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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

5th January 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord,
Year C.

The profound significance of incense

We may not use incense in our liturgies as often as we did in the past, but there is something very precious about the reverencing with incense of the body God has given us at the end of a funeral

Mass. The great feast of the Epiphany, which we are celebrating, reminds us that frankincense was among the symbolic gifts brought to the child in Bethlehem by those mysterious wise men from the east.

In his gospel, Matthew is at pains to ensure that his audience – his own Jewish community – realise that Christ had come not only to redeem them, but all peoples. This feast completes the Christmas story: it reminds us that Christ is to be made manifest to all the nations. The prophet, Isaiah, sets the scene: the light begins in Jerusalem, but will attract the nations, who will flock with their camels and their gifts of gold and incense. St Paul in his letter reinforces the message by assuring the Ephesians that pagans can now share the same inheritance as his people. And Matthew uses the “wise men” to reveal the mystery of Christ.

Matthew's story is rich in symbolism as he goes out of his way to ensure that we make all the necessary connections: he reminds us of the prophet Micah's reference to Bethlehem as well as Isaiah's mention of the gifts. He wants us to reflect on the fact that the Spirit of God must have prompted these men into action, to make their pilgrimage and be led to “fall on their knees” in homage to the child, whom they were able to recognise as the promised Messiah.

They clearly possessed those mighty gifts of the Holy Spirit: gifts of wisdom, knowledge and understanding, which enabled them to judge that God would give them the courage to undertake their undoubtedly hazardous pilgrimage and the discernment to realise that Herod was up to no good – a clear pointer to the persecutions that awaited Jesus and his followers.

Then, when they see the child, they are filled with awe and reverence, going down on their knees to pay homage. Make no mistake, their gifts are also full of meaning. The gold speaks to us of this new kingdom to be established in our hearts: a kingdom of love, hope, forgiveness and reconciliation. The myrrh speaks to us of the suffering foretold by the prophets, and the need for Christ's body to be anointed after his death.

And finally, we come to the frankincense: this invites us to be like the wise men and recognise that Jesus is truly the Son of God. At the end of his gospel, Matthew will remind us that this act of faith was made by a foreigner, the centurion, as he stood by the cross. May we go home reminding ourselves that Jesus, in turn, told us that we are his adopted brothers and sisters, also children of his Father: hence the profound significance of the incense at a funeral Mass .

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Baptism of the Lord, Year C

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 103; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Feast of the Epiphany concludes the Christmas season with the story of visitors from the East coming to honour the newborn Jesus in Bethlehem with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The word Epiphany means a moment of sudden, great revelation represented by a new light enabling us to see things as they really are. The birth of Jesus is that new light to announce the Good News of God's salvation for all peoples and nations.



THANK YOU

As we begin a new year, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed in any way to the life of the parish during the 2024. Many people give generously of their time and talents as well as financial support.

We are fortunate to have so many people involved in liturgical ministries as well as those who work quietly behind the scenes. When we stop and reflect on the year, we realise that much has been achieved.

- Father Paul

HIGHLIGHTS

World Day of Prayer hosted by St. Anthony's



Community Fun Day



Rosary in the Park



Birthday celebrations

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Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

CONGRATULATIONS to Mary and Eric Hammermaster who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 9th January.

CARE GROUP—HOME-COOKED MEALS

The Kingscliff Care Group has frozen meals available for anyone who may be in need of a little extra support. See Marie Moore at the Piety stall or contact the Parish Office on phone (02) 6674 1284 or email parkings@bigpond.com

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the parish we would love to meet you! Please make yourself known to a member of hospitality (at the door before or after Mass). The hospitality member will offer you a New Parishioner pack, answer any questions you may have and organise to introduce you to Fr. Paul and other members of the parish community.



CATHOLIC LIFE MAGAZINE 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 on the Diocesan website.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED Betty Lalefo Worla, Tony Stone, Townes McCann (2 yrs)

ANNIVERSARIES Maree Everingham, Marie Morrissey, Marcia Reading, Geoff Condon, Geoff Bernasconi, Glory Bernasconi, Cec Bernasconi, Darby Raison, Les Andrews, Johnny Reynolds, Jim Hession **ALSO** Muriel & Dick Reading, Grace & Glad Reading, Kath Kearney, John & Mary McDonald, Archie Burns, John Perkins, Philippa Brown, Frank & Judy Mills, 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, Maria Andrews, Ray O'Keeffe, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Fr. Tom McEvoy, All forgotten Souls in Purgatory, All deceased members of Legion of Mary throughout the world.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK Mike Roberts, 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 (6 yrs).

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



Christmas and Palm Sunday

UPCOMING DATES

No Tuesday Masses at Pottsville until 18th February at 9.15am
No Thursday Masses at Kingscliff until 6th February at 9.00am

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CABARITA REFERRAL CENTRE
reopens Monday 13th January

MUSIC MINISTRY PRACTICE

Thursday 16th January, 5.00pm at St. Anthony's Church.

PARISH/SCHOOL MASSES

9th February (7.30am) —Pottsville;
16th February (9.00am) —Kingscliff

Volunteers needed for SRE

Volunteers are urgently needed for SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE) in public schools as a catechist or helper. It is important to give the children at State schools the opportunity to know and love Jesus Christ. Our parish is currently providing special religious education at four schools: Kingscliff, Cudgen, Bogangar and Pottsville. Our current catechists would greatly appreciate some assistance in class and/or to fill in on the odd occasion.

Can you give some time during school terms to teach or help out in a Kindergarten to Year 6 classroom?

Training along with detailed lesson plans and curriculum provided. Learn more about Catholic SRE in public schools:

<https://www.lismore-diocese.org/our-services/catholic-sre/>



Please speak with Marty Darragh if you would be able to help out. Phone 0423 058 208 or email martydarragh@gmail.com

WEDGETAIL HAMPER RAFFLE

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



ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH COLUMBARIUM

A respectful resting place for the ashes of our deceased parishioners, family and friends, the Columbarium is located behind St. Anthony's Church.

Payment by instalments can be arranged. For more information contact the Parish Office.
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BAPTISM WELCOMER

No Baptisms in January

RECORDING Tuesday 7th Jan

John Mulhall, Shirley Burns

RECORDING Tuesday 14th Jan

Kath Togo, Marion Gardner

MASS ROSTER

4th/5th January

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 6:00PM	
ORGANIST	Tara Williams
FIRST READER	Carmel Atkinson
SECOND READER	Marion Gardner
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Kim Dixon
OFFERTORY	Angela Mulhall, Shirley Burns
HOLY COMMUNION	Kath Togo, John Mulhall, Denise DeVene
HOSPITALITY	Carmel Bushell, Robyn Denny
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READER	Peter McConnell
SECOND READER	Peter Smith
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Ursula O'Grady
OFFERTORY	Catherine Dennis
HOLY COMMUNION	Karen Stoyles
HOSPITALITY	David Cranwell
DATA SYSTEM	Deborah Wilmoth
FLOWERS	Sharyn McConnell
SACRISTY	Michael Carney
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Janet Blandford
FIRST READER	Catherine Holliday
SECOND READER	Peter Byrne
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Josephine Hortle
OFFERTORY	Julie Burns, Faye McCoach
HOLY COMMUNION	Shane Martin, Michael and Lorraine Craven
HOSPITALITY	Bernie Doyle, Sherida and Terry Sheridan
DATA SYSTEM	Margaret Hession
SACRISTY	Trish Spillane

MASS ROSTER

11th/12th January

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 6:00PM	
ORGANIST	Shirley Flynn
FIRST READER	Robyn Denny
SECOND READER	Helen Gooley
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Peter Campbell
OFFERTORY	Jacinta Martin, Marie Moore
HOLY COMMUNION	Rina Anderson, Carmel Atkinson, Joan Prichard
HOSPITALITY	Rosie and Pat Carroll
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READER	Patrick Butler
SECOND READER	Margaret Potts
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Julie Ross
OFFERTORY	Dianne Lockyer
HOLY COMMUNION	Marie Stott
HOSPITALITY	Robert van Til
DATA SYSTEM	Anna Caton
FLOWERS	Sharyn McConnell
SACRISTY	Deborah Wilmoth
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Irene Brinsmead
FIRST READER	Lorraine Craven
SECOND READER	Cheryl French
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Clare Perkins
OFFERTORY	The Seekers Family Group
HOLY COMMUNION	Joan Prichard, Terry and Sherida Sheridan
HOSPITALITY	Marie Connell, Jenny Gardner, Michael Craven
DATA SYSTEM	Sam Osborne
SACRISTY	Craig Moore

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

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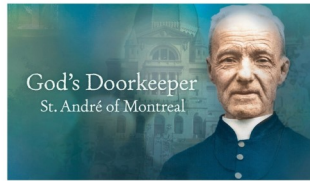


FIRST READING — Isaiah 60:1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. **R.**
2. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R.**
3. May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts. May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service. **R.**
4. For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. **R.**



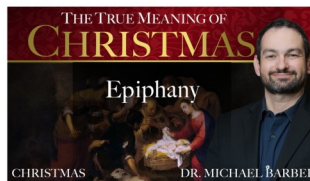
God's Doorkeeper

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



The Three Wise Men

Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.



Epiphany

What is Epiphany? Join Dr. Michael Barber to find out.

SECOND READING — Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

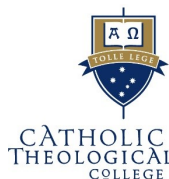
Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL — Matthew 2:1-12

by Liturgia



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