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St Anthony's Parish

30th March 2025

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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

To love equally

The parable in this week's gospel tells us about the experience of being loved. It is about a father who shares his love equally with both his sons and as they mature into adulthood, he gives them space to make their own decisions.

But the younger son decides he wants to have his own life and so he moves away and becomes disconnected from his father and brother. The oldest son, however, decides to remain loyal and to serve his father. But one day after arriving home after a day working in the fields, he becomes angry after seeing his father embrace his younger brother who has returned home.

It seems unbelievable that his father would welcome the younger sibling because he turned his back on his father and the family home. However, this is where we witness God's mercy which goes beyond our human thoughts and standards. Seeing his younger son coming towards him, his father runs to him, welcoming and hugging him with tremendous joy and love. To his relief, the younger son finds his father is still the same loving and merciful man.

His father can't hide his joy so he throws a party to celebrate his son's return. The younger son feels even more loved by his father than before he left the family property. The oldest son is invited to join the celebrations but refuses and complains that he has served his father loyally all his life but has never been treated like a king. Why would the younger brother be treated like a king when he turned his back on his father? It doesn't make sense!

At this moment he doesn't feel loved even though he experienced his father's care all his life. Both sons at different times fail to see the deepest generosity of their father's heart. The father knows that if they are away and lose contact with him, they will die. They will have no life. The younger son experienced this scenario which is why his father is so happy when he returns. The elder son, momentarily blinded by envy and jealousy, already has a wonderful life with his father but fails to see this.

Likewise, we are all safe in God's house who loves us so much we have the freedom to make our own decisions. Coming home is really a journey of love. It takes a lot of courage as the younger son showed. The parable also reveals that staying with the father can provide great joy and the fullness of life.

God the Father never changes his love for us. He is always waiting for us. Let us make the move and go back home to renew our relationship with God the Father, in order to experience his unconditional love and mercy, and be ready to share God's life with others, especially with the wounded ones.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C, 2025

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 125; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

LAETARE SUNDAY (4TH SUNDAY OF LENT)

Laetare (*Latin for "rejoice"*) Sunday the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances.



During Lent, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal forbids flowers adorning the altar. But on Laetare Sunday (as well as solemnities and feasts within the season), there's a temporary halt to these penitential observations!

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!



FIRST FRIDAY — 4TH APRIL

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

following 8am Mass at St. Anthony's.

SACRED HEART CHURCH MURWILLUMBAH

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

2pm, Tuesday 1st April

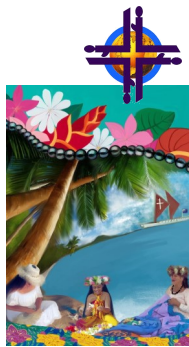
(RESCHEDULED FROM 7 MARCH)

Kingscliff Uniting Church, 24 Kingscliff Street

You are invited to attend the

2025 **World Day of Prayer**.

It is always a wonderful way to celebrate with our fellow Christians of other denominations.



PILGRIMAGE

St Carthage's Cathedral for the Chrism Mass

**Every 25 years, the Church
celebrates a Jubilee Year.**

Jubilees are a wonderful opportunity to deepen our faith and experience the hope and mercy of our loving God ever more keenly through pilgrimage, prayer and acts of mercy.

**We can also potentially receive a
Plenary Indulgence in this Holy Year.**

There are a few ways to receive this indulgence.

Learn more by reading the *Decree on the Granting of Indulgence During the Jubilee Year* by scanning the QR code (it's also on our website.)



What is a Plenary Indulgence?

It is the remission of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven (therefore no further expiation is required in Purgatory). Plenary indulgences obtained during the Jubilee Year can also be applied to souls in purgatory.

One of the ways you may receive it is by making a pilgrimage to one of the Diocesan Jubilee shrines, the most notable being St Carthage's Cathedral in Lismore.

We would like to facilitate this for the parish by organising a parish pilgrimage to the Chrism Mass on the Monday of Holy Week (14th April).

The other conditions required for this indulgence are:

- to have a disposition of detachment from sin, Reconciliation - making a sacramental confession at the **Second Rite on Wednesday 9th April** will fulfill this requirement,
- Holy Communion and
- praying for the intentions of the Pope (prayer cards will be made available).

To organise the pilgrimage we need expressions of interest.

Mr Gavin Dykes, Principal of Mt St Patrick College has generously offered to drive the group to the Cathedral using the college minibus. Pick up time approx. 5pm (location TBA but probably St Anthony's Church) with an approx. end journey time of 9.30pm. **Put your name on the sheet at the back of the Church if you are interested.**

Please remember in your prayers:

RECENTLY DECEASED

Peter Demol, Peter Lemon, Meegan King, Graham Robinson, Giacomina Porcelli, Dorothy Guest, Maureen Cooper, Sheila Border

ANNIVERSARY

John Perkins, Keith Mulhall, Wilma Selvakumaraswamy

ALSO Jim Hession, Archie Burns, 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

Rachel Jones, 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.

MEETINGS/GROUPS

TUESDAY 1ST APR
postponed from 4/3

INTER-PARISH COLLABORATION
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL/PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL
DELEGATES MEETING
5.30-7.00PM—Mt St Patrick, Murwillumbah

ST ANTHONY'S FAMILY GROUP PIZZADAY

Saturday 12th April at 12 noon

Craig & Marie's place

Contact: 0414 865 573

CHERRY FAMILY GROUP COFFEE AT MURWILLUMBAH

Tuesday 15th April at 10:00 am

by Martial Arts Centre Murwillumbah

Contact Fay ebonycrystal62@yahoo.com or 0416 461 765

Thank you!

St Anthony's Family Group wish to convey a big thank you to Clare Perkins for organising and setting up the tables at Chinderah Tavern for our get-together on St. Patrick's Day. Thank you also to Clare and Shirley Burns for our Planning Meeting and High Morning Tea at Clare's home in February.

With many thanks

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 9TH APR **SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION**
6.00PM, St ANTHONY'S CHURCH with several priests

FRIDAY 11TH APR **SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION**
5.30PM, St JOSEPH'S TWEED HEADS with several priests

WEEKEND 12/13TH APR **PALM SUNDAY—HOLY WEEK BEGINS**

SATURDAY 12TH APR **VIGIL MASS 5PM, DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS SUNDAY 6 APRIL**

HOLY WEEK/EASTER ROSTERS

Forms are available at the back of both churches for those on the Mass rosters to indicate their availability over the Easter period. The ceremonies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil occur at St. Anthony's Church and any minister on a Mass roster who will be attending any of these Triduum ceremonies is welcome to volunteer.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Fr. Nicolas Maurice from Tweed Heads for celebrating the 7.30am and 9.00am Masses this weekend.

40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Katrina and Mark Wilkin who celebrate '40 years of marriage this week.

Prayer for Pope Francis

"O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

BAPTISM WELCOMER 30 th March	No Baptisms
BAPTISM PREP WELCOMER 6 th April	tba
RECORDING Tuesday 1 st April	Helen Bryan, Shirley Burns
RECORDING Tuesday 8 th April	Sharyn McConnell, Margaret Gear

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

MASS ROSTER

5th/6th April

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 6:00PM	
ORGANIST	Helen Roberts
FIRST READING	Anthony Luxton
SECOND READING	Marion Gardner
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Peter McLoughlin
OFFERTORY	Angela Mulhall, Shirley Burns
HOLY COMMUNION	Carmel Atkinson, Rina Anderson, Shane Martin
HOSPITALITY	Joan Prichard, Kerri Olson
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh
SACRISTY	Carmel Atkinson, Kath Togo
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READING	Antoinette Mills
SECOND READING	Patrick Butler
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Julie Ross
OFFERTORY	Catherine Dennis
HOLY COMMUNION	Tim Edwards
HOSPITALITY	Kathy Cherry
DATA SYSTEM	Anna Caton
SACRISTY	Michael Carney
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Janet Blandford
FIRST READING	Trish Spillane
SECOND READING	Lorraine Craven
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Angela Finkel
OFFERTORY	Seekers Family Group
HOLY COMMUNION	Peter Byrne, Mary Rawson, Helen Bryan
HOSPITALITY	Cheryl French, Shyne Mupunga, Peggy Johnson
DATA SYSTEM	Sam Osborne
SACRISTY	Craig Moore

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING — Joshua 5:9-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

- I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. R.*
- Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. R.*
- Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. R.*

SECOND READING — 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

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

GOSPEL — Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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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
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