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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

EASTER VIGIL: KINGSCLIFF 7:00pm

Saturday 26/4—4/10: 6.00pm

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7:30am

KINGSCLIFF 9:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

TUESDAY: NO MASS

WEDNESDAY: KINGSCLIFF 8:00am

THURSDAY: NO MASS

FRIDAY ANZAC DAY:

KINGSCLIFF 9:00am

RECONCILIATION TIMES

SATURDAY (from 26/4):

KINGSCLIFF 4:00—4:30pm

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7:00—7:25am

20th April, 2025

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection, Year C

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There was a Russian Cossack, who had two sons in the First World War. Their names were Peter and Gregory. One day the father received a letter from the front. Unable to read he handed it to his daughter.

It was from Gregory's commanding officer and it began: "I regret to inform you that your son Gregory was killed in action on July 10.

Gregory was an excellent soldier, and you have every reason to be proud of him." The effect of this news on the father was immediate and alarming. In a matter of days he aged, turning grey overnight. His memory began to fail and even his mind was affected. He began to drink to excess. He kept the letter under an icon in the kitchen. Each day he would take it down and ask his daughter to read it to him once more.

After the local priest had offered a Requiem Mass for his son, the father felt a little better, but only a little. Twelve days went on like this. On the thirteenth day a second letter arrived from the front. It contained an extraordinary piece of news. His son was not dead! He had been wounded and left for dead on the battlefield. Next morning, he had regained consciousness and crawled four miles back to his own lines, dragging a wounded officer with him. In recognition of his bravery, he was to be raised to the rank of a corporal and awarded the Cross of St George. Right now, he was recovering in hospital, and they could expect a visit from him in a month's time.

Once again, the effect on the father was immediate, except this time it was for the better. He was a sight to see. He was filled with joy. He grabbed the letter and went into the village with it, telling everyone he met; "My son is alive! He's been awarded the St. George Cross for bravery!"

This story should give us some idea of the joy the disciples experienced on Easter Sunday morning. Just as the Cossack father gave witness to the news that his son was alive, so too Peter speaks to the household of Cornelius, the Roman Centurion.

Peter summarises for them the essence of the story of Jesus who was anointed by God, proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God, healed the sick, and liberated those who were possessed. However, having antagonised the authorities, Jesus was crucified. But he was now raised to new life. He had appeared to his disciples, shared food with them and commissioned them to bear witness to all people.

Hearing this news, the Spirit comes upon Peter's audience, and all are baptised, Jews and Gentiles. As we reflect on the resurrection of Jesus, we are reminded of this great news and renewed in our ability to bear witness to all people by our words and deeds.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C, 2025

(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

ACTS 5:12-16; REVELATIONS 1:9-13,17-19; JOHN 20:19-31

BISHOP GREG'S EASTER MESSAGE 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters

This year as we approach the great Feast of Easter we cannot ignore natural disasters and worrying international problems. Lismore Diocese had floods and heavy winds courtesy of Cyclone Alfred, but luckily survived. Despite our prayers, peace is not a reality in our world, and the international economic order is being undermined. Poverty and displacement are everywhere.

Today I read the section of Genesis in which Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers. This horrible offence against family and love proves to be the salvation of the sons of Jacob who find safety and food in Egypt. From this Moses emerges as the leader of Israel who, after the Passover, takes the Jewish people to the frontier of Israel.

Easter reminds us that in spite of darkness and seeming impossibility, God is greater and can bring out much good from human despair and negative experience.

The Resurrection crowns the despondency following the death of Jesus. We are Easter people who daily look for experiences of resurrection. If we look beyond ourselves to the abundant goodness which surrounds us, we shall see the Risen Christ.

With my prayers and Easter wishes,

Bishop Greg

Most Revd Greg Homeming OCD

Bishop of Lismore



CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION



It is with great pleasure that we welcome and congratulate **Kate Stone** received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Thank you to **Kim Dixon** who has prepared and journeyed with our candidate Kate over the past eight months.

Please remember in your prayers:

RECENTLY DECEASED

Hugh Azzopardi (Jane Bonett's brother), Greg Philipson, Rachel Jones, Peter Demol, Peter Lemon,

ANNIVERSARY

Bishop John Satterthwaite (4th Bishop of Lismore), Lyn Prince, Laurie Stott, Victoria Cassar

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, John Perkins, 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 (6 yrs) and Skylar Kellehear (8 mths).

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



THE EASTER SEASON

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as on Feast days. The Sundays of this season rank as Paschal Sundays i.e. Second to Sixth Sundays of Easter and the Ascension. During the Easter Season the Paschal Candle Stands beside the Ambo. Wishing all parishioners and visitors a Happy and Holy Easter.

Father Paul McDonald

Parish Priest

THANK YOU to all involved in the Prayful ceremonies for Holy Week and Easter. Special thanks to the sacristans and all who have prepared St. Anthony's and Sts. Mary & Ambrose Churches and arranged flowers. Thank you to Altar Servers, Organists, Singers, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, data operators, office staff and all who have worked behind the scenes.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 27th April

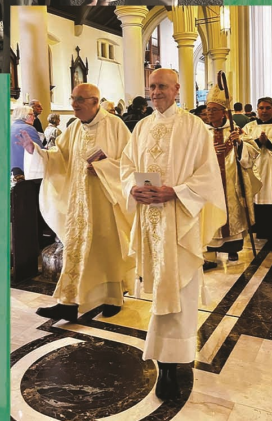
Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter (within the Easter Octave). It is a devotion based on revelations to Saint Faustina Kowalska including promises of grace related to devotion to Divine Mercy. This day celebrates the richness, meaning, participation in and application of God's mercy for us. This day we cry out with St. Thomas "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28).





Thank you to
Gavin Dykes
for enabling
20+ parishioners
to experience
the Chrism Mass
on Monday
night by the
use of the
Mt. St. Patrick
College mini bus
and for driving.

Parish Pilgrimage



PILGRIMS OF HOPE



MEETINGS/GROUPS UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING

A CATHOLIC RESPONSE **Wednesday 30th April 10.00AM,**
PARISH MEETING ROOM

All parishioners are welcome to learn about the recently introduced Voluntary Assisted Dying in NSW and the Catholic response. The session will cover Catholic commitment to quality end of life care, an outline of the NSW law and some global perspectives on assisted dying. The presenter is Rev. Dr. Anthony Gooley, who is a deacon in Ballina parish and a theologian. He has worked for a time in the Catholic health sector and taught theological ethics.

The session will be held at St Anthony's Parish, in the meeting room, on Wednesday 30th April commencing at 10am and concluding at 12pm. *Sheets are at the back of the Church for you to register or you can contact the parish office. This will help us plan for hospitality.*

ROSARY IN THE PARK

Wednesday 7th May 10.30am,
Faulks Park, Kingscliff

Hosted by The Legion of Mary.

BRING A CHAIR



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Thursday 15th May 10AM –1.15PM, PARISH MEETING ROOM

10.00-11.15AM: SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS

11.15-11.45AM: INTEGRITY IN OUR COMMON MISSION

12.00 - 1.15PM: MANDATORY REPORTING & REPORTABLE CONDUCT

For employees, church personnel, volunteers and parishioners.

BAPTISM WELCOMER 27th April	Terry & Sherida Sheridan
RECORDING Tues 22nd April	John Mulhall, Clare Perkins
RECORDING Tues 29th April	John Mulhall, Marion Gardner



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DIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been made by Bishop Homeming.

Father Felix Ekeh, Parish Priest, Clarence Valley Parish.

Father Joe Holloway, Parish Priest, Kyogle Parish.

Father Anselm Okeke, Parish Priest, Wauchope Parish.

Father Erick Quinteros, Assistant Priest, Ballina Parish.

Father Joy D'Souza OCD, Administrator, Sawtell Parish.

Deacon Anthony Gooley has been appointed Vocations Director for the Diocese.

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PROJECT COMPASSION

Happy Easter from Caritas Australia!

As we celebrate this season of hope and renewal, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion this Lent. As we reflect on the Easter message of love, compassion, and new beginnings, we are reminded of the incredible impact your contributions make.



Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty.*

EASTER VIGIL

FIRST READING — Genesis 1:1-2:2

PSALM RESPONSE:

*Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.*

SECOND READING — Genesis 22:1-18

PSALM RESPONSE:

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

THIRD READING — Exodus 14:15-15:1

PSALM RESPONSE:

I will sing to the Lord; Glorious his triumph.

EPISTLE: Romans 6:3-11

GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

EASTER SUNDAY

FIRST READING — Acts 10:34, 37-43

PSALM RESPONSE:

*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
"His love has no end." **R.**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R.**
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

SECOND READING — Colossians 3:1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL — John 20:1-9

REMINDER: VIGIL MASS COMMENCES AT 5PM
26TH APRIL TO 4TH OCTOBER 2025



**Australian Catholic Bishops
Election Statement**

**Called to Bring
Hope in the Year
of Jubilee**



MASS ROSTER	19 th /20 th April EASTER
KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY	EASTER VIGIL 7:00PM
ORGANIST	Helen Roberts
OLD TESTAMENT READER 1	Clare Perkins
OLD TESTAMENT READER 2	Kim Dixon
OLD TESTAMENT READER 3	Carmel Atkinson
NEW TESTAMENT	Maya Rogers
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Anthony Luxton
OFFERTORY	Marie Moore, Kate Stone
HOLY COMMUNION	Fr Paul McDonald, Fr John Darbyshire, Helen Reynolds, Kerri Olson
HOSPITALITY	Carmel Bushell, Denise DeVene, Kerri Olson
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh
SACRISTY	Carmel Atkinson, Kath Togo
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READING	Robyn Edwards
SECOND READING	Deborah Wilmoth
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Ursula O'Grady
OFFERTORY	Smith Family
HOLY COMMUNION	Tim Edwards
HOSPITALITY	David Cranwell
DATA SYSTEM	Anna Caton
SACRISTY	Michael Carney
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Janet Blandford
FIRST READING	Pat Carroll
SECOND READING	Angela Finkel
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Julianne Barlogio
OFFERTORY	Julia Burns, Faye McCoach
HOLY COMMUNION	John & Mary Rawson, Lorraine Craven, Rosie Carroll, Ted Byrne
HOSPITALITY	Joan Prichard, Bernie Doyle, Terry & Sherida Sheridan
DATA SYSTEM	Margaret Hession
SACRISTY	Craig Moore
MASS ROSTER	26 th /27 th April
KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY	5:00PM
ORGANIST	Tara Williams
FIRST READING	Kim Dixon
SECOND READING	Peter Campbell
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Marion Gardner
OFFERTORY	Rina & Lawrence Anderson
HOLY COMMUNION	John Mulhall, Carmel Atkinson, 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	Peter Smith
SECOND READING	Marie Stott
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Julie Ross
OFFERTORY	Catherine Dennis
HOLY COMMUNION	Tim Edwards
HOSPITALITY	David Cranwell
DATA SYSTEM	Anna Caton
SACRISTY	Patrick Butler
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Frances Ord
FIRST READING	Cheryl French
SECOND READING	Peter Byrne
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Josephine Hortle
OFFERTORY	Faye McCoach
HOLY COMMUNION	Clare Perkins, John Rawson, tba
HOSPITALITY	Julianne & Stewart Barlogio, Shyne Mupunga
DATA SYSTEM	tba
SACRISTY	Trish Spillane