

St Anthony's Parish

September - Celebrating The Season of Creation

1st September 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

VIGIL: KINGSCLIFF 5:00pm

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7:30am

KINGSCLIFF 9:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

TUESDAY: POTTSVILLE 9:15am

WEDNESDAY: KINGSCLIFF 8:00am

THURSDAY: KINGSCLIFF 9:00am

FRIDAY: KINGSCLIFF 8:00am

RECONCILIATION TIMES

SATURDAY: KINGSCLIFF 4-4:30pm

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7-7:25am

To Hope and Act with Creation

From September 1 to October 4, we join with Christians across the globe in celebrating the Season of Creation. The 2024 theme, "To hope and act with creation" invites us to maintain the struggle. Today's gospel recounts a legal dispute about ritual purity. Jesus demonstrates the futility of focussing attention on the things that do not matter while neglecting the weightier issues of life.

At issue for the scribes and Pharisees in the story is the failure of Jesus' disciples to respect their oral tradition, in this instance to perform ritual washings before eating. From their perspective, the disciples are not "walking" according to the tradition of the elders. For the Markan Jesus, "the command of God" is paramount, not some distorted interpretation of it. He offers a hard-hitting counter-critique of their attitude to law. He calls them "hypocrites" and informs them that the condemnation of the prophet Isaiah was intended for them. They have so distorted God's law, substituting their own observances for the "commandment of God" that their prayer amounts to nothing more than lip-service, their hearts are far from God, and their worship is worthless!

For Jesus, there are criteria other than such observances for determining who is clean or unclean. He has already declared a leper clean (Mk 1:41-45). For Jesus, the "heart" is the locus of purity and impurity. For him as for all his people, the heart was the seat of the intellect and of morality as well as the seat of the emotions. In the kingdom of God, therefore, one's thoughts, desires, and intentions render one clean or unclean, not one's attention to hygiene. The latter is important of course, but it is peripheral in the context being addressed in the gospel. It is worth applying the criteria provided at the end of the passage to discover whether or not our "hearts" are near or distant from our God. The real-life Pharisees of the first century were the respected teachers of God's law. It is imperative that stories such as we find in today's gospel are not used to denigrate the Jews or to pit Christianity over against Judaism. We have to keep reminding ourselves that time and again we are dealing with in-house debates between Jewish groups. This gospel passage invites us to look at how we deal with unfair critics who can hurt us only if we allow them to do so.

Finally, this episode, with its attention to ritual washing, raises the issue of the right use of water, that precious earth element without which there would be no life at all on our planet. We might, for instance, as part of our engagement with the Season of Creation, be more attentive to those who have no access to clean drinking water by raising our voices against projects that contaminate water supply to vulnerable communities.

-Veronica Lawson RSM

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Tuesday 3rd September—St. Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION- TODAY 1ST SEPT SEASON OF CREATION BEGINS

EVERY YEAR, CATHOLICS JOIN THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT THAT IS THE SEASON OF CREATION, MARVELLING AT ALL GOD'S MIGHTY WORK AND CONSIDERING OUR STEWARDSHIP OF IT.

POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL (2015) LAUDATO SI' CALLS CATHOLICS TO A GREATER AWARENESS OF THIS ROLE.

The season continues through September, concluding on the feast of St Francis of Assisi on Friday 4th October.

In the Holy Father's message for the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2024**, he reflects on this year's theme "**Hope and Act with Creation**," drawing from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans. He emphasises the role of the Holy Spirit in empowering believers to live lives marked by faith, hope, and charity. The message underscores the importance of Christian hope, rooted in the triumph of God's love and the anticipation of the ultimate redemption of both humanity and creation.

He highlights the interconnectedness of all creation, which groans in anticipation of liberation alongside humanity. The Pope urges a conversion that moves away from domination over nature and others, instead embracing humility and responsibility for the environment.



The protection of creation is presented as a theological issue, where the mystery of God and humanity intersect, calling for an incarnational faith that acts in solidarity with creation.

"The entire universe and every creature therein groans and yearns "impatiently" for its present condition to be overcome and its original state to be restored... the salvation of humanity in Christ is a sure hope also for creation, for, "the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21)."

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED Michael Ord (John and Frances Ord's son), Yvonne Pritchard, Neville Smith, Carmel O'Reilly
ANNIVERSARIES Patricia Armstrong, Selvam Selvakumaraswamy, Paddy Byrne, Paul Byrne, Kitty O'Doherty, Kenneth Compton, Hannah Byrne, Joe Byrne, Carlito Quinones **ALSO** Archie Burns, John Perkins, Philippa Brown, Frank & Judy Mills, Jim Hession, Clarrie Anderson, Mollie Anderson, Domenica Giacomini, Mary Stewart, Caroline Cranwell, Bernard and Marcia Clarke, Marlene Condon, Jack Byrne, Jack Kelly, Jim Kelly, John Kelly, Mary Kelly, Jim Kelly, Pat Kelly, Michael Kelly, Margaret Kelly, Les Andrews, Maria Andrews, Ray O'Keeffe, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Maree Everingham, Fr. Tom McEvoy, All forgotten Souls in Purgatory, All deceased members of the Legion of Mary throughout the world.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK Kathleen Conaghan, Denise Robinson, Peter Gelhaar, Bill Ward, Matilda Howard, Lesa Kingsbury, Bernard Simpson, Anthony Kirk, Mary Manahan, Ed Gaudron, Kerrie Biddulph, Don Ping Kee, Marie Therese Collins, Martin Fitzhenry, Jayden Paulson, Gerard Paulson, Deborah Craig, Patricia O'Farrell. Special prayers for Ella (6 yrs).

Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist the parish office by advising if you wish names to remain.

Wishing fathers,
grandfathers
and all who play a
fatherly role
in our parish,
a very **Happy**
Father's Day!



FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION TODAY FOR OUR SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF LISMORE

Envelopes are available in the pews for the annual Father's Day collection to raise funds for the care and support of our sick and retired priests.

Thank you for your support.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK—1ST-7TH SEPT Theme: **Every conversation matters**

National Child Protection Week aims to create awareness and prevent child abuse and neglect by bringing it out of the shadows and putting child wellbeing on the national agenda. The Diocese of Lismore has a zero tolerance approach to abuse, and encourages everyone to be aware and alert.



"If you see something—say something."



NAPCAN PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

Safeguarding in our parish is a community responsibility. If you believe someone is being harmed please speak to your priest or the Safeguarding Office (02) 6621 9444. There are procedures in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop Gregory Homeming will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parish on **Wednesday 4th September, 6.00pm.**

Let us pray for the candidates in our parish

CONFIRMATION GIFTS

The Piety Stall large range of rosary beads, plaques, confirmation cards and religious gifts, perfect for the sacrament of Confirmation. **Browsers welcome**



MEETINGS/GROUPS



RCIA

6.30pm Tuesday 3rd September
in the parish meeting room.

It is not too late to take part in the RCIA if this is something you have been considering.

ST. ANTHONY'S FAMILY GROUP MORNING TEA

When: Saturday 7th September at 10.00 am
Where: Kingscliff Bowls Club
Contact: Shirley 0435 264 524

SEEKERS FAMILY GROUP MORNING TEA

When: Sunday 8th September at 10.15 am
Where: Ripples Café, 1 Tweed Coast Rd, Hastings Pt
Contact: Jenny 0407 904 402

CHERRY FAMILY GROUP LUNCH

When: Thursday 19th September at 11.30 am
Where: Cabarita Beach Bowls Club
Contact: Carmel 6674 2554 carmelbushell46@gmail.com

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, 11th September
3.30pm Meeting Rm LITURGY COMMITTEE
5.00pm Meeting Rm PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MTG
5.00pm Chapel HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

THE LEGION OF MARY

Celebrating OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY (8th September)

WHO All parishioners, legionaries and friends
WHEN **Saturday 7th September** following 10am Healing Mass
WHAT **MORNING TEA** - please bring a plate to share
WHERE **St. Joseph's Church**, Tweed Heads

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

Monday, 2nd September at 11.00am, Requiem Mass for **Michael Ord** at St. Anthonys.

Tuesday, 3rd September at 11.00am, Prayers for **Yvonne Pritchard** at St. Anthonys.

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

Friday, 6th September at 9.00am after 8.00am Mass

WEDDING Friday, 6th September at 2.00pm

Congratulations Stephanie Weber & Nicholas Mason



BAPTISM WELCOMER 1 st —15 th September	No Baptisms
BAPTISM WELCOMER 22 nd September	Cheryl French
RECORDING Tuesday 3 rd Sep	John Mulhall, Shirley Burns, Clare Perkins
RECORDING Tuesday 10 th Sep	Kath Togo, Marion Gardner

MASS ROSTER

31st August/1st September

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 5.00PM	
ORGANIST	Antonia Pratt
FIRST READER	Robyn Denny
SECOND READER	Peter Campbell
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Anthony Luxton
OFFERTORY	Jacinta Martin, Marie Moore
HOLY COMMUNION	Kath Togo, John Mulhall, Carmel Atkinson
HOSPITALITY	Carmel Bushell
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READER	Peter Smith
SECOND READER	Carlo Trimboli
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Peter McConnell
OFFERTORY	Bottle Family
HOLY COMMUNION	Karen Stoyles
HOSPITALITY	Rob Van Til
DATA SYSTEM	Robyn Edwards
FLOWERS	Sharyn McConnell
SACRISTY	Julie Ross
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Irene Brinsmead
FIRST READER	Gavin Dykes
SECOND READER	Julianne Barlogio
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Adam Gallagher
OFFERTORY	Shyne Mupunga and Family
HOLY COMMUNION	Joan Prichard, Lynne Bermingham, tba
HOSPITALITY	Bernie Doyle, Peggy Johnson, Julianne Barlogio
DATA SYSTEM	Maya Rogers
SACRISTY	Craig Moore

MASS ROSTER

7th/8th September

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 5.00PM	
ORGANIST	Antonia Pratt
FIRST READER	Kim Dixon
SECOND READER	Anthony Luxton
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Patrick Carroll
OFFERTORY	Shirley Burns, Angela Mulhall
HOLY COMMUNION	Teonie Flynn, Marion Gardner, Helen Gooley
HOSPITALITY	Rosie & Patrick Carroll
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READER	St Ambrose School
SECOND READER	St Ambrose School
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	St Ambrose School
OFFERTORY	St Ambrose School
HOLY COMMUNION	St Ambrose School
HOSPITALITY	St Ambrose School
DATA SYSTEM	St Ambrose School
FLOWERS	Deborah Wilmoth
SACRISTY	Michael Carney
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Janet Blandford
FIRST READER	Clare Perkins
SECOND READER	Angela Finkel
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Gavin Dykes
OFFERTORY	Faye McCoach, Julia Burns
HOLY COMMUNION	Michael & Lorraine Craven, Madeleine Holliday
HOSPITALITY	Cheryl French, Marie Connell, Joan Prichard
DATA SYSTEM	Catherine Holliday
SACRISTY	Craig Moore

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING — Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. *Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. R.*
2. *He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. R.*
3. *He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. R.*

SECOND READING — James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL — Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

by Liturgia

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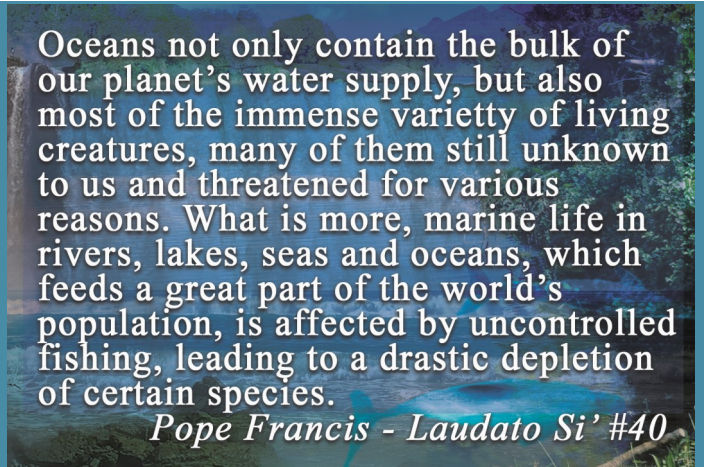


Pope Saint Gregory the Great

In the history of the Church, there are less than five popes esteemed with the title "the Great." One of the lesser known members of this impressive group is Pope St. Gregory the Great. Gregory is known for his prolific writing, his radical humility, his emphasis on missions, and his dedication to almsgiving. Enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn.



The Catholic Family in a Post-Christian World | The Mission of the Family | Ep 1
God has a plan for marriage and the family. By understanding God's goal for family life and its relationship to the world, families will be better prepared for the challenges of living this vision in modern society.



Oceans not only contain the bulk of our planet's water supply, but also most of the immense variety of living creatures, many of them still unknown to us and threatened for various reasons. What is more, marine life in rivers, lakes, seas and oceans, which feeds a great part of the world's population, is affected by uncontrolled fishing, leading to a drastic depletion of certain species.

Pope Francis - Laudato Si' #40

Environmental Impacts of Bottled Water

In production: Most bottled water is packaged in PET (polyethylene terephthalate) plastic bottles which are derived from crude oil.

It can take up to 3L of water to produce 1L of water.

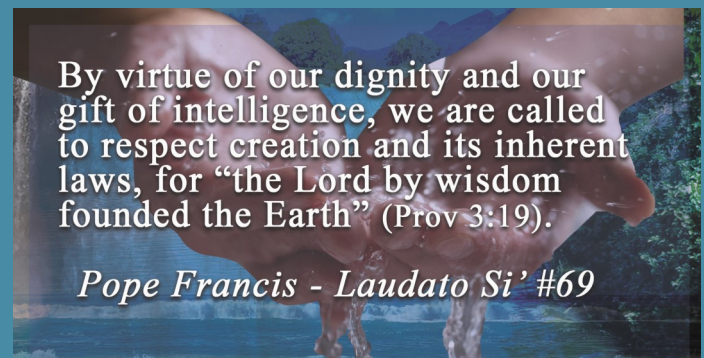
In transportation: Transportation of bottled water around the world requires burning of fossil fuels

In landfill and the litter stream: Although plastic bottles are recyclable, many end up in landfill and take up to 1000 years to break down.

When littered they often end up in the sea where they break up in small pieces, killing marine life that mistake them for food.

And after all bottled water is expensive. Over 90% of the cost of a water bottle can be traced back to the bottle, lid and label.

You can save all that money by drinking tap water.



By virtue of our dignity and our gift of intelligence, we are called to respect creation and its inherent laws, for "the Lord by wisdom founded the Earth" (Prov 3:19).

Pope Francis - Laudato Si' #69

CATHOLIC EARTH CARE SEASON OF CREATION CONVOCATION:

Join us from Thursday 12th September - Saturday 14th September to celebrate the Season of Creation in 2024. The theme of our Convocation this year is "Wonder, Weave, Heal".

Keynotes, workshops and spiritual exercises will be held ONLINE on Thursday and Friday.

Season of Creation Convocation <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1231165>



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