

St Anthony's Parish

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CHURCHES

St. Anthony's Kingscliff

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Sts. Mary and Ambrose

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RETIRED IN THE PARISH

Fr. John Darbyshire

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

VIGIL: KINGSCLIFF 6:00pm

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7:30am

KINGSCLIFF 9:00am

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

TUESDAY (CHRISTMAS VIGIL)

POTTSVILLE 6:00pm

KINGSCLIFF 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY (CHRISTMAS DAY)

POTTSVILLE 7:30am

KINGSCLIFF 9:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

THURSDAY: KINGSCLIFF 8:00am

FRIDAY: KINGSCLIFF 8:00am

RECONCILIATION TIMES

SATURDAY: KINGSCLIFF 5-5:30pm

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7-7:25am

22nd December 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C.

The vital role of women

Fresh from her encounter with the angel Gabriel, "Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country" to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant in her old age. This meeting of two Spirit-filled pregnant women, seeking to understand what God is doing in their lives, is remarkable in the way it captures their very human interaction and their prophetic voices.

In Scriptural terms, all this occurs with the highly unusual absence of male voices in the conversation. Although the meeting occurs in Zechariah's house, he had been struck dumb. Joseph is presumably back in Nazareth. For the most part, we can only imagine the conversations between Elizabeth and Mary as they share their joy and confusion in the unforeseen events.

Elizabeth no doubt had long resigned herself to being childless, but now has to deal with her unexpected blessing. Mary has to come to terms with a blessing that seems to cause more problems than it solves. How will she explain her pregnancy to Joseph?

In Luke's account, the encounter between Elizabeth and Mary is presented in the form of two scriptural hymns or songs of blessing. Today we hear the first of these, which is Elizabeth's song prophetically proclaiming Mary to be the "mother of my Lord". Even though filled with joy in her own blessing of pregnancy, Elizabeth exudes humility, compassion and living faith by focussing on the blessing that Mary's presence is for her – and that Mary's child will be for the world.

Mary's response to Elizabeth is the second song – the 'Magnificat' – which proclaims God's redeeming love for the oppressed and downtrodden people of our world. Together then, Elizabeth and Mary are presented to us as two Spirit-filled, peasant women prophets supporting each other in adversity by singing of God's justice and mercy.

In doing so, they stand in the long Jewish tradition of female voices – Miriam with her tambourine, Deborah, Hannah and Judith – who likewise sing provocative songs of God's coming salvation for the poor and oppressed.

Although the Visitation has been used to depict such lofty themes as the Church's march throughout history crossing mountains to proclaim Christ to the world (St Ambrose 4th century), we also do well to recognise how the story highlights the role of women throughout Luke's Gospel. They are not only major figures associated with Jesus' birth, but they are clearly friends and disciples of Jesus during his ministry, are present at the crucifixion, and are the first to encounter the risen Lord.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us ask for the gift of being open to the surprise of grace in our own lives in the ways of Mary and Elizabeth. May we, like them, sing of God's transforming power coming to life in the birth of the Messiah. Perhaps too we are invited to highlight the importance of women's ministry in 'giving birth' to a less clerical church!

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Wednesday, 25th December—The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Thursday, 26th December—St Stephen, the first martyr

Friday, 27th December—St John, apostle, evangelist

Saturday, 28th December—The Holy Innocents, martyrs

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Psalm 83; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St. Anthony's Church

KINGSCLIFF

Christmas Vigil

6:00pm Fr. Paul McDonald
(Carols from 5.30pm)

Christmas Day

9:00am Fr. Paul McDonald

St. Joseph's

TWEED HEADS

Christmas Vigil

6:00pm Fr. Nicolas Maurice
8:00pm Fr. Michael Brady
Midnight Fr Michael Alcock

Christmas Day

8:00am Fr. Nicolas Maurice

Sts. Mary & Ambrose Church

POTTSVILLE

Christmas Vigil

6:00pm Fr. John Darbyshire

Christmas Day

7:30am Fr. Paul McDonald

Sacred Heart

MURWILLUMBAH

Christmas Vigil

6:00pm Fr. Michael Alcock
Midnight Fr. Peter Wood

Christmas Day

9:00am Fr. Peter Wood

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS
AT KINGSCLIFF FROM 5:30PM



Parishioners and visitors to Sts. Mary and Ambrose and St. Anthony's Churches can 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.*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED Betty Lalefo Worja (Nancy Millar's mother), Tony Stone, Townes McCann (2yrs), Sr. Dawn Borger

ANNIVERSARIES Johnny Reynolds, Jim Hession, Patricia Brown, William Brown

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, Beryl Moore, Tara Selvakumaraswamy, James Heath, Kathleen Conaghan, Peter Gelhaar, Bill Ward, Matilda Howard, Lesa Kingsbury, 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). Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist the parish office by advising if you wish names to remain.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Handyman—General Maintenance (Casual)

An opportunity exists for a handyman to work on a casual basis approximately 2 days a week (flexible) for St. Anthony's Parish.

Work would involve general maintenance, mowing/gardening and some cleaning of both churches and associated buildings in the parish.

Enquiries to: Paul Crouch, Parish Business Manager.
Email: parkings@bigpond.com

CATHOLIC LIFE MAGAZINE

Catholic Life has returned after 5 years! The December issue is filled with stories and updates that capture the vibrant life of the Diocese of Lismore. The magazine includes the Bishop's Christmas message, the true spirit of Christmas, and celebrates the end of the school year.

The online version of Catholic Life is available to read now on the Diocesan website.



NATIVITY SET WINNER

CONGRATULATIONS

BARBARA ZOLLER



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| CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTER | 24th/25th December |
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| KINGSCLIFF | |
| TUESDAY 6:00PM | CHRISTMAS VIGIL |
| ORGANIST | Helen Roberts |
| FIRST READER | Kim Dixon |
| SECOND READER | Anthony Luxton |
| PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL | Peter Campbell |
| OFFERTORY | Rina & Lawrence Anderson |
| HOLY COMMUNION | Robyn Denny, Maya Rogers, Peter McLoughlin, Carmel Atkinson, Joan Prichard, Ryan Campbell |
| HOSPITALITY | Rosie & Patrick Carroll, Angela Mulhall, Helen Bryan |
| DATA SYSTEM | Megan Gollan |
| SACRISTY | Carmel Atkinson, Kath Togo |
| POTTSVILLE | |
| TUESDAY 6:00PM | CHRISTMAS VIGIL |
| ORGANIST | Sharyn McConnell |
| FIRST READER | Margaret Potts |
| SECOND READER | Peter McConnell |
| PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL | tba |
| OFFERTORY | Catherine Dennis |
| HOLY COMMUNION | Michael Carney |
| HOSPITALITY | David Cranwell |
| DATA SYSTEM | Deborah Wilmoth |
| SACRISTY | Michael Carney |
| POTTSVILLE | |
| WEDNESDAY 7:30AM | CHRISTMAS DAY |
| ORGANIST | Sharyn McConnell |
| FIRST READER | Peter Smith |
| SECOND READER | Patrick Butler |
| PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL | Ursula O'Grady |
| OFFERTORY | tba |
| HOLY COMMUNION | Karen Stoyles |
| HOSPITALITY | tba |
| DATA SYSTEM | Anna Caton |
| FLOWERS | Sharyn McConnell |
| SACRISTY | Michael Carney |
| KINGSCLIFF | |
| WEDNESDAY 9:00AM | CHRISTMAS DAY |
| ORGANIST | Irene Brinsmead |
| FIRST READER | Clare Perkins |
| SECOND READER | Adam Gallagher |
| PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL | Angela Finkel |
| OFFERTORY | Marie & Craig Moore |
| HOLY COMMUNION | Michael & Lorraine Craven, Sherida & Terry Sheridan, Peter Byrne |
| HOSPITALITY | Cheryl French, Jenny Gardner, Terry Sheridan, Michael Craven |
| DATA SYSTEM | Catherine Holliday |
| SACRISTY | Craig Moore |

UPCOMING DATES

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

NO TUESDAY OR THURSDAY MASSES DURING JANUARY

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| BAPTISM WELCOMER 22nd December | No Baptisms |
| BAPTISM WELCOMER 29th December | Cheryl French |
| RECORDING Tuesday 24th Dec | John Mulhall, Shirley Burns |
| RECORDING Thursday 2nd Jan | John Mulhall, tba |

| 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 | Helene LeFebvre |
| SACRISTY | Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson |
| POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM | |
| ORGANIST | Sharyn McConnell |
| FIRST READER | Peter McConnell |
| SECOND READER | Margaret Potts |
| PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL | Patrick Butler |
| OFFERTORY | Dianne Lockyer |
| HOLY COMMUNION | Michael Carney |
| HOSPITALITY | David Cranwell |
| DATA SYSTEM | Anna Caton |
| 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 |

| MASS ROSTER | 28th/29th December |
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| KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 6:00PM | |
| ORGANIST | Helen Roberts |
| FIRST READER | Robyn Denny |
| SECOND READER | Tania Rogers |
| PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL | Carmel Atkinson |
| OFFERTORY | Angela Mulhall, Carmel Bushell |
| HOLY COMMUNION | Denise DeVene, John Mulhall, Joan Prichard |
| HOSPITALITY | Shirley Burns, Kerri Olson |
| DATA SYSTEM | Megan Gollan |
| SACRISTY | Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson |
| POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM | |
| ORGANIST | Sharyn McConnell |
| FIRST READER | Peter McConnell |
| SECOND READER | Margaret Gear |
| PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL | Ursula O'Grady |
| OFFERTORY | Catherine Dennis |
| HOLY COMMUNION | Karen Stoyles |
| HOSPITALITY | Anna Caton |
| DATA SYSTEM | Deborah Wilmoth |
| FLOWERS | Sharyn McConnell |
| SACRISTY | Michael Carney |
| KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM | |
| ORGANIST | Irene Brinsmead |
| FIRST READER | Lorraine Craven |
| SECOND READER | Michael Craven |
| PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL | Peter Byrne |
| OFFERTORY | Faye McCoach, Julia Burns |
| HOLY COMMUNION | Mary and John Rawson, Sherida Sheridan |
| HOSPITALITY | Holliday Family, Jenny Gardner |
| DATA SYSTEM | Maya Rogers |
| SACRISTY | Craig Moore |

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

FIRST READING — Micah 5:1- 4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. *O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. R.*
2. *God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. R.*
3. *May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. R.*

SECOND READING — Hebrews 10:5-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL — Luke 1:39-44

During Advent the Gloria is not sung

by Liturgia

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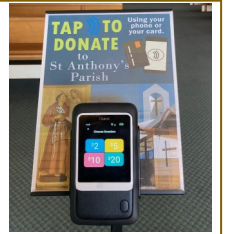
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- Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage**

DONATION POINT

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Donations go directly to the second collection
which assists the Parish to meet its ever
increasing commitments.

Your donation is appreciated.



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SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

Phone (02) 6621 9444 or email safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

The January 2025 issue of the **Safeguarding Newsletter** is available
at the Church and on the website.

Safeguarding Update: Our Parish was visited by Christine
Thompson last week for our annual Checklists and Safeguarding
Self-assessment Review in preparation for possible Audit in 2025.



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SAFEGUARDING YOUR CHILDREN

We ask that parents are accompanying
and supervising their children
all times.
Your child's safety is our
priority please ensure you can
always see them while on
Parish grounds.



SCHOOLS' NEWSLETTER

Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools is
pleased to present the newest edition.

To read the latest in
Catholic education, use the
QR code or this link:
<https://bit.ly/DLCSEd8>



JARS FOR WEDGETAIL

Shirley and Monica would like to thank all parishioners for their support for Wedgetail with
generous donations of ingredients and bringing in jars for the making of jams and pickles.
**In the past three months we have been able to give \$2,214 in jams and pickles to the Op
Shop in Murwillumbah where all proceeds go directly to Wedgetail.**

**We have a HAMPER being raffled at the moment and hope that everyone will purchase
tickets to further support Wedgetail.**

Tickets are \$2 each. Raffle will be drawn 12th January at 9am Mass.



**WEDGETAIL HAMPER
RAFFLE TICKETS
\$2 each**

Drawn Sunday 12th January

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