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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.

Broad Church

Letter from Constantine

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Who is Jesus to you? The Question That Changes Everything

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus asked His closest friends: "Who do you say that I am?" It's the question that defines our relationship with Jesus and our Christian discipleship. Christianity isn't a philosophy to study or an ethics code to master, rather it's an encounter with the living God that leaves us amazed and transformed.

Peter didn't get it right by intellect; it was revealed to him by God. And that same revelation changes everything for us, as it did for Peter. Paul pleads with us: "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Romans 12:1-12). When we truly see and encounter Christ, our thinking shifts. Anxiety loosens. Grudges fade. Forgiveness becomes easier. We stop performing and start belonging.

But this renewal isn't for our comfort alone. It's our commission and mission. A renewed mind sees neighbours in strangers and mission in the ordinary and mundane. We aren't saved from the world but for it—called to bring heaven's order into earth's chaos.

So, who do you say Jesus is? Your answer will determine not just your eternity, but the transformation of your world today.

Courage to Care Dinner and Workshop - Thursday, 27 August

I'd like to invite you to join me for this **Courage to Care event** (see attached flyer). It's in conjunction with the Jewish Community from Sydney and my Jewish friend, Kollen Sussman, in Bogangar.

In an increasingly fragmented world, this is a vital opportunity for us to meet over a meal and to share our common humanity and experiences, and work towards a more reconciled and inclusive community -one free from othering, discrimination and racism.

This is a free event. Dinner begins at 5.30pm, followed by the workshop at 6.30pm, concluding at approximately 7.30pm.

Prayer Days - 28 & 29 August

Our Prayer Days will be held at **St Mark's on Friday, 28 August, and St James on Saturday, 29 August.**

Jesus asks us to “pray always and never lose heart” (Luke 18:1), while St Paul reminds us to bring everything to God in prayer and to be anxious about nothing (Philippians 4:6-7).

Please remember to sign up if you are able to spend an hour in prayer. These two days provide a wonderful opportunity to spend time with God, deepen our relationship with Jesus, pray for those who are sick among us, and seek His guidance, protection and blessing upon us and our ministries.

Stewardship Program -Following Through

We are very encouraged by your responses to our Stewardship Program, and deeply grateful for your generosity and support.

Please remember to follow through on the commitments you have made to use your ‘time, talent and treasure’ in serving God, growing our congregation and strengthening our ministry and resources. We will keep you updated in due course.

Thank you immensely for your generosity and faithfulness.

Reactions from My Sermon Last Sunday on St Mary's Feast Day

I am aware of some of the reactions to my sermon last Sunday and of the ensuing confusion about praying to the dead, or to Mary and the saints.

Suffice it to say that I did not say that we should pray to Mary or the saints. Rather, I spoke about asking them to pray for us, just as I might ask you to pray for me. Mary is my spiritual mother, and without her prayers, I would not be where I am today—but that is another story.

A copy of my sermon from last Sunday is available for you to read, and I would be very happy to meet with anyone who would like to discuss this further or clarify any confusion.

I would also like to add that my spiritual heritage, both Roman Catholic and Anglican, means a great deal to me. It is an important part of who I am, and something I cannot simply change or set aside.

Thank you for your understanding, your patience and, above all, your friendship.

Blessings

Constantine



Prayer of Abandonment

by Charles de Foucauld

Father,
I abandon myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.
Whatever you may do, I thank you:
I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only your will be done in me,
and in all your creatures –
I wish no more than this, O Lord.
Into your hands I commend my soul:
I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,
for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into your hands without reserve,
and with boundless confidence,
for you are my Father.
Amen



Big Words, Big Ideas

The Anglican Church seems to have a thing for generating big words for big ideas. When some sought to separate (or “disestablish”) the Church from the State in the nineteenth century, opponents advocated a policy of “antidisestablishmentarianism”.

At 28 letters it is the longest word in the English language, if “supercalifragilisticexpialidocious” (with 34) isn’t counted. To this day, the British Head of State (King Charles III) is also the Head of the Anglican Church.

Another big word Anglicans use is “latitudinarianism”, the technical term for the “broad Church” approach which characterises our way of doing Church. Since the Reformation, Anglicans have preferred to walk a ‘middle way’ between the poles of traditional Roman Catholicism on the one hand, and radical Protestantism on the other. Reacting to the strict literalist fundamentalism of certain early Protestant sects, the Anglican Church began to recognise not only Scripture, but Reason and Church Tradition as part of the life of faith :

Latitudinarianism was initially the policy of a group of 17th-century English clerics and theologians, moderate Anglicans who believed that adhering to very specific doctrines, liturgical practices, and church organizational forms, as did the Puritans, was not necessary and could be harmful: "The sense that one had special instructions from God made individuals less amenable to moderation and compromise, or to reason itself."^[1] Thus, the latitudinarians supported an inclusive broad-based Protestantism which became referred to as broad church.

This “broad Church” approach (the “latitudinarianism” which is different from “ecumenism”) is the particular tradition we Anglicans in Kingscliff and Pottsville inherit. It deserves to be valued and upheld, for Christ’s sake. Recognising different views amongst our brothers and sisters is an opportunity to love one another as Our Lord taught us to.

Kingscliff Men's Shed Band

Friday morning once again saw a fantastic roll-up at the bi-weekly Brother Breaky, held at St James Anglican Church. There was a great atmosphere, plenty of good food and lots of friendly faces, making it another successful morning for everyone involved.

Adding to the occasion was the entertainment provided by the yet-to-be-named Kingscliff Men's Shed band, who kept things lively with some gentle tunes playing in the background. The band may not have settled on a name just yet, but they certainly know how to set the mood! The Kingscliff Men's Shed is also doing its bit to help keep the hunger at bay, with members stepping up as BBQ chefs and keeping everyone well fed.

A big well done, guys! Your support, music and cooking are helping make Brother Breaky a great community get-together.

We look forward to seeing everyone again at the next one!



The Ecumenical Men's Breakfast returns

The bi-monthly Men's Breakfast returns to St James Parish Hall Kingscliff on Sat Sept 5th. The guest speaker is Principal Stuart Marquardt from Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School. He will talk about how he brings his life to his faith, and his faith to his life, as well as the exciting and visionary work being done at the school.

Breakfast will be served at 8am and we aim to finish formalities by 9am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Special Musical Communion Service

A special treat for music lovers: the Communion Service on Sunday August 31 will be accompanied by the Contemporary Worship Band and singers from the Sing to Connect Choir who fill the air with glorious song at St James every Friday morning.

Stewardship Letters

If you still have letters to return in response to our Stewardship Drive please return them to the office ASAP.

Books for Sale

Any expressions of interest in the book for sale – “ by Faith) should be directed to the Wardens (Jason at St James, Brian at St Marks). They should be available next week.

Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School Fete

The Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School Fete is taking place tomorrow, Saturday, August 22nd

Pre Loved/Sustainable Pop Up Shop

The Pop Up Shop is on in the Parish Hall on Sat Sept 19th. Save the date in your diary for this popular event, which doubles as a wonderful fundraiser for the Church. Please use the flyer/poster in this edition to spread the word to friends and family).

If you have “cat walk” worthy clothes to donate please contact Kaz at calendar@apok.org.au or see Kerrie Duval at St. James. WE ARE TAKING THEM NOW PLEASE. Further if you have lace tablecloths or fine napery needing a new home let us know also.

Connect and Welcome Cards

The Parish's new Welcome and Connect cards are now in the foyer so please direct any newcomers you meet to them so that we can be in touch with them and send them the Higher Newsletter.

Free Christian Books in the Foyer

A stocktake of the Parish's book resources has yielded a selection of books being given away for free.

Sister Suzie's Sewing Suspended for Time Being

Adrienne reports : due to repairs to her home, Sister Suzie's Sewing Circle will be taking a break for a few months. For urgent sewing issues please contact Adrienne directly.

Courage to Care Next Thursday

St James will host Courage to Care Group on Thursday Aug 27th They will present a talk on Anti Discrimination. Anyone who is wanting to attend please advise Kaz or Constantine and anyone available to help serve and clean up on this evening please contact Kaz at calendar@apok.org.au. Please see the poster in this edition.

Parish Prayer Days

Parish Prayer days will be held on Friday (at Pottsville) and Saturday, August 28th and 29th (in Kingscliff) Saturday. If you would like to participate in prayers for the Parish please see the list in Church foyers to sign up an hour or more between 6am and 6pm.

Prayer Cards

Good news for those looking to pray more. Prayer Cards are now in the pews for you to take and pray for our Church

Spiritual Gym Service

Lindisfarne's Spiritual Gym Service returns on Sunday, September 6th with Bishop Murray in attendance. 4.30pm sees refreshments served followed by worship from 5pm.

All Saints Jumble Sale Fete

The All Saints Jumble Sale Fete is on in Murwillumbah on Saturday, September 12th

Wanting the perfect church wedding?

We have two beautiful boutique churches located in prime locations right beside the Tweed Coast at Kingscliff and Pottsville.



- ✓ Local Pastor available or your Christian celebrant on application
- ✓ Keyboardist
- ✓ Casual Reception Areas
- ✓ Parking Space

St. James Anglican Church, Kingscliff – 120 Marine Parade
St. Marks Anglican Church, Pottsville – 15A Coronation Ave
📧 calendar@apok.org.au for hire details



MEN'S BREAKFAST

*Saturday 5 September - 8am to 9:30am
at St. James Parish Hall, Kingscliff*



*Guest Speaker : Mr Stuart Marquardt
Principal of Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School, Tweed Heads
RSVP: Constantine 0435 750 155*

Courage to Care

On Thursday Aug 27th we will host the '**Courage to Care**' Group – presenting a talk on how we can create communities of love and harmony where discrimination is challenged and respect thrives. See flyer attached. Anyone who is available to help prepare, serve, and share a meal from 5.00pm on this evening please contact Kaz at calendar@apok.org.au.

COURAGE TO CARE



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to care
An initiative of Ormai Orm

Become an Upstander in Your Community

Come and discover the power of standing up against discrimination

Courage to Care is Australia's largest provider of **evidence-based Upstander and anti-discrimination education**. We deliver programs to primary schools, secondary schools and adult groups throughout NSW, Queensland, ACT and Victoria.

For more than **33 years**, Courage to Care has been building the values, language and practical skills that help people recognise and respond to discrimination in all its forms.

- ✓ Reached **500,000+** students across Australia since inception
- ✓ **40,000+** reached last year
- ✓ Delivered **free of charge** to schools
- ✓ Apolitical and non-religious
- ✓ Supported by **180+** trained volunteers, including Holocaust Survivors and their descendants

Join Us

Come and listen to what Courage to Care is all about and learn the value of being an **Upstander** in your community.

Venue	St James Anglican Church 122 Marine Parade, Kingscliff
Date	Thursday, 27 August
Time	5:30 pm – Shared Meal 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm – Courage to Care Presentation

Learn • Reflect • Take Action

Together we can create communities where discrimination is challenged and respect thrives.

Everyone Welcome



Pre-Loved "Sustainable" Pop Up Shop

**Clothing, shoes, bags, lace,
cards and other treasures
Cuppa and Cake available.**



Saturday, 19th September, 2026

8am to 1pm

**St. James Church Hall,
41 Pearl Street, Kingscliff**



St James & St Marks Anglican Parish

KINGSCLIFF & POTTSVILLE

SUPPORT OUR 2026

Festive Christmas Market



SATURDAY
28 NOVEMBER
2026



8:00AM – 12:00PM



ST JAMES
ANGLICAN CHURCH,
KINGSCLIFF

WE'RE SEEKING RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

Our annual Festive Christmas Market is one of our parish's major community fundraising events, bringing together families, local businesses and visitors for a wonderful morning of festive fun.

Following the success of last year's market, which raised **over \$15,000** to support our parish's outreach and community ministries, we are once again asking local businesses to partner with us by donating a prize for our **Major Christmas Raffle**.

WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR DONATIONS SUCH AS:



GIFT
VOUCHERS



HAMPERS



PRODUCTS



EXPERIENCES



SERVICES



CHRISTMAS
GIFTS

Every donation, large or small, helps make our raffle a success.

AS A THANK YOU

Businesses donating prizes will be acknowledged:

- ★ At the Festive Christmas Market
- ★ On our raffle displays
- ★ Through our parish and social media channels where possible

PRIZE DONATIONS

If you are able to support us, we would appreciate receiving your donation by:

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER 2026

To: _____

CONTACT

Raewyn McAuley

Festive Market Coordinator

☎ 0419 423 742

✉ raewyn.mcauley@gmail.com

Additional Contact (Optional)

☎ _____

✉ _____

Thank You

FOR SUPPORTING
OUR COMMUNITY

Your generosity helps us continue supporting our local community through the outreach and ministry of the Anglican Parish of Kingscliff & Pottsville.

*Together we can make Christmas brighter
for our community.*

Prayer of the Week

Creator God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; 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.

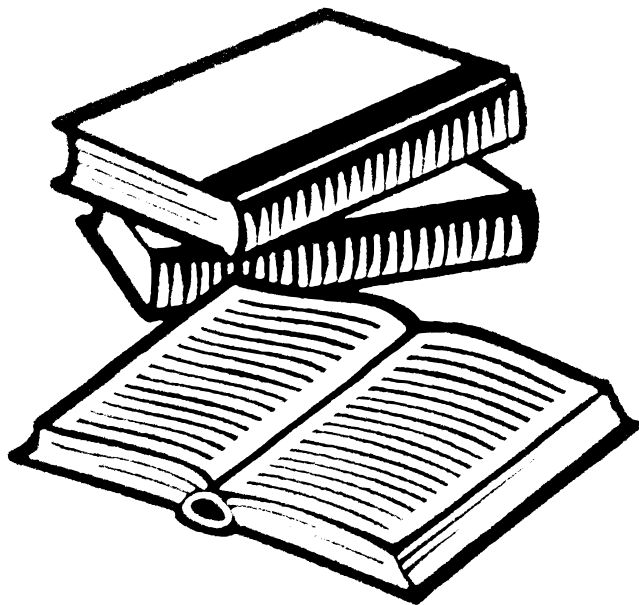
Parish Food Ministry

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 - 45 meals

St Marks - 67 meals

Praise be to God!



Sunday Worship Readings

Sunday 23 August 2026

Exodus 1, v8-20-2v10
Psalm 124
Romans 12 v1-8
Matthew 16 v13-20

Sunday 30 August 2026

Exodus 3, v1-15
Psalm 105.v1-6,23-26
Romans 12 v9-21
Matthew 16 v21-28

Service Schedule

St James @ 8.30am

Sunday 23rd August 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

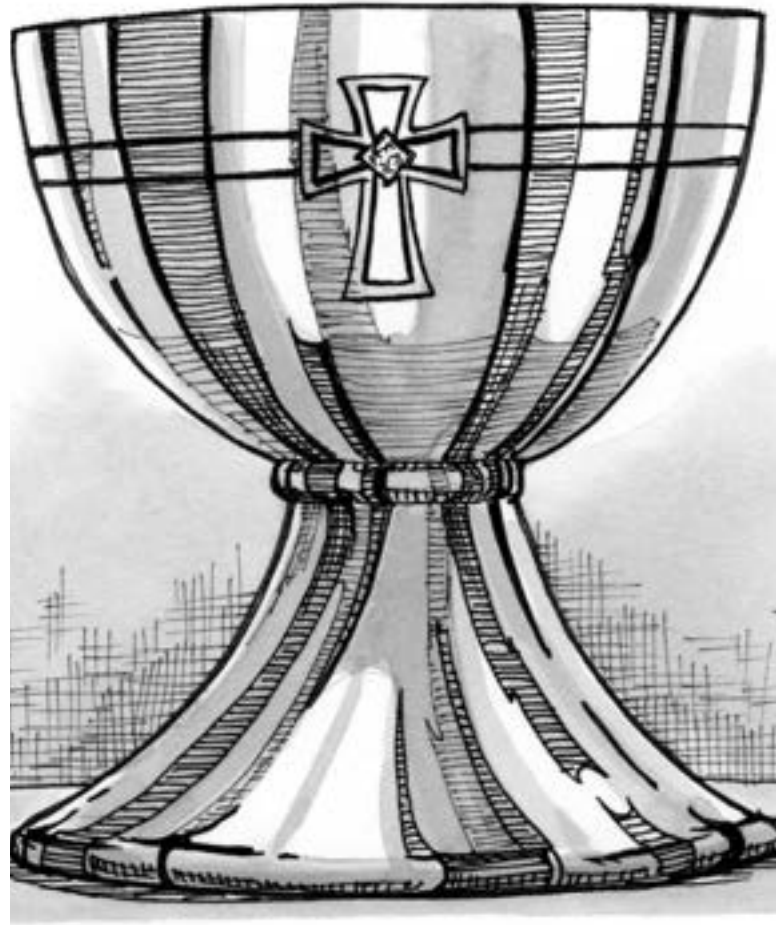
Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu

St Marks @ 10.30am

Sunday 23rd August 2026

Officiant & Preacher:

Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu



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Parish Calendar for August/September 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 Mark's

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
- 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:

- **Tweed Coast Christian Education Association** –(High School Scripture) prayer meeting on Tuesday 18 August at Banora Point Uniting Church from 4:00 to 5:00 pm
- **Courage to Care Workshop**, Thursday 27 August at the Parish Hall at 5:30pm
- **Prayer Days**, at St Mark's Friday, 28 August, St James on Saturday, 29 August.
- **Men's Breakfast**, Saturday 5 September at 8:00 to 9:30 at St James Hall
- **Pop Up Shop**, Saturday 19 September at St James from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm