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Second Sunday of

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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

Time to embrace the mountain

In Celtic Christianity, there is a concept of "thin spaces"—places where the boundary between the earthly and the divine feels particularly close. In the Biblical stories, mountains often serve as "thin spaces", where moments of transcendence lead to direct encounters with the sacred.

In the Old Testament, mountains are consistently portrayed as spaces where the divine presence breaks into the phenomenal world. Abraham's profound test of faith occurs on Mount Moriah, where his willingness to sacrifice Isaac leads to an encounter with God's fidelity (Genesis 22:1-14). Moses' transformative moments with God also take place on mountains—first the mountain of the burning bush (Exodus 3:1-2), and later Mount Sinai, where he receives the law amidst thunder, lightning, and divine glory (Exodus 19).

Elijah, too, finds God not in the dramatic but in a gentle whisper on the same mountain (1 Kings 19:8-18). These stories highlight the mountain as a place where ordinary life is interrupted, and profound clarity and divine presence are experienced.

In the New Testament, Jesus exemplifies the importance of seeking out these thin spaces. He goes up a mountain to pray alone (Matthew 14:23; Luke 6:12), teaches his disciples on mountains (Matthew 5:1; Mark 3:13), and resists Satan's temptations there (Matthew 4:8; Luke 4:5). The Transfiguration, one of the most striking mountain episodes, occurs when Jesus ascends with Peter, James, and John and is revealed in divine glory, speaking with Moses and Elijah (Luke 9:28-36). These moments are pivotal, as they illuminate the necessity of stepping away from the world to gain spiritual insight and strength.

The Transfiguration story reminds us of the rhythm between mountain-top experiences and the everyday challenges of life. After descending from the mountain, Jesus embarks on his journey to Jerusalem, encountering the complexities of human suffering and marginalised communities. This pattern mirrors our own lives, where moments of spiritual clarity must eventually translate into action and compassion in the thick of daily existence.

Taking time to "go up the mountain" and enter the rarified atmosphere above is essential. It is only there that we step away from the noise of daily life to seek clarity and gain perspective. These encounters are opportunities to pray, reflect, and encounter God. They help us to take stock of our priorities and discern the path ahead for the "thick spaces" where we live our lives rarely mindful of the divine reality that underpins all existence.

This Lent, we are called to embrace the mountain as a metaphor for renewal. Whether through prayer, retreat, or silent reflection, let us ascend to meet God in the thin spaces, allowing these moments to transform our hearts. May these experiences empower us to live with renewed purpose, carrying the grace of our divine encounters into every interaction and challenge. The mountain is not an escape but a vantage point, reminding us of the deeper call to love, serve, and remain rooted in God amidst the complexities of the world. Ian J Elmer © Majellan Media 2025

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, 17th March—**St Patrick, bishop**

Wednesday, 19th March—**St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C, 2025

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

THE SEASON OF LENT



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during the Season of Lent, **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held at St. Anthony's Church at 7:00pm. *A fitting devotion to add to our prayer life during Lent.*

BISHOP GREG'S LENTEN TALKS

MONDAYS 17TH & 24TH MARCH

6.00pm at St Mary's Chapel (St Carthage's Cathedral grounds) and on YouTube (scan qr code)



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PRIESTS CONFERENCE

During this coming week Fr. Paul will be representing the Diocese at the National Council of Priests Conference in Sydney.

MASSES FOR SOLEMNITIES OF ST. PATRICK AND ST. JOSEPH

St. Patrick is the Patron Saint of the Diocese of Lismore. He was successful in preaching the Gospel and converting much of Ireland to Catholicism.



MONDAY 17TH MARCH—ST. PATRICK

8.00AM Sacred Heart, Murwillumbah

9.10AM St Josephs, Tweed Heads



WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH—ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.00AM St Anthony's, Kingscliff

9.10AM St Josephs, Tweed Heads

5.30PM Sacred Heart, Murwillumbah

2025 JUBILEE YEAR—PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Characteristics of the Jubilee

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

— PROFESSION OF FAITH —

The profession of faith – also known as the 'Symbol' - is a sign of the identity of the baptised person. It expresses the central content of the faith: it succinctly captures the main truths that a believer accepts and witnesses to on the day of his or her baptism and shares with the entire Christian community for the rest of his or her life.



There are various professions of faith which show the richness of the experience of encountering Jesus Christ. Traditionally, however, there are two that have gained special recognition in the Church: The Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed.

"To say the Creed with faith is to enter into communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and also with the whole Church which transmits the faith to us and in whose midst, we believe" (CCC 197).

JUBILEE OF HOPE PARISH WORKING GROUP

The Parish Liturgy Committee is seeking interested parishioners to form a working group to organise and help implement some initiatives around the Jubilee Year.

These might include a Parish Pilgrimage to St Carthage's Cathedral for the Chrism Mass (eg. hire a minibus) and/or a sustained period of Eucharistic Adoration including Reconciliation

Any ideas of how to celebrate this Holy Year are most welcome.

If you are interested please see a member of the Liturgy Committee:

Carmel Atkinson
Sue Falcke
Craig Moore

Gemma Ballantine
Catherine Holliday
Trish Spillane

Michael Craven
Peter McConnell



CELEBRATIONS

Baptisms We welcome **Alaiya** and **Harlon Talbot** baptised this week at St. Anthony's Church.

Please remember in your prayers:

RECENTLY DECEASED Dorothy Guest (Kathy Twohill's mother), Maureen Cooper (Desiree deAzevedo's mother), Sheila Border, Margaret Chiesa, Barbara Lynch

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 Neville Morrin, 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).

MEETINGS/GROUPS

SEEKERS FAMILY GROUP MORNING TEA

Sunday 16th March at 10:15 am
Lindisfarne boat shed
Contact: Jenny 0407 904 402

ST PATRICK'S DAY Monday 17th March

ST ANTHONY'S FAMILY GROUP

12pm Lunch at Chinderah Tavern. Clare 0448 275 040

CHERRY FAMILY GROUP

1.30pm A/Tea at Kathy's place, 5 Tweed Coast Rd, Wooyung.
RSVP Kathy 0427 484 727 *All welcome!*

OPALS FAMILY GROUP

12pm Lunch at South Tweed Bowls Club. Faye 0488 434 605

SUNDAY 23RD MAR **KINGSCLIFF TRIATHLON**

TUESDAY 1ST APR **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**
postponed from 7/3 **2PM, UNITING CHURCH, KINGSCLIFF**

TUESDAY 1ST APR **INTER-PARISH COLLABORATION**
postponed from 4/3 **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL/PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**
DELEGATES MEETING
5.30-7.00pm—Mt St Patrick, Murwillumbah

SATURDAY 10TH APR **VIGIL MASS 5PM, DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS SUNDAY 6 APRIL**

HARMONY WEEK 17th—23rd March

A time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—NEW DATE

- **2pm, Tuesday 1st April** -

Kingscliff Uniting Church, 24 Kingscliff Street
(RESCHEDULED FROM 7 MARCH)

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" prepared by the Christian churches of the Cook Islands.



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 generosity is appreciated.**



BAPTISM WELCOMER 16 th Mar	Cheryl French
BAPTISM WELCOMER 23 rd & 30 th Mar	No Baptisms
RECORDING Tuesday 18 th Mar	John Mulhall, Clare Perkins
RECORDING Tuesday 25 th Mar	Kath Togo, Marion Gardner

MASS ROSTER

15th/16th March

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 6:00PM	
GUITARIST	Vanya Ricciuti
FIRST READING	Peter McLoughlin
SECOND READING	Kim Dixon
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Helen Gooley
OFFERTORY	Marie Moore, Jacinta Martin
HOLY COMMUNION	John Mulhall, Kath Togo, tba
HOSPITALITY	Kerri Olson, Carmel Bushell
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READING	Peter Smith
SECOND READING	Peter McConnell
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Robyn Edwards
OFFERTORY	Dianne Lockyer
HOLY COMMUNION	Tim Edwards
HOSPITALITY	David Cranwell
DATA SYSTEM	Amanda Bottle
SACRISTY	Michael Carney
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Janet Blandford
FIRST READING	Angela Finkel
SECOND READING	Peter Byrne
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Faye McCoach
OFFERTORY	Anna Smits, Yvonne Potts
HOLY COMMUNION	Julianne Barlogio, tba
HOSPITALITY	Jenny Gardner, Sherida & Terry Sheridan
DATA SYSTEM	Sam Osborne
SACRISTY	Trish Spillane

MASS ROSTER

22nd/23rd March

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 6:00PM	
ORGANIST	Tara Williams
FIRST READING	Teonie Flynn
SECOND READING	Kim Dixon
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Marion Gardner
OFFERTORY	Carmel Bushell, Marty Darragh
HOLY COMMUNION	Shane Martin, Denise DeVene, Robyn Denny
HOSPITALITY	tba
DATA SYSTEM	Helen LeFebvre
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READING	Margaret Gear
SECOND READING	Amanda Bottle
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Kimberley Mathewson
OFFERTORY	Smith Family
HOLY COMMUNION	Michael Carney
HOSPITALITY	David Cranwell
DATA SYSTEM	Robyn Edwards
SACRISTY	Amanda Bottle
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Frances Ord
FIRST READING	Trish Spillane
SECOND READING	Gavin Dykes
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Jenny Gardner
OFFERTORY	tba
HOLY COMMUNION	Joan Prichard, Clare Perkins, Peter Byrne
HOSPITALITY	Mupunga Family, Bernie Doyle
DATA SYSTEM	Margaret Hession
SACRISTY	Craig Moore

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING — Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

- The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? R.*
- O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' R.*
- It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. R.*
- I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord. R.*

SECOND READING — Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;
praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;
praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOSPEL — Luke 9:28-36

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**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Second Sunday of Lent 15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



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Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

GRIEF AND LOSS SEMINAR—FR RAY SANCHEZ

How can we make *sense of suffering* in our lives?

Fr. Ray explores how people of faith deal with **Grief and Loss**, and how they can help others.

Friday 21st March at 7pm and repeated Saturday 22nd March at 10am in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Cnr Canterbury & West Sts, Casino. Register with St Mary's Parish on 02 6662 1025

Global Mission: No age limit!

Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT.

Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR
or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 27 March 2025

Time: 11 am – 12 pm

02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au



PARKING IN SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING MASSES

For security reasons, the gate into the school grounds will now be locked. The gates will be open for weekend Masses. If you park in the school ground, please leave promptly after Mass as the gates will need to be locked.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING COURSES

PARISH MEETING ROOM, KINGSCLIFF.

THURSDAY 15TH MAY

10.00-11.15AM: SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS

11.15-11.45AM: INTEGRITY IN OUR COMMON MISSION

12.00 - 1.15PM: MANDATORY REPORTING AND REPORTABLE CONDUCT



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