

St Anthony's Parish

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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

23rd February 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Year C

The Way of Compassion and Love

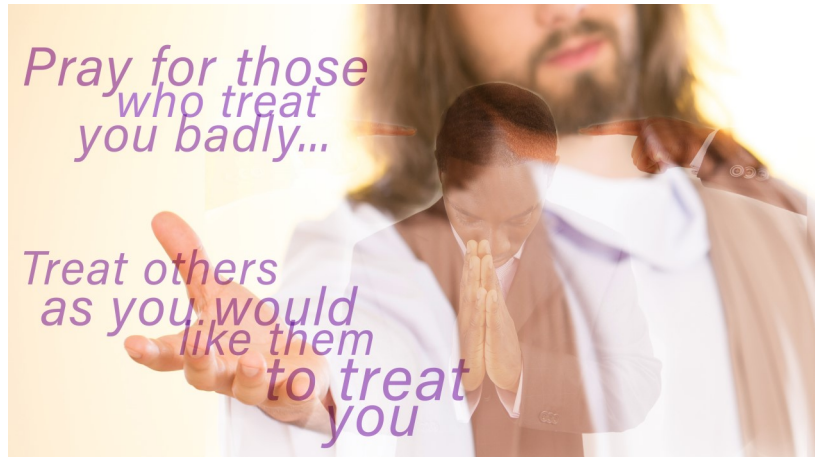
The classic message of today's gospel is addressed to "those who are listening", those who hear, those who are paying attention. To hear, to pay attention and respond to the heart of the message that follows, namely to love

your enemies and to be compassionate as God is compassionate, calls for an extraordinary expansiveness of spirit only possible in those who are totally open to the power of God's Spirit working in their lives. It is not easy to love one's enemy particularly when the enemy, the one subtly undermining or manipulating you, comes in the guise of friend. Yet, even in the face of subtle enmity, the message is clear: do not respond in kind, respond instead with love, compassion and unreserved forgiveness. It is also important to rise above the pettiness of the other and refuse to be a victim. To the one who takes away your coat, you offer your shirt as well. In this way, the real power remains with the one who is too expansive to retaliate.

Luke's late first century communities were well acquainted with the Jewish traditions that informed their faith, even if many were not themselves Jewish. The Jewish Christians in the community as well as the "God-fearers" who accepted Jesus of Nazareth as Saviour and Christos or Messiah had been introduced to the God of steadfast love (hesed) and womb-compassion (rahamim). They believed that God was concerned about justice in the legal system (mishpat) and right relationship (sedeqah) between people and nations, ever ready to forgive those who turn away from injustice and wrongdoing. The songs and prayers of the Jewish heritage reminded them constantly of the compassionate ways of God in their history and in their personal lives. When the Lukan Jesus tells these people to be merciful or compassionate as God is compassionate, they know what he means. They also know the cost of compassion in situations where retaliation is the more spontaneous instinct. God-like compassion remains the stance required of Christian disciples in the face of opposition and hatred, even the opposition that comes in the guise of friendship.

Compassion, forgiveness and love of enemies are rare commodities in international politics and in the resolution of global conflicts as well as in personal relationships. Sadly, the major trouble spots on our globe witness to constant retaliation and face-saving measures that harden positions and exacerbate division. There is ample evidence that hatred, fuelled by injustice, is begetting violence in many parts of our planetary home. And yet the only way to break the cycles of violence that perpetuate death and destruction is the way of compassion and love. God-like compassion requires that we, as nations and as individuals, let go of past hurts, examine our tenaciously held opinions, try to see the world from the perspective of those we mistrust and work for peace that is grounded in love. Countless troubled communities continue to yearn for such God-like compassion.

Veronica Lawson RSM



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 2025

Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 91; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

PARISH MISSION AND GOALS 2025
A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

OUR MISSION: GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

AT ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH, OUR MISSION IS TO INSPIRE AND EMPOWER OUR COMMUNITY TO GROW IN FAITH, UPHOLD CHRISTIAN VALUES AND ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN THE MISSION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. GUIDED BY THE STRATEGIC VISION OF LISMORE DIOCESE, WE ARE COMMITTED TO FOSTERING A PARISH THAT NURTURES SPIRITUAL GROWTH, MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS AND SERVICE.

OUR FOCUS: BUILDING A STRONGER PARISH TOGETHER

This year, in alignment with the Lismore Diocese's Renewal Journey, St Anthony's Parish is focusing on three goals:

1. Community:

To boost Mass attendance and foster a deep sense of belonging and connection within the parish community.

2. Communication:

Enhance the Parish's visibility and reputation within the broader local community.

3. Worship:

Provide worship experiences that are welcoming, engaging and spiritually nourishing.

Over the coming months we will be launching initiatives aimed at supporting our mission and goals. We warmly invite everyone to take part in these initiatives, as your involvement will further foster a vibrant, robust and connected community based on Catholic teachings and values.

We look forward to sharing opportunities on how you can be involved in coming weeks.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Fr. Michael Nilon who is celebrating the 9am Mass at Kingscliff this week as Fr. Paul and Fr. Peter Wood celebrate the final Mass at St. Brigid's, Burringbar.

THIS WEEK

Fr. Paul will be away from Monday to Thursday this week attending the Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Board Meeting and the Priests/Principals Conference in Coffs Harbour.

2025 JUBILEE YEAR—PILGRIMS OF HOPE

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
MURWILLUMBAH

A DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE CHURCH

Fr Peter Wood and our Parish Pastoral Council extend an invitation to all to join the Sacred Heart Parish for the **Ceremonial Opening of our Holy Doors on Friday 28th February at 10:45 am.**



Following the Opening, you are invited to stay for:

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| 11:00am | Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation |
| 12:00pm | Mass |
| 12:30 – 7:30pm | The church will remain open for private prayer and quiet reflection |

The Holy Doors will be open on the **1st Friday of each month during the Jubilee Year from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm** and includes all day Eucharistic Adoration with Mass celebrated at 12 noon.

The Holy Doors will also be open on the **1st Sunday each month from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm with Sunday Mass at 9:00 am** and the opportunity to share a cuppa and a chat from 10:00 am. All are welcome

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

Prayer for Jubilee of Deacons

Loving God, St Paul understood his diakonia as the proclamation of the good news of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:12-20). May deacons today help bring awareness of the Good News of Jesus to a world in need of hope. St Paul also wrote that a deacon must have some essential qualities (1 Tim 3:8-13), including that he must be serious, not double-tongued, not a drunkard, not greedy, and must hold the mystery of faith with a clear conscience. His family life should be exemplary. May deacons today be given the grace of God to hold to these ideals.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



CELEBRATIONS

Baptisms We welcome Henry John Quinn baptised this week at St. Anthony's Church.

RECENTLY DECEASED Margaret Chiesa, Marj Casey, Barbara Lynch, Catherine O'Keeffe, Coralie Fisher, Denis Mahony

ANNIVERSARIES Breda Flannery, Mary Potts, John Potts, Kinh Van Nao

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, 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.

ORDINATION TO DIACONATE

Bishop Gregory Homering will ordain Shane Hyland to the Permanent Diaconate in Port Macquarie this Sunday. Please pray for Shane as he begins his ministry as a Deacon in our Diocese.

UPCOMING DATES — MARCH

TUESDAY 4 TH	RECONCILIATION PARENT/CHILD MEETING 5.00pm—St. Anthony's & St. Ambrose School
TUESDAY 4 TH	INTER-PARISH COMBINED PPC/PFC MEETING 5.30-7.00pm—St. Joseph's, Tweed Heads
WEDNESDAY 5 TH	ASH WEDNESDAY - Lent begins Mass times: Kingscliff—7.30am & 9.00am Pottsville—9.15am
FRIDAY 7 TH	STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7.00pm Kingscliff
SUNDAY 9 TH	PARISH/SCHOOL MASSES RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASSES 7.30am Pottsville, 9.00am Kingscliff
MONDAYS 10 TH , 17 TH & 24 TH	BISHOP GREG'S LENTEN TALKS 6.00pm St Mary's Chapel (St Carthage's Cathedral grounds) and on YouTube (scan qr code)
WEDNESDAY 12 TH	LITURGY COMMITTEE 3.30pm—Parish meeting room
WEDNESDAY 12 TH	PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 5.00pm—Parish meeting room



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

2025 Artists Tarani Napa and Tevairangi Napa are a Mother-Daughter artist team from the Cook Islands. They feel honored to have been able to share this piece of artwork in recognition of their love for their home, their faith and, and their heritage. Tarani Napa is a mother of six children and three grandchildren. She is a certified primary school teacher, entrepreneur and creative artist. Tevairangi Napa is the eldest daughter of Tarani, and she is a proud mum of two children. She follows in her mother's footsteps as a creative artist.



BAPTISM WELCOMER 23rd Feb	Cheryl French
BAPTISM PREP WELCOMER 2nd Mar	Terry & Sherida Sheridan
RECORDING Tuesday 25th Feb	John Mulhall, Shirley Burns, Jenny Holland
RECORDING Tuesday 4th Mar	Sharyn McConnell, Margaret Gear

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	TBA
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

MASS ROSTER

1st/2nd March

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 6:00PM	
ORGANIST	Antonia Pratt
FIRST READER	Marion Gardner
SECOND READER	Carmel Atkinson
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Kerri Olson
OFFERTORY	Joan Prichard, Carmel Bushell
HOLY COMMUNION	Kath Togo, Teonie Flynn, Shane Martin
HOSPITALITY	Rosie & Pat Carroll
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READER	Margaret Potts
SECOND READER	Patrick Butler
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Margaret Gear
OFFERTORY	Julie Ross, Ursula O'Grady
HOLY COMMUNION	Karen Stoyles
HOSPITALITY	Amanda Bottle
DATA SYSTEM	Anna Caton
FLOWERS	Deborah Wilmoth
SACRISTY	Deborah Wilmoth
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Janet Blandford
FIRST READER	Catherine Holliday
SECOND READER	Cheryl French
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Gavin Dykes
OFFERTORY	Seekers Family Group
HOLY COMMUNION	Mary Rawson, Helen Reynolds, Michael Craven
HOSPITALITY	Julianne & Stewart Barlogio, Bernie Doyle
DATA SYSTEM	Madeleine Holliday
SACRISTY	Trish Spillane

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

FIRST READING — 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

- 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. R.*
- 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. R.*
- 3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repays us according to our faults. R.*
- 4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. R.*

SECOND READING — 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

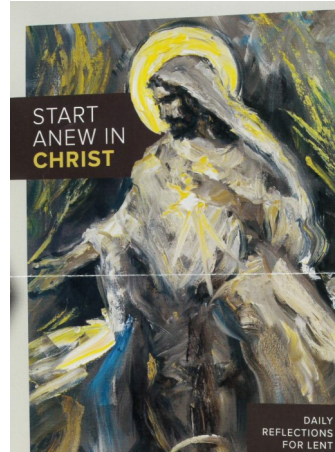
Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL — Luke 6:27-38

by Liturgia

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.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE — A LIFETIME JOURNEY OF FAITH SEPT-OCT 2025 PORTUGAL-SPAIN-FRANCE-ITALY

See noticeboards for information



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SPECIAL COLLECTION

Our parish raised \$584.50 at Masses last weekend for flood victims in the Townsville Diocese. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING IN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office can be contacted if you have any Safeguarding concerns. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support, and discuss all options available. Contact the Safeguarding Office - Phone: (02) 6621 9444 or Email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



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Diocesan Investment Fund

<https://dif.au>

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.



ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH WEBSITE

Our website is an excellent resource for parishioners and visitors alike. Stay up to date with Mass times and newsletters.



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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