

PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING

23rd March 2025

St Anthony's Parish

Third 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

Bearing fruit in our lives

You never get a second chance to make a first impression. I saw these words on a poster in an employment agency I blessed. Yes, so often we judge others, based on first impressions. Once formed, first impressions can be difficult to let go, in order for us to give someone another chance or see them anew. It's not easy to change our opinions or judgements.

Thankfully, God doesn't relate to us in this way. God is "compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy," and offers us many chances and opportunities to change, and to free ourselves from whatever weighs us down or prevents us from living as people of love committed to Christ and His Kingdom. This week's gospel parable illustrates this truth perfectly.

A fig tree requires the right conditions to produce fruit. The tree in the parable remains fruitless after three years. The vineyard owner wants the gardener to cut it down because it's taking up ground that could be put to better use. The hope-filled gardener appeals to the owner to leave it for another year, during which time he will "dig round it and manure it." Just as the gardener is patient with the fig tree, so God is patient with us, and gives us many chances to bear fruit in our lives.

The challenge is not to waste the opportunities given to us. We must repent. Jesus warns the people: "Unless you repent, you will all perish." Repentance is a central demand of the Good News, and Jesus begins his mission to proclaim the Kingdom with: "Repent and believe the Good news." (Mk 1:15).

Repentance is not focussed on the past, but the future. It's a decision to turn away from where we are and move towards God. To turn away from the darkness in our lives and journey towards the light. To completely change our direction and joyously 'come home' to God. Repentance calls us to leave behind the past and all that has been, and to open our minds and hearts to the person God wants us to be. God's grace will bring us to newness of life.

Sadly, a reluctance to believe that God really loves us, no matter what we've done or where we've been in life, often hinders our willingness to repent and change direction. All too often, our understanding of God is engulfed by fear and anxiety, which trap and bind us from reaching out to God with faith, trust and confidence.

God never gives up on us. Instead, God continually reaches out to us, helping us to become the people that God yearns for us to be. Let's take heart this Lenten season, that God who is compassion and love, is waiting patiently for us, and will transform our repentant hearts, so that the vineyard of our lives will bear abundant fruit.

David J Hore CSSR© Majellan Media 2025

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Tuesday, 25th March—**The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C, 2025

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 33; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross and the Way of Sorrow (Via Crucis in Latin), detail fourteen moments (stations) of Jesus' life on the day of his death by crucifixion. This prayer is a small pilgrimage but it is a powerful way to grow closer to Jesus, especially during Lent.

If you have not been in the habit of praying the Stations of the Cross, this Jubilee Year is an excellent time to start.

Join us on this prayer pilgrimage every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm, St Anthony's Church.



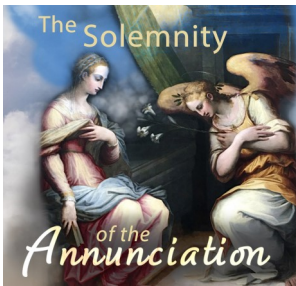
BISHOP GREG'S LENTEN TALK

MONDAY 24TH MARCH 6.00pm at St Mary's Chapel and on YouTube (scan qr code)



THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD — 25TH MARCH

The solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only Son. We are continually reminded of the importance of this feast to our salvation in various devotional prayers. Two examples that highlight the importance of this feast are the joyful mysteries of the Rosary and the Angelus.



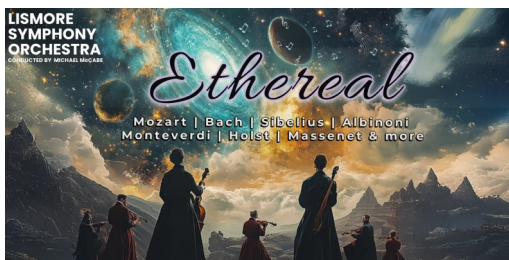
MASS TIMES FOR THE ANNUNCIATION, TUESDAY 25TH MARCH

9.15AM Sts Mary & Ambrose, Pottsville
9.10AM St Josephs, Tweed Heads
5.30PM Sacred Heart, Murwillumbah

FUNERAL THIS WEEK — Tuesday 25th March at 11.00am
Requiem Mass for **Meegan King** at St. Anthony's Church

CATHEDRAL CONCERT

Sunday
30th March
3-5pm



Please remember in your prayers:

RECENTLY DECEASED

Peter Lemon (Fr. Lemon's father), Meegan King, Graham Robinson, Giacomina Porcelli, Dorothy Guest, Maureen Cooper, Sheila Border

ANNIVERSARY Wilma Selvakumaraswamy

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).

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

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**

— INDULGENCES —

The Jubilee Indulgence is a concrete manifestation of God's mercy, which goes beyond and transforms the boundaries of human justice. This treasury of grace entered human history in the witness of Jesus and the saints, and by living in communion with them our hope for our own forgiveness is strengthened and becomes a certainty. The Jubilee indulgence allows us to free our hearts from the weight of sin because the reparation due for our sins is given freely and abundantly.

In practical terms, the experience of God's mercy involves some spiritual acts indicated by the Pope. Those who cannot make the Jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances are nonetheless invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in the Eucharistic celebration.

DECREE ON THE GRANTING OF THE INDULGENCE DURING THE ORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR 2025 CALLED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS



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:

<i>Carmel Atkinson</i>	<i>Gemma Ballantine</i>	<i>Michael Craven</i>
<i>Sue Falcke</i>	<i>Catherine Holliday</i>	<i>Peter McConnell</i>
<i>Craig Moore</i>	<i>Trish Spillane</i>	

LAETARE SUNDAY *Next Sunday, on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we celebrate Laetare Sunday.*

On Laetare Sunday (as similarly with the Third Sunday of Advent's Gaudete Sunday) the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances.

Call it pink — or, more fittingly, rose — this change in colour indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter.

Laetare is Latin for "rejoice"!

Laetare Sunday is the Church's way of giving us a "shot in the arm" as we approach the darkness of the days through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It's an opportunity to savour and keep in the back of our minds what awaits us as we celebrate the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses — the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and that our hearts will always be filled with joy!

UPCOMING EVENTS

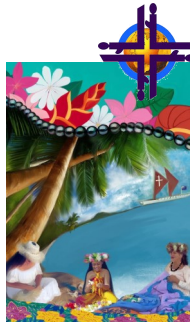
- TUESDAY 1ST APR** **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**
postponed from 7/3 **2PM, UNITING CHURCH, KINGSCLIFF**
- TUESDAY 1ST APR** **INTER-PARISH COLLABORATION**
postponed from 4/3 **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL/PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL DELEGATES MEETING**
5.30-7.00PM—Mt St Patrick, Murwillumbah
- TUESDAY 9TH APR** **SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION**
6PM, ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH - with several priests available
- WEEKEND 12/13TH APR** **PALM SUNDAY—HOLY WEEK BEGINS**
- SATURDAY 10TH APR** **VIGIL MASS 5PM, DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS SUNDAY 6 APRIL**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—NEW DATE

- 2pm, Tuesday 1st April -

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

You are invited 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.



BAPTISM WELCOMER 23rd & 30th Mar	No Baptisms
RECORDING Tuesday 25th Mar	Clare Perkins, Marty Darragh
RECORDING Tuesday 1st Apr	Helen Bryan, Shirley Burns

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	Denise DeVene, Robyn Denny, Kath Togo
HOSPITALITY	Kerri Olson, Marty Darragh
DATA SYSTEM	Helen LeFebvre
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Denise DeVene
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	Patrick Butler
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

MASS ROSTER	29th/30th March
KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 6:00PM	
ORGANIST	Helen Roberts
FIRST READING	Peter Campbell
SECOND READING	Helen Gooley
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Carmel Atkinson
OFFERTORY	Rina & Lawrence Anderson
HOLY COMMUNION	Kath Togo, Marion Gardner, John Mulhall
HOSPITALITY	Shirley Burns, Carmel Bushell
DATA SYSTEM	Megan Gollan
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READING	Deborah Wilmoth
SECOND READING	Antoinette Mills
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Marie Stott
OFFERTORY	Julie Ross/Ursula O'Grady
HOLY COMMUNION	Amanda Bottle
HOSPITALITY	Anna Caton
DATA SYSTEM	Kimberley Mathewson
SACRISTY	Patrick Butler
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Irene Brinsmead
FIRST READING	Julianne Barlogio
SECOND READING	Mary Rawson
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Michael Craven
OFFERTORY	Mupunga Family
HOLY COMMUNION	John Rawson, Angela Finkel, Lynne Bermingham
HOSPITALITY	Joan Prichard, Julia Burns, Faye McCoach
DATA SYSTEM	Maya Rogers
SACRISTY	Trish Spillane

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING — Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

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 does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. R.*
- 4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. R.*

SECOND READING — 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

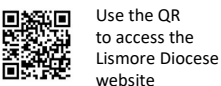
**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;
praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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

GOSPEL — Luke 13:1-9

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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**

For employees, church personnel, volunteers and parishioners.

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL COMPANIONS

Following the success of last year,
St Anthony's school is continuing their
'**Companions**' program this year.



The school is seeking parishioners who
might have some time to come into St Anthony's school
once a week and work with a student (or groups of students)
who would benefit from a '**companion**' to build positive
relationships, self-esteem and resilience. It might be teaching
a child how to play cards or how to knit and having a yarn
about life's ups and downs at the same time.

Volunteers need a Working With Children Check, which can
be organised through the school.

If you would like to volunteer for the program or want to talk
further about **Companions**, please contact Gemma Ballantine
(Assistant Principal, Mission) through the School Office
(02)6674 1368.



Third Sunday of Lent
22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural
Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his
short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam
completed a six-month course developing his graphic
design skills. He now runs a successful freelance
graphic design business from home, serving clients
worldwide and earning a steady income.



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