5:30pm
- **Sunday 26 July**, Stewardship Program Commitment Form