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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.

Birthdays

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.

Letter from Constantine

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“Gratitude is the memory of the heart.” — French Proverb

Thank You for an Extraordinary Parish Christmas Market Day

Our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful Parish Christmas Market Day held last Saturday, 22 November 2025. A massive thank you to Raewyn and her team, and to everyone who contributed, volunteered, or prayed for the success of the day.

We are also deeply grateful to members of the wider community for their generous support. The event was not only a joyful celebration of community and friendship—it also helped raise much-needed funds for our Soup Kitchen and Food Ministry, supporting those in our region who experience poverty, loneliness, and isolation. Thank you for who you are, and for all you do for our parish. Well done, everyone!

Parish 60th Anniversary Celebrations Next Week

A gentle reminder to RSVP (office@apok.org.au) for our parish's 60th anniversary celebrations—especially:

- **Parish BBQ** on Wednesday, 3 December at 6pm at St Mark's, and
- **Anniversary Meal** following the 10am Holy Eucharist with the Bishop on Friday, 5 December.

Your RSVP will greatly assist with catering. Thank you.

Hope Walk #2 — Walking for Indigenous Education

Wednesday, 3 December 2025

It's not too late to register for Hope Walk #2 — Walking for Hope Vale, journeying from St James Kingscliff to St Mark's Pottsville on Wednesday 3 December, starting at 2.30pm. This is more than a walk—it is an expression of Ubuntu, solidarity, compassion, and hope.

Our first Hope Walk in June raised \$11,600 to sponsor a child from the remote Aboriginal community of Hope Vale in Far North Queensland, enabling them to attend boarding school at Toowoomba Anglican School—an opportunity that opens the door to education, growth, and a brighter future.

If you would like to participate, please register [HERE](#). (Only registered participants may walk.)

To reach our goal, we need at least another \$11,000. Every step, every dollar, and every voice makes a difference. To donate, please click [Here](#). Thank you for your generosity.

Living Advent 2025

This Sunday, 30 November, we enter the sacred season of Advent—a time of hopeful preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Some ways to live Advent meaningfully:

- Join one of our parish **Bible Study groups** and nourish your soul with God's Word.
- Support our '**Cans for Christmas**' appeal to assist those in need.
- Attend our **Advent Study Group**, held each Wednesday after the 10am Eucharist at St James.
- Register for our **Advent Quiet Day** at the Carmelite Monastery in Ormiston, QLD on Saturday, 13 December (departing St James at 9am, returning around 4pm).

Please send expressions of interest to rector@apok.org.au or call 0435 750 155.

Welcome to the Family

It was a great joy to baptize Liam last Sunday, 23 November, during the 8.30am Holy Eucharist at St James, and to welcome him into the life of the Christian Church. We pray that the Lord will bless and guide him as he grows into the “full measure of Christ's stature” (Ephesians 4:13).

Prayers Requested

Please keep in your prayers:

- all persecuted Christians in Nigeria and around the world, and
- all those affected by the fires at the Wang Fuk Court Housing Complex in Hong Kong.

In Christ,
Constantine

Breathe New Life Into Prayer

by John Pritchard

Lord of the Church, thank you for this church - the place, the people, the history and what it's meant to generations of people living near. Thank you for the people who have flowed in and out through the doors, faithful and searching, joyful or sad, hopeful or anxious. Thank you for the part this church has played in the lives of so many and the way the love of God has been made known in worship and service of others.

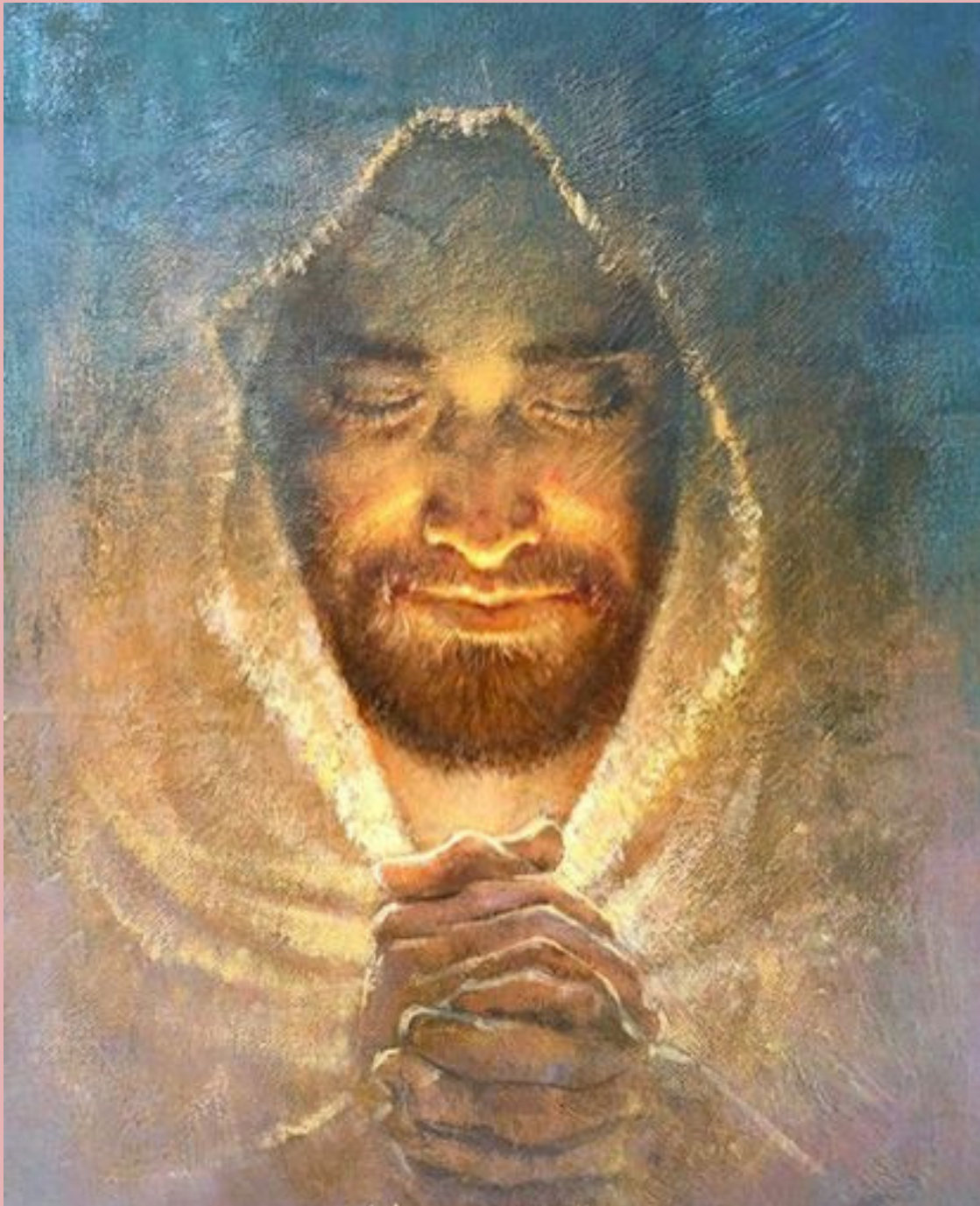
Lord of the Church, we pray for the churches near us, all with their own treasured story. We pray for their well-being and for creative relationships across the network of local churches, each centred on Christ and longing to make him known.

Lord of the Church, we give thanks that across the country churches stand as reminders of your presence in our midst. Churches give soul to every community, and without them there's a vacuum in the centre of community life. Enable us to keep our churches open and available, flexible and forward - looking: sacraments of your love as outward and visible signs of your inward, invisible grace.

Lord of the Church, across the world, there are enormous numbers of churches speaking of the Christian heritage that gave birth to the institutions of government, legal systems, hospitals, schools, the arts, philanthropy and so much more. Help our society not to renege on its past but to value its heritage as a springboard to an ever more just, peaceful and compassionate future.

Lord of the Church, thank you for the huge growth in the worldwide church. Thank you for the variety of expression in worship and church life, in mission, ministry and social engagement.

Lord of the Church, from Kingscliff to Nigeria, we all belong to you; we have all heard your call, left our nets and followed you. We are not yet what we should be, but we are not stuck. Shape us into the Church you want us to become, to the glory of the Father, in the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ. Amen.



Christmas Market Numbers

After many months of planning, the Festive Christmas Market Day came off beautifully - a great day enjoyed by all. The St James campus was abuzz with activity long before the dawn, and from around sunrise the smell of bacon began wafting through the grounds. Not long after, the community joined us in great numbers to browse our curated market stalls selling works of art, pre-loved clothes, plants, used tools, etc, and to try their luck with the surprise contents of a lucky dip jar, or simply to munch on a sausage sanger.

Whilst our hard-working volunteers were as quiet as Church mice whilst setting up, the place got noisier as the morning progressed. Peter Pine could be seen and heard giving away free copies of the Surfers Bible (in the hope that some might spend time getting to know the Word of God), whilst Wendy Hawkins' "Sing to Connect" Choir wowed an appreciative crowd with their renditions of classic numbers like "The Do Ron Ron", "Let it Be", "Harbour", "Gloria" and "Amazing Grace".



Ralph Dephoff's group, the Coolangatta Ukelele Players played a host of popular numbers spanning multiple eras : "Pearl Shells" (Burl Ives), "Lord Wont You Buy Me a Mercedes Benz" (Janis Joplin), "Dream, Dream, Dream" and "Waltzing Matilda", whilst Ron and Dee (performing as "the Bundettes" or the "Relphettes", depending on who you listen to) gave delightful renditions of much-loved numbers "Summertime", "What a Wonderful World" and "I Can See Clearly Now".

The morning culminated in the Raffle draw, with the fantastic prizes given away by event manager and "Mistress of Ceremonies", Raewyn. '[Question: what do Gail and Glenn Kellow (who seem to have won most, if not all, the prizes) have, that the rest of us don't? Divine favouritism? The luck of the Irish?]' By 2 pm the marquees were gone, the site tidy with everything put away back where it belonged. A very slick operation indeed. Congratulations everyone on an event which not only raised \$15 000 for the Parish's expanding Food Ministries, but connected us to the wider community in a very positive way.









Liam's Baptism

The congregation at St James welcomed a new member to Church last Sunday as Rev. Constantine baptised 13 year old Liam David Smith. It was, he said, another birthday for Liam, as he was being born again into a life with Christ. A Year 7 Lindisfarne student at Lindisfarne, Liam and his parents, Darwin and Elisha, are new parishioners in Kingscliff with a connection with Rev. Constantine through the school. Happily for the family, Liam's grandparents, Tony and Julie were able to attend the ceremony. We welcome all into the family of God's Church.

Monday Soup Kitchen

The Parish's first offering of a hot meal to the community through the Soup Kitchen Ministry takes place next Monday night at 6 pm. The rostered cooking teams for December are:

Dec 1	Kim Johnstone and Jason
Dec 8	Charlotte and Richard Curtin
Dec 15	Faith and Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu
Dec 22	Tara Elworthy and Christmas Dinner Team
Dec 29	TBA

We plan to put on a real Christmas feast on the last Monday before Christmas and will aim to keep Soup Kitchen running between Christmas and New Year. Watch this space.

60th Birthday Celebration Times

Two birthday celebration events are on next week. They are:

Evening Prayer-5.30pm Wednesday Dec 3rd at St. Marks
(followed by 6pm BBQ)

Holy Communion with the Bishop -10 am Friday Dec 5th at
St. James followed by Anniversary meal in the parish hall.

Parish History Display Items

The team working on the Parish History are still looking for photos of the past to be put on display at St James on Dec 5th. Don't worry your precious photos will not be pierced with pins, but copied and expanded on our whiz-bang photocopier for ease of perusal. We hope to receive more photos of Parish events, past Rectors, prominent parishioners, etc, by Tuesday of next week. Please hand them to Constantine, Jason, Kaz, or Liz at St James, or Julie Pine at St Mark's.

Christmas Play/Carols Night: A Birthday Celebration

The Christmas Play tells the same story every year: the birth of Jesus, an event we celebrate with joy every year in the Season of Advent. The cast and crew are being assembled now for two performances only: on the St James forecourt on Sun Dec 21 and on Christmas Eve, prior to the Family Christmas Service at 6 pm. Bring your kids and grandkids!

Hope Walk For Hope Vale



We have planned a second walk as part of the Hope Walk Initiative.



3-12-25



St James Church, Kingscliff



2:00pm



St Marks Church, Pottsville



Join this courageous journey to find yourselves on the hope walk. If you're interested, please use the attached QR code to donate.

Christmas Services

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday 24 December

- 5.30pm Christmas Play with Carols at St James Kingscliff followed by
- 6.00pm Family and Children's service including the decoration of the Christmas Tree
- 11.00pm Christmas Vigil Service with Carols at St James Kingscliff

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday 25 December

- 8.30am Holy Communion Service at St James Kingscliff
- 9.30am Holy Communion Service at St Marks Pottsville

Monday Soup Kitchen

*6:00 pm Monday every week
from December 1*



Free Community Meal Served with LOVE
St James Church Hall, Kingscliff
All Welcome!

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
give us grace that we may cast
away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of
light, now in the time of this
mortal life in which your Son
Jesus Christ came among us in
great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in
his glorious majesty to judge
the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life
immortal; through him 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.

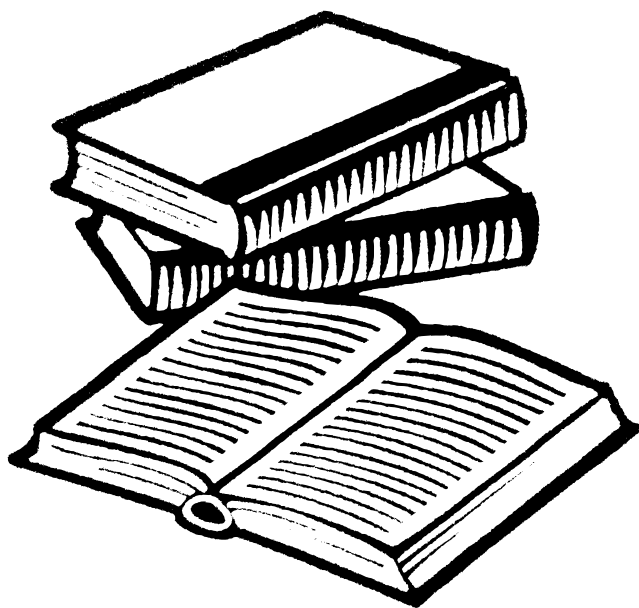
Parish Food Ministry

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 - 60 meals

St Marks - 34 meals

Praise be to God!



Sunday Worship Readings

Sunday 30 November 2025

Isaiah 2 v 1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13 v 9-14

Matthew 24 v 36-44

Sunday 7 December 2025

Isaiah 11 v 1-10

Psalms 72 v 1-7, 18-21

Romans 15 v 4-13

Matthew 3 v 1-12

Service Schedule

St James

Sunday 30 November 2025

8.30am

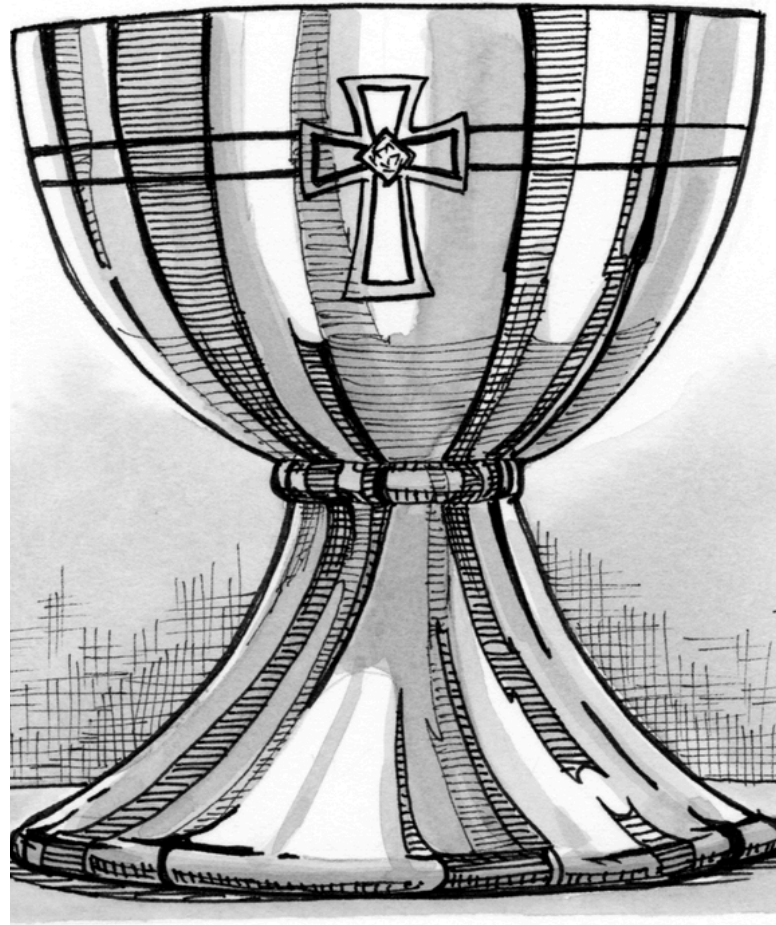
Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu

St Marks

Sunday 30 November 2025

10.30am

Rev. Constantine Osuchukwu



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Parish Calendar for Nov/Dec 2025

● Mondays

- U3A Art Group – St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Bible Study – St James Parish Hall, 2:00pm–4:00pm
- *Evening Prayer – St James Kingscliff, 5:15pm–5:30pm*

● Tuesdays

- Justice of the Peace – St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Meal Handout – St Mark's Pottsville 11:00am–1:00pm
 - *Holy Communion/Eucharist – St Mark's Pottsville, 12.30pm -1,00pm*
- Bible Study – St Mark's Pottsville Hall, 4:00pm
- AA Meeting – St James Kingscliff, 7:30pm
- Pottsville Community Association – Last Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm

● Wednesdays

- ***NO Holy Communion/Eucharist – St James Kingscliff, 10:00am***
- ***NO 'Lectio Divina' (Holy Reading of the Bible) – St James Kingscliff, 11:30am***
- Bible Study (fortnightly) -St Mark's Pottsville, 10.00am
- Meditation (in person) – St James Kingscliff, 4:00pm & Via Zoom

Zoom link

Meeting ID: 891 8478 4092 | Passcode: 516345

- ***Parish Anniversary Evening Prayer – St Mark's Pottsville at 5.30pm followed by Community BBQ in the Garden***

● Thursdays

- Ladies Craft Group – St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am–12:00pm
- Meal Handout – St James Kingscliff, 11:00am–1:00pm
- AA Meeting – St Mark's Pottsville, 6:00pm
- Men's Bible Study – 6:30pm, Mike Sainsbury's Home, 5 Vulcan street, Kingscliff
Contact: Jason 0406 450 056
- *Evening Prayer – St James Kingscliff, 5:15pm–5:30pm*

● Friday

- ***Parish Anniversary Holy Communion with Bishop Murray – St James Kingscliff, 10:00am followed by Anniversary meal in the Parish Hall/Grounds***
- Sing to Connect Choir – St James Kingscliff, 9:30–10:45am
- Making Marks Art Group – St James Kingscliff, 1:00pm–4:00pm

● Saturdays

- Community Garden Club – St Mark's Pottsville, 9:00am–11:00am
 - Seven-Day Adventist Church at St Mark's, 9.00am -1.00pm
 - *BCP Healing Service at St James Kingscliff, 1st Saturday of the month at 5pm*

● Sundays

- *Holy Communion/Eucharist*
 - St James Kingscliff, 8:30am
 - St Mark's Pottsville, 10:30am
 - *Contemporary Service, 2nd Sundays of the Month at St James at 5pm.*

📌 Upcoming Events

Parish 60th Anniversary Celebrations -3rd and 5th December 2025.

Parish Council Meeting -Wednesday, 10 December at 5:30 pm at St. Marks.