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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

VIGIL: KINGSCLIFF 6:00pm

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7:30am

KINGSCLIFF 9:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

TUESDAY: POTTSVILLE NO MASS

WEDNESDAY: KINGSCLIFF 8:00am

THURSDAY: KINGSCLIFF NO MASS

FRIDAY: KINGSCLIFF 8:00am

RECONCILIATION TIMES

SATURDAY: KINGSCLIFF 5-5:30pm

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7-7:25am

15th December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent, Year C.

Joy Through Repentance

The two themes of Sunday's readings are repentance and joy. We do not usually associate these two themes with each other, but they go hand in glove in the kingdom of God.

The prophets of the Old Testament often spoke of what it would mean for God to live with his people. As we read in today's first reading, it would mean the total flowering of love between God and humanity, the permanent establishment of justice and the overthrowing of everything that afflicts and enslaves people. In the words of the prophet Zephaniah, it will be a day for God's people to "shout for joy" and "exult with all your heart". However, this joyful uniting of God with his people requires our cooperation. A significant theme in the Old Testament is that God will only be actively present in the midst of a just and holy community. This is because to remain close to God is to become like him and for everything else to fall away.

As a result, we have to prepare ourselves to be able to operate in God's presence. For John the Baptist in today's Gospel, the kind of spiritual labour involved in this preparation begins with repentance.

Repentance for John starts with giving up those habits of ours where we get an advantage at the expense of others or where we live in a way contrary to God's love and law. It may mean, as it did for the people in today's Gospel, that we need to change how we use our money, our relationships with others or how we go about our jobs and careers.

However, repentance is not a process that should cause us anxiety. When we are moved to repentance, we know that we do so with God's accompaniment and patience. As Paul says, through prayer, we can invite God into every area of our lives, even those places where we are afraid to let God have control.

When we turn towards God in repentance, we do not find condemnation or judgement but the peace and joy that come from living in lockstep with Christ. This is why the coming of Christ, celebrated at Christmas, is celebrated with such rejoicing. God has come to live among his people and, where there was separation due to sin, God can make the repentant heart both whole and holy.

And our joy is assured because, when we do turn back to God, we are responding to the great love and joy that God has called us with. Zephaniah depicts the moment of God coming to live among his people as God "dancing with shouts of joy". As it says elsewhere in the Gospel of Luke, there is great "joy in heaven over one sinner who repents." Repentance, then, is nothing to fear but is instead the path to true joy. All it takes is listening to God's daily invitation to turn back towards his way of living and start on the journey of a life lived with Christ.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year C

Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 79; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Gaudete Sunday Rejoice!

The Lord is near.

Today is **GAUDETE SUNDAY** (third Sunday of Advent). The word "Gaudete" means "Rejoice" in Latin, and it comes from the opening words of the traditional entrance antiphon for this day: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("*Rejoice in the Lord always*").

The focus of Gaudete Sunday is on joy and hope. The Advent season has been a time of anticipation and penance. Today, the mood shifts a little, reminding us that Christ's coming is near. To mark this shift, we light the third candle on the Advent wreath, the pink (or rose) candle, symbolizing joy and the light growing stronger as Christmas approaches.

Gaudete Sunday encourages Christians to rejoice because the Saviour is near, and it's a reminder to find joy even in the midst of waiting and preparation.

WINE & CHEESE — SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Stay after the Vigil Mass this weekend for a glass of wine (or non-alcoholic beverage), cheese and good company.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA

St. Anthony's School would like to warmly invite you to a Volunteers Morning Tea on Tuesday 17th December at 10am in the school hall.



We greatly appreciate the love and service you give to our students be it reading, knitting, providing meals or having a chat.

What you do makes a difference to us and our students.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU MRS. LYNNE PULL

This coming week Mrs. Lynne Pull will finish her term of 14 years as Principal of St. Anthony's School. During this time she has exemplified the school motto "Love and Service" and has made a great contribution to our parish and school communities.

Lynne's retirement marks 49 years as an educator working in Government and Independent sectors before her years in Catholic Education spent in Grafton and Kingscliff.

We thank Lynne and wish her many years of good health and happiness as she settles into retirement in Nambour, Qld.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED Townes McCann (2yrs), Sr. Dawn Borger, Mark O'Donoghue, Terry Twohill, Barry Grennan, Patricia Rickard, Mary Achilles, Rose Mason, Bernie Simpson

ANNIVERSARIES Patricia Brown, William Brown, Mary Minahan

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 Legion of Mary throughout the world.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK Leone Simpson, Dean Simpson, Dacey Schiemer, Peterson Family, Tony Stone, Beryl Moore, Tara Selvakumaraswamy, James Heath, Kathleen Conaghan, Peter Gelhaar, Bill Ward, Matilda Howard, Lesa Kingsbury, 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 (6yrs).

ADVENT RECONCILIATION TIMES

SATURDAY: KINGSCLIFF 5.00—5.30pm

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7.00—7.25am

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION—

St. Joseph's, Tweed Heads at 6.00pm

Friday 20th December with several priests available



PIETY STALL

Visit the Piety Stall for your last minute Christmas gifts.

Last chance for **RAFFLE TICKETS**
Drawn today Sunday 15th

\$2 each or 3 for \$5



ALTAR SERVERS THANK YOU

The Altar Servers from St. Anthony's and St. Ambrose Schools enjoyed pizza and ice blocks in the park on Wednesday as a thank you from the parish for their dedicated service. Our High School Altar Servers, and those from other schools will receive a gift from the parish as a token of our appreciation.



MUSIC PRACTICES FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Anyone in the Music Ministry:

Wishing to be involved in the music on **Christmas Day (Kingscliff)**, Irene Brinsmead will be running a group practice on Thursday **19th December at 5.00pm.**

Wishing to be involved in the music on **Christmas Eve (Kingscliff)**, Sharon Campbell will be running a Christmas Eve group practice on **Monday, 23rd December at 4.00pm.**

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



BAPTISM

We welcome Noah Patrick Searson baptised this weekend at St. Anthony's Church.

Let us, as a community, ask our Lord Jesus Christ to look lovingly on these children baptised today, and on the parents, sponsors and all the baptised.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St. Anthony's Church

KINGSCLIFF

Christmas Vigil 6:00pm
(Carols from 5.30pm)
Christmas Day 9:00am

Sts. Mary & Ambrose Church

POTTSVILLE

Christmas Vigil 6:00pm
Christmas Day 7:30am

St. Joseph's

TWEED HEADS

Christmas Vigil 6:00pm,
8:00pm and midnight
Christmas Day 8:00am

Sacred Heart

MURWILLUMBAH

Christmas Vigil 6:00pm
and midnight
Christmas Day 9:00am



Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

continues

Parishioners and visitors are invited to make a donation to the annual **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**. Please use the donation envelopes and containers available at the rear of the church. Alternatively, you can call **13 18 12** or go to www.vinnies.org.au - **your help is appreciated**.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPRECIATION LUNCH

Fr Paul joined the St Vincent De Paul conference members from our parish at their annual appreciation lunch. This annual lunch is a way to thank the members for their hard work throughout the year and an opportunity for members to catch up and relax.



UPCOMING DATES

FINANCE COUNCIL Tuesday 17th December at 5pm

OFFICE CLOSURES

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CABARITA REFERRAL CENTRE will be CLOSED Friday 20th December to Monday 13th January

The **PARISH OFFICE** will be CLOSED from 3pm Tuesday 24th December until 9am Thursday 2nd January

BAPTISM WELCOMER 15th December Cheryl French

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RECORDING Tuesday 17th Dec Sharyn McConnell, Margaret Gear

RECORDING Tuesday 24th Dec John Mulhall, Shirley Burns

MASS ROSTER

14th/15th December

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 6:00PM	
GUITARIST	Vanya Ricciuti
FIRST READER	Kim Dixon
SECOND READER	Anthony Luxton
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Carmel Atkinson
OFFERTORY	Shirley Burns, Marie Moore
HOLY COMMUNION	Robyn Denny, Joan Prichard, Denise DeVene
HOSPITALITY	Rosie and Patrick Carroll
DATA SYSTEM	Megan Gollan
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READER	Margaret Gear
SECOND READER	Peter Smith
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Julie Ross
OFFERTORY	Catherine Dennis
HOLY COMMUNION	Peter McConnell
HOSPITALITY	Rob Van Til
DATA SYSTEM	Robyn Edwards
FLOWERS	Sharyn McConnell
SACRISTY	Amanda Bottle
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Janet Blandford
FIRST READER	Cheryl French
SECOND READER	Adam Gallagher
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Josephine Hortle
OFFERTORY	tba
HOLY COMMUNION	Lynne Birmingham, Trish Spillane, Terry Sheridan
HOSPITALITY	Peter Byrne, Sherida & Terry Sheridan
DATA SYSTEM	Margaret Hession
SACRISTY	Craig Moore

MASS ROSTER

21st/22nd December

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 6:00PM	
ORGANIST	Shirley Flynn
FIRST READER	Peter Campbell
SECOND READER	Kim Dixon
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Helen Gooley
OFFERTORY	Rina & Lawrence Anderson
HOLY COMMUNION	Kath Togo, Marion Gardner, Carmel Atkinson
HOSPITALITY	Robyn Denny, Carmel Bushell
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READER	Robyn Edwards
SECOND READER	Peter McConnell
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Patrick Butler
OFFERTORY	Dianne Lockyer
HOLY COMMUNION	Tim Edwards
HOSPITALITY	David Cranwell
DATA SYSTEM	Anna Caton
FLOWERS	Sharyn McConnell
SACRISTY	Deborah Wilmoth
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Frances Ord
FIRST READER	Peter Byrne
SECOND READER	Trish Spillane
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Jenny Gardner
OFFERTORY	Mupunga family
HOLY COMMUNION	Gavin Dykes, Helen Bryan, Catherine Holliday
HOSPITALITY	Joan Prichard, Clare Perkins, Bernie Doyle
DATA SYSTEM	Madeleine Holliday
SACRISTY	Trish Spillane

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING — Zephaniah 3:14-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

1. *Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. R.*
2. *Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. R.*
3. *Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. R.*

SECOND READING — Philippians 4:4-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL — Luke 3:10-18

During Advent The Gloria is not sung

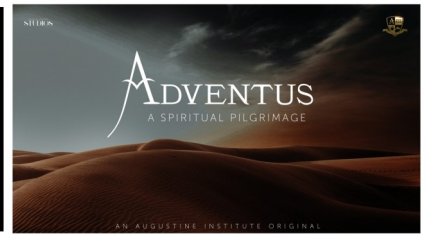
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30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.

FORMED



Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.

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COMMUNITY FUN DAY

It was a great turn out for the Combined Churches Community Fun Day on Saturday 7th December.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at our Christmas craft stall. We had a wonderful response to our call for volunteers from both this parish and St. Joseph's, Tweed Heads.



2024 RENEWAL UPDATE: PROJECTS LEADER DR MADELINE BEVERIDGE



See the newsletter insert or view the full annual update by scanning the qr code



SAFEGUARDING YOUR CHILDREN

Would parents please keep their children supervised at all times in the church and surrounding grounds - including taking them to the bathroom. For their safety, please ensure you can always see them while on Parish grounds.



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JARS FOR WEDGETAIL

Please collect your small and medium jars over Christmas. Jars can be left in the marked containers at Churches and parish office.