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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

VIGIL: KINGSCLIFF 6:00pm

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 5-5:30pm

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7-7:25am

16th February 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Year C

“Say You are Blessed!”

“Don't say you are lucky. Say you are blessed”, says theologian Thomas Groome as he invites his hearers to acknowledge the source of their blessings. We are unlikely to consider ourselves blessed or happy when we cannot pay our bills or put food on the table. We are likewise slow to count our blessings, much less dance for joy, when we find ourselves in tears or when we are excluded, rejected, and treated with contempt. We are more likely to consider ourselves blessed when we do not have to be constantly worried about money or food and when others treat us with respect. So why does Luke's Jesus declare those who are poor to be happy or blessed? And why does he seem to be so hard on those who enjoy economic security and the respect of others? What does the gospel say to those of us who are somewhere in between the destitute who are declared blessed and the wealthy who are told to watch out? What does this gospel offer to those who attract neither praise nor blame? There are no easy answers to any of this, beyond the clear evidence that Luke's Sermon on the Plain engages the theme of reversal that permeates this gospel.

Those rendered “poor” are told that the reign of God is theirs. In other words, it is a present rather than a future reality. The “poor” can at least know that they are acceptable to God in ways that may be incomprehensible to the wealthy who, in their turn, are challenged to share their wealth. It is not much consolation for the hungry or those who weep to know that their “reward will be great in heaven” if heaven is a place enjoyed only in the afterlife. “Heaven” is better understood as a way of talking about God's empire of justice and compassion both present and to come. Reversal is expected in this life rather than the next. Weeping is usually connected in the prophetic literature with the disasters that flow from “ungodly” decisions. In our times, there are many weeping over “ungodly” decisions in relation to war and species loss. Laughter seems a remote possibility for many displaced people of our world. We are reminded today of the gospel imperative to work and pray that war-torn and climate affected countries might once again resonate with the sound of happy laughter.

Finally, our experience makes us wary of those who flatter or put us on pedestals. It is generally only a matter of time before those on pedestals fall from favour and find themselves on the receiving end of criticism or even attack. It is ultimately better to be misunderstood and to be at peace with one's conscience in the pursuit of compassion and justice than to be the object of adulation and praise. It is only in handling life's challenges with dignity, grace, and single-minded focus on the gospel that we find blessing or happiness.

Veronica Lawson RSM



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Saturday 22nd February — **The Chair of St Peter**, apostle

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 2025

1 SAMUEL 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:45-49; LUKE 6:27-38

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL STAFF COMMISSIONING MASS

This weekend, the staff of St. Anthony's School, make a commitment to their vocation in Catholic education. Mr Michael Piccoli will also be commissioned as the new Principal. We pray they will be richly blessed during this year through their teaching of the Word of God.

THE CHAIR OF ST PETER — FEAST 22ND FEBRUARY

In the apse of St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City is a brilliant creation called "the Chair of Peter" signifying the office of Pope. Behind the chair is a representation of the Holy Spirit. Significantly, the chair is empty because it is not meant to exalt any particular Pope but the office itself that Jesus gave to Peter and the Church as a point of unity and continuity. Through the Holy Spirit the Pope keeps the Church one, and linked to Christ.



Bishop Gregory Homeming celebrates his Episcopal Ordination on this day (2017) and Emeritus Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett also celebrates his Episcopal Ordination on this Feast (2001).

WINE & CHEESE NIGHT—SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

Stay after the Vigil Mass next weekend for some refreshments. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Kerry and Peter Allsopp who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 22nd February.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2025



START ANEW IN CHRIST is this year's program, suitable for both individual and small group reflection. **Please enter your name on the sheet** at the back of the church if you would like to do the program. Groups will need to be finalised asap.

The booklets are \$5, and will be distributed once we have the names of those wishing to participate.

Characteristics of the Jubilee

The seven characteristics of the Jubilee are: **Pilgrimage, Holy Door, Reconciliation, Prayer, Liturgy, Profession of Faith and Indulgences.**

— **RECONCILIATION** —

A Jubilee year is a time of reconciliation, offering a "favourable time" for conversion and putting God at the centre of our lives. It calls for the restoration of social justice and respect for the earth, acknowledging God's primacy as the Creator.



The year is made holy through God's grace. Pope Francis emphasised that mercy, as God's way of reaching out to sinners, is not opposed to justice but reflects His offer of love and new life through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection.

Practically, reconciliation involves receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, rediscovering the value of confession, and experiencing God's forgiveness. *Some Jubilee churches offer continuous access to the sacrament, and guides are available to prepare for it.*

There are 36 events throughout the Jubilee Year highlighting special aspects of church life. This weekend it is the Jubilee of Artists.

Prayer for Jubilee of Artists

Oh Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder, consider all the works thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder: thy power throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

We praise you, Creator God, and thank you for the marvels of the universe which stir us to wonder. Bless artists by whose gifts we see the beauty which is truth, the key to the mystery and the call to transcendence. May the work of their hands lead Christian communities to that infinite Ocean of beauty where wonder becomes awe, exhilaration, unspeakable joy.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The National Centre for Evangelisation has prepared a brief resource for each event:



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED Marj Casey (grandmother of Michael Piccoli), Barbara Lynch, Catherine O'Keeffe, Coralie Fisher, John Reading, Denis Mahony

ANNIVERSARIES Pablo Quinones, Frank Bermingham, Ta Doc Chua, Pauline & Bill Wilkin

ALSO Jim Hession, Archie Burns, John Perkins, Philippa Brown, Frank & Judy Mills, Caroline Cranwell, Bernard and Marcia Clarke, Marlene Condon, Jack Byrne, 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 Matt Gallagher, Mary Byrne, Mike Roberts, Leone Simpson, Dean Simpson, Dacey Schiemer, Peterson Family, Beryl Moore, Deborah Craig, 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, Patricia O'Farrell. Special prayers for Ella (6yrs).

Names removed after a considerable time. Please advise the parish office if you wish for names to remain.

MEETINGS/GROUPS

MUSIC MINISTRY PRACTICE

Thursday, 20th February at 5pm, St Anthony's Church

UPCOMING DATES — MARCH

TUESDAY 4TH

RECONCILIATION PARENT/CHILD MEETING
5.00pm—St. Anthony's & St. Ambrose School

WEDNESDAY 5TH

ASH WEDNESDAY - Lent begins

FRIDAY 7TH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7.00pm Kingscliff

SUNDAY 9TH

PARISH/SCHOOL MASSES
7.30am Pottsville, 9.00am Kingscliff

MONDAYS

10TH, 17TH & 24TH

BISHOP GREG'S LENTEN TALK SERIES
6.00pm St Mary's Chapel (St Carthage's Cathedral grounds) and on YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/c/LismoreDioceseAU>

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE TOWNSVILLE FLOODS

Bishop Gregory Homeming has requested parishes in our Diocese to have a special collection this weekend for those in the Townsville Diocese who have suffered in the devastating floods. **Special appeal envelopes** will be in the pews and a Collection container will be at the doors for your donation. Thank you.

INVITATION TO FINAL MASS AT BURREINGBAR

We are invited to join the Catholic community of the Sacred Heart Parish Murwillumbah for the final Mass at **St Brigid's Catholic Church Burringbar** on 23rd February 2025 at 10am.

This Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Paul McDonald, Vicar General, and Fr. Peter Wood, Parish Administrator.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER — Kingscliff Uniting Church, 10.00am, Friday 7th March, 24 Kingscliff Street.

You are invited and we encourage you to attend the 2025 **World Day of Prayer** with your friends from local churches and others in 170 countries around the world, as we celebrate with "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action".

The service has been prepared by the Christian churches of the Cook Islands.

Morning tea will follow for a time of friendship and fellowship.

Enquiries:

Estelle Crabb 0447 750 631



BAPTISM WELCOMER 16th Feb	No Baptisms
BAPTISM WELCOMER 23rd Feb	Cheryl French
RECORDING Tuesday 18th Feb	John Mulhall, Marion Gardner
RECORDING Tuesday 25th Feb	John Mulhall, Shirley Burns, Jenny Holland

MASS ROSTER

15th/16th February

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 6:00PM	
GUITARIST	Vanya Ricciuti
FIRST READER	Kim Dixon
SECOND READER	Theresa McCloud
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Megan Lowe
OFFERTORY	Rina & Lawrence Anderson
HOLY COMMUNION	Denise DeVene, Carmel Atkinson, Helen Bryan
HOSPITALITY	Robyn Denny, Marty Darragh
DATA SYSTEM	Megan Gollan
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	Marie Stott
SACRISTY	Deborah Wilmoth
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Janet Blandford
FIRST READER	St. Anthony's School
SECOND READER	St. Anthony's School
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	St. Anthony's School
OFFERTORY	St. Anthony's School
HOLY COMMUNION	St. Anthony's School
HOSPITALITY	St. Anthony's School
DATA SYSTEM	St. Anthony's School
SACRISTY	Trish Spillane

MASS ROSTER

22nd/23rd February

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 6:00PM	
ORGANIST	Tara Williams
FIRST READER	Peter Campbell
SECOND READER	Helen Gooley
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Tania Rogers
OFFERTORY	Denise DeVene, Shirley Burns
HOLY COMMUNION	Maya Rogers, Robyn Denny, Peter McLoughlin
HOSPITALITY	Carmel Bushell, Kerri Olson
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READER	Robyn Edwards
SECOND READER	Kimberley Mathewson
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Ursula O'Grady
OFFERTORY	Blacklock Family
HOLY COMMUNION	Amanda Bottle
HOSPITALITY	Kathy Cherry
DATA SYSTEM	Deborah Wilmoth
FLOWERS	Marie Stott
SACRISTY	Michael Carney
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Frances Ord
FIRST READER	Adam Gallagher
SECOND READER	Josephine Hortle
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Trish Spillane
OFFERTORY	Helen Reynolds, Katrina Clarke
HOLY COMMUNION	Terry & Sherida Sheridan, Desiree De Azevedo
HOSPITALITY	Mupunga Family, Jenny Gardner
DATA SYSTEM	Sam Osborne
SACRISTY	Craig Moore

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING — Jeremiah 17:5-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. *Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. R.*
2. *He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. R.*
3. *Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. R.*

SECOND READING — 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL — Luke 6:17, 20-26

by Liturgia

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.



Members of
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE
thanked the parish at Masses last weekend
for their generous support of the Christmas Appeal
which raised over \$3,000.

Thank you

ASPIRE

Young Adults Spiritual Formation
with Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD
for 18-35 years old

5.30pm—6.30pm Zoom Login: 299 665 7662

Commencing Thursday 6th March
(3/4, 21/5, 12/6, 3/7, 5/8, 11/9, 2/10, 20/11)

For more information, contact: Sr Di, CM 0405 327 153,
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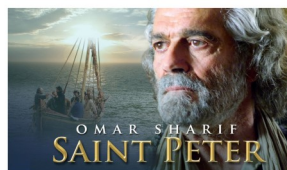


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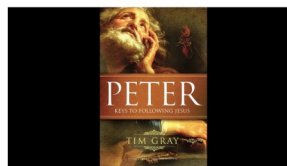
Personal Apostolate

Every Catholic is called to share their faith — and there are simple, easy ways to do this. No megaphones needed. Just start the journey of discipleship with two friends. This episode's focus is sharing our faith with others.



Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



Peter: Keys to Following Jesus by Tim Gray

Renowned scholar Dr. Tim Gray masterfully guides you through the tumultuous and inspiring life of Peter—from his call to discipleship to his eventual martyrdom in Rome. Using Sacred Scripture and tradition, Dr. Gray highlights important lessons from Peter's life.

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