

# St Anthony's Parish

## CHURCHES

**St. Anthony's Kingscliff**  
16 Pearl St, Kingscliff

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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**

### 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**

**12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**The Baptism of the Lord, Year C.**

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## Being zealous for good deeds

After our joyful celebration of the feast of Christmas, followed by the feasts of the Holy Family and, last week, the Epiphany, we come to the end of the Christmas season. We now enter what we call Ordinary Time and, on its first Sunday, we have the Baptism of Our Lord.

Following on from last week's Feast of the Epiphany, the gospel reading for the Baptism of Our Lord offers an even more vivid manifestation, another epiphany, revealing the identity of Jesus: "this is my beloved Son."

In our first reading, the prophet Isaiah consoles the people of Israel, then in exile in the desert, reminding them of God's promises, telling them "prepare the way of the Lord" and assuring them that "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed ... the Lord is coming with power."

The Responsorial Psalm then proclaims, "You send forth your spirit ... and you renew the face of the earth."

Today's reading from Luke's gospel shows the realisation of these promises.

In preparation for the Lord's coming, John the Baptist had been preaching repentance for sin and a baptism of repentance in the waters of the River Jordan. So powerful was his preaching that many wondered if indeed John was the Christ, the One who was to come.

But John vehemently denied it, insisting that he was not even worthy to touch Christ's sandal, and that, while he baptises with water, the coming one, "someone who is more powerful," will baptise "with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

On the brink of his public ministry, Jesus, about thirty years old, emerges from the crowd and comes to John the Baptist for baptism. John, recognising that Jesus is the One, at first resists Jesus' request, but then agrees and baptises Jesus.

An extraordinary epiphany then follows. While Jesus is at prayer after his baptism by John, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily shape, like a dove, and a voice from heaven was heard, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The dove reminds us of the story of creation when God's spirit was described as hovering over the waters like a dove and of the story of Noah and the flood when the dove proclaimed a new beginning, a new era.

The words of the Father reveal Jesus' unique relationship to the Father, a relationship of sonship: he is the Beloved Son. It is no accident that this Feast of Our Lord's Baptism opens Ordinary Time, because it reminds us of our identity as daughters and sons of God, granted through the grace of our baptism.

Through our baptism, we enter into the family and hospitality of God. Our second reading reminds us that, as members of that family, we are called to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, to give up everything that does not lead to God, and to be a people who are zealous for good deeds.

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January—St. Anthony, abbot**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 95; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11**

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This Feast recalls Our Lord's second Epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism by John.



Like the epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord is another revelation of Jesus' identity, and the Triune nature of God. This event marks, the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolic of what happened at our baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our baptism we become the adopted sons and daughters of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Fr. John Darbyshire, Fr. Nicolas Maurice and Fr. Michael Nilon for celebrating Masses this weekend and next weekend while Fr. Paul is away.

### 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 and answer any questions you may have.

### 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 (02) 6674 1284 or email [parkings@bigpond.com](mailto:parkings@bigpond.com)

### WEDGETAIL HAMPER RAFFLE

LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS—DRAWN AT 9AM MASS THIS WEEKEND

Tickets are \$2 each to support Wedgetail.



**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. Pick up a copy at Mass or access the online version.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Maria Do Thi Vu, Betty Lalefo Worja, Tony Stone

**ANNIVERSARIES** Joe Bonett, Maree Everingham, Marie Morrissey, Marcia Reading, Geoff Condon, Geoff Bernasconi, Glory Bernasconi, Cec Bernasconi, Darby Raison, Les Andrews **ALSO** Jim Hession, 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 (6yrs).

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

## 2025 JUBILEE YEAR - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

### Shrines in our Diocese

Bishop Homeming has designated four churches in the Diocese of Lismore as shrines for the Jubilee:

St. Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Murwillumbah  
St. Augustine's Catholic Church, Coffs Harbour  
St. Agnes' Catholic Church, Port Macquarie



These churches are designated as places of hope. The faithful are encouraged to visit these sites to worship, pray, and deepen our relationship with God.

LEARN ABOUT JUBILEES THROUGHOUT HISTORY:



### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity  
and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

**Amen**

### Special Religious Education

Volunteers are urgently needed for SRE in public schools as a catechist or helper. *Can you give some time during school terms to teach or help out in a Kindergarten to Year 6 classroom?*

Learn more about Catholic SRE in public schools.

Please speak with Marty Darragh at the Parish Office or  
Phone 0423 058 208 / email [martydarragh@gmail.com](mailto:martydarragh@gmail.com)



## MEETINGS/GROUPS

### SEEKERS FAMILY GROUP MORNING TEA

When: Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January at 10.15am  
 Where: Mocking Bird Café, 4 Seaview St, Kingscliff  
 Contact: Jenny 0407 904 402

## UPCOMING DATES

No Tuesday Masses at Pottsville until 18<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am

No Thursday Masses at Kingscliff until 6<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am

### JANUARY

THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

**MUSIC MINISTRY PRACTICE**  
 5pm St. Anthony's Church

### FEBRUARY

SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**  
 weekend Masses in parish.  
 Blessing of candles (Candlemas)

SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

**ST AMBROSE PARISH/SCHOOL MASS**  
 Staff commissioning 7.30am —Pottsville  
 THE WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

**ST ANTHONY'S PARISH/SCHOOL MASS**  
 Staff commissioning 9.00am —Kingscliff

SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

**WINE & CHEESE NIGHT**

### MARCH

WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

## 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

## DONATION POINT

St Anthony's Church has a donation tap facility. Donations go directly to the 2nd collection which assists the Parish to meet its ever increasing commitments.

*Your donation is appreciated.*



### BAPTISM WELCOMER

No Baptisms in January

### RECORDING Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan

Marion Gardner, John Mulhall

### RECORDING Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan

John Mulhall, Clare Perkins, Jenny Holland

## MASS ROSTER

### 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> January

|                                   |                                               |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 6:00PM</b> |                                               |
| 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                          | Carmel Atkinson                               |
| <b>POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM</b>   |                                               |
| 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                               |
| <b>KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>   |                                               |
| 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, Catherine Holliday, tbc        |
| HOSPITALITY                       | Marie Connell, Jenny Gardner, Michael Craven  |
| DATA SYSTEM                       | Sam Osborne                                   |
| SACRISTY                          | Craig Moore                                   |

## MASS ROSTER

### 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> January

|                                   |                                              |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 6:00PM</b> |                                              |
| GUITARIST                         | Vanya Ricciuti                               |
| FIRST READER                      | Anthony Luxton                               |
| SECOND READER                     | Kerri Olson                                  |
| PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL           | Carmel Atkinson                              |
| OFFERTORY                         | Carmel Bushell, Marty Darragh                |
| HOLY COMMUNION                    | Helen Gooley, Peter McLoughlin, Shane Martin |
| HOSPITALITY                       | Angela Mulhall, Denise DeVene                |
| DATA SYSTEM                       | Helen LeFebvre                               |
| SACRISTY                          | Carmel Atkinson                              |
| <b>POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM</b>   |                                              |
| ORGANIST                          | Sharyn McConnell                             |
| FIRST READER                      | Michael Carney                               |
| SECOND READER                     | Margaret Gear                                |
| PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL           | Marie Stott                                  |
| OFFERTORY                         | Smith Family                                 |
| HOLY COMMUNION                    | Peter McConnell                              |
| HOSPITALITY                       | Anna Caton                                   |
| DATA SYSTEM                       | Deborah Wilmoth                              |
| FLOWERS                           | Sharyn McConnell                             |
| SACRISTY                          | Patrick Butler                               |
| <b>KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>   |                                              |
| ORGANIST                          | Janet Blandford                              |
| FIRST READER                      | Angela Finkel                                |
| SECOND READER                     | Michael Craven                               |
| PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL           | Jenny Gardner                                |
| OFFERTORY                         | Anne Smits, Yvonne Potts                     |
| HOLY COMMUNION                    | Desiree DeAzevedo, Mary & John Rawson        |
| HOSPITALITY                       | Peggy Johnson, Mary Swanson, Terry Sheridan  |
| DATA SYSTEM                       | Maya Rogers                                  |
| SACRISTY                          | Trish Spillane                               |



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened,  
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,  
and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

## FIRST READING — Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Bless the Lord, my soul!**  
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1. *Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!  
You stretch our the heavens like a tent. R.*
2. *Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot,  
you walk on the wings of the wind,  
you make the winds your messengers  
and flashing fire your servants. R.*
3. *How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.  
There is the sea, vast and wide,  
with its moving swarms past counting,  
living things great and small. R.*
4. *All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill. R.*
5. *You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. R.*

## SECOND READING — Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;  
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL — Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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## ARRIVING EARLY FOR MASS: WHY IT'S SO VALUABLE

*Arriving early for Mass is an excellent opportunity to  
prepare for the awesome experience that we are about to  
participate in—the Sacred Liturgy.*

*Taking the time to settle ourselves, and pray for the  
openness to receive all that God has to offer us through the  
Mass is a valuable exercise indeed.*

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED



Week of January 12, 2025



### The Bible (Part 1)

Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers the Internet's  
most-asked question about the Bible.



### Interior Life

We all worship something, whether we know it or not.  
We are called to put God first, and that means giving  
him our time in prayer. The focus of this episode is  
developing a consistent prayer life.



### A New Creation: The Mystery of Baptism

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive  
into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism!  
Through our Reborn series, you will come to  
understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



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Google Play.

## 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.

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arranged. For more information  
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**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.