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1st June 2025

The Ascension of the Lord, Year C.

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Being Witnesses to the Ends of the Earth

(Luke 24:46-53)

Loss is part of the human condition and the physical death of a loved one is among the most painful experiences of loss. Today's Feast of the Ascension invites us to face the experience of loss in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been remembering his death and resurrection. As we approach the end of the Easter season, the liturgy draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of Jesus who has been raised.

The Lukan Ascension stories as found in the gospel and in today's first reading (Acts 1:1-11) presuppose a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the world. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and the prophet Jesus, like the prophet Elijah of old, is caught up into God's realm from whence the Holy Spirit will "descend" upon God's people. This vertical (up and down) movement is balanced by a horizontal movement.

In Acts, Jesus' family and friends who grieve the loss of their loved one are told not to keep looking up to the heavens. They have work to do: they must return to Jerusalem for the present and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the prophetic ministry of Jesus ("clothed with power from on high"), to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. They have to face the fact that the physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence and that they have a role to play in making him present in their world. Like us, the early Christians needed time to grasp each dimension of the one great mystery of God's presence among them.

In the gospel account, the disciples gathered in Jerusalem are to be witnesses to the death and resurrection of Jesus. They are to proclaim a gospel of "repentance and forgiveness". In the gospel (Luke 24:47) their audience is "all the nations", while in Acts 1:8, they are commissioned to be witnesses to Jesus "in all Jerusalem, in Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". In other words, the good news is not only for the earth's human inhabitants but for the earth itself. Pope Francis, in calling us to be attentive to the cry of the poor, insisted that the earth itself is "among the most maltreated and abandoned of our poor" (Laudato Si' 2).

Joy, peace and blessing have the final word in Luke's gospel. They have permeated Luke's story from the outset. Joy, peace and blessing fill our hearts as we give thanks for our newly elected pontiff, Pope Leo XIV. And as we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we pray that the spirit of joy and peace that animated the earliest Christians will be with all of God's people and that the entire planetary community might know the blessing of God.

-Veronica Lawson RSM

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

VIGIL MASS: KINGSCLIFF 5:00pm

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 4:00—4:30pm

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7:00—7:25am

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Tuesday 3rd June **Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs**

Thursday 5th June **St Boniface, bishop, martyr**

PENTECOST SUNDAY, Year C

Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TWEED HEADS PARISH

Following the retirement of Fr. Michael Brady as Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Tweed Heads, the Bishop has appointed Fr. Paul McDonald as Administrator. This arrangement is seen as temporary until the Bishop is in a position to make a permanent appointment.

Fr. Paul's role will be to meet regularly with the priests, parish staff and other groups to provide support and assist with organisation and administration. Most of the sacramental, pastoral and chaplaincy roles will continue to be undertaken by the priests and parish staff currently in Tweed Heads.

During this interim period this team approach is consistent with the journey of collaboration the parishes of the Tweed Valley (Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads and Kingscliff) have been travelling for almost the past twelve months.

Fr. Paul will continue as Parish Priest of Kingscliff and Vicar General, together with several other Diocesan commitments.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRAESIDIUM—LEGION OF MARY

Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium of the Legion of Mary has closed after many years. In 1981 it started its work of assisting the parish priest of St Anthony's and for the last 9 years it has been run by only two ladies, **Yvonne Hunt** and **Mary Hammermaster**, who joined in the 1990's.

We thank them for their faith and commitment to work for Jesus and His Church, through the imitation of His Blessed Mother, for so long.

This weekend at all Masses, Legionaries from Tweed Heads and Muwillumbah, will be running a recruitment drive so that a new Praesidium can open up to continue the Legion's work in this parish. Please, if you have any questions or comments, talk to the speakers at the back of the church after Mass.

BISHOP GREG'S MID NORTH COAST FLOOD APPEAL

Donations to this appeal last weekend raised \$1,237 in our parish. Bishop Greg called the appeal to support those affected by the severe flooding in parts of the Mid North Coast which caused widespread loss and damage to families and businesses across the parishes of Coffs Harbour, Sawtell, Bellingen, Nambucca Valley, Macleay Valley (Kempsey), Port Macquarie, Camden Haven (Laurieton/Kendall) and Wauchope.

Special collection envelopes are available in the church or tax deductible donations may be made directly on the Diocese website by selecting Mid North Coast Flood Appeal under 'Fund to support' or by scanning the code.



Jubilee Year 2025

Pilgrimage - Holy Door
Reconciliation - Prayer - Liturgy
Profession of Faith

Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities (7-8 June)

Members of ecclesial movements and prayer groups are invited to participate in a celebration of their shared mission.
(From Pope John Paul II's Meeting with Ecclesial Movements and New Communities, 1998)

PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, come and renew the face of the earth!
Come with your seven gifts!
Come, Spirit of Life, Spirit of Communion and Love!
The Church and the world need you.
Come, Holy Spirit, and make ever more fruitful the charisms you have bestowed on us.
Give new strength and missionary zeal to these sons and daughters of yours who have gathered here.
Open their hearts; renew their Christian commitment in the world.
Make them courageous messengers of the Gospel, witnesses to the risen Jesus Christ, the Redeemer and Saviour of humanity.
Strengthen their love and their fidelity to the Church. Amen.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

Children who have been preparing for this special sacrament, their final sacrament of initiation, will be making their First Holy Communion at Masses this weekend and 14th/15th June. They will receive their certificates at Parish/School Masses on the feast of Corpus Christi, 21st/22nd June.

Please pray for those celebrating



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all children receiving the Eucharist for the first time this weekend in our parish



Marriage

Congratulations **Kieran Baker & Amelia Ryan** married this week at St. Anthony's Church

Please remember in your prayers:

RECENTLY DECEASED ANNIVERSARY

Fr. Kevin Ehlefeldt M.S.C., Mario Grana, Jo-Anne Beddoes, Marie Therese Collins, Rosa Bianco
Roy Hose, Maria Andrews, Les Andrews

ALSO Jim Hession, Archie Burns, Frank & Judy Mills, Caroline Cranwell, Bernard and Marcia Clarke, Marlene Condon, Jack Byrne, Ray O'Keefe, Kathleen O'Keefe, Maree Everingham, Fr. Tom McEvoy, John Perkins, Pip Brown, All forgotten Souls in Purgatory, All deceased members of Legion of Mary throughout the world.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK Benjie Tolentino, Philip Gelhaar, 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, Martin Fitzhenry, Jayden Paulson, Gerard Paulson, Patricia O'Farrell. Special prayers for Ella and Skylar.

MEETINGS/GROUPS

ST ANTHONY'S FAMILY GROUP LUNCH

Saturday 14th April at 12 noon at Club Tweed (Bowling Club)
Contact Shirley: 0435 264 524

SHINE FAMILY GROUP DINNER CATCH UP

Saturday 14th April at 6.45pm at Cena Italian
Contact Martins: 0407 771 299

UPCOMING EVENTS

MASSSES 14/15 JUNE	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
11 TH JUNE 3.30PM	LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING
17 TH JUNE 5PM	PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL
MASSSES 21/22 JUNE	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS COMMISSIONING
22 ND JUNE	PARISH/SCHOOL MASSES
23-29 JUNE	WORKING WITH CHILDREN WEEK
25 TH JUNE 5PM	PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
24 TH JUNE 7PM	MUSTARD SEEDS BOOK CLUB



FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA AND OUR PATRON SAINT

Mass will be celebrated at **9am** (instead of 8am) on Friday 13th June at St. Anthony's church. Please note there will be no Mass on Thursday 12th June.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday 6th June after the 8:00am Mass, followed by Benediction at St. Anthony's church.



CONSECRATING HOMES TO THE SACRED HEART

Anyone wishing to have their home consecrated to the Sacred Heart, please add your name to the sheet at church. **Dedication at St. Anthony's Church by Fr. John Darbyshire at the 8am Mass, 25th June.**



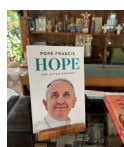
TRAVELLING ROSARY STATUE

The rosary statue is available to take to your home for one week. See the Piety Stall to make a booking.



POPE FRANCIS' AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Copies are available at the Piety Stall at Kingscliff. Pottsville parishioners, please let the parish office know if you would like a copy.



NAME BADGE ORDER (MAGNETIC \$12)

An order will soon be placed for magnetic name badges. Complete the sheet at church if you would like a badge ordered.

BAPTISM PREP WELCOMER 1st Jun	Cheryl French
BAPTISM WELCOMER 8th June	Angela Finkel
RECORDING Tues 3rd June	John Mulhall, Marion Gardner
RECORDING Tues 3rd June	Clare Perkins, Shirley Burns

MASS ROSTER

31st May/1st June

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 5:00PM	
ORGANIST	Antonia Pratt
FIRST READING	Robyn Denny
SECOND READING	Helen Gooley
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Peter Campbell
OFFERTORY	tba
HOLY COMMUNION	Joan Prichard, Rina Anderson, Carmel Atkinson
HOSPITALITY	Marty Darragh, tba
DATA SYSTEM	Megan Gollan
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READING	Patrick Butler
SECOND READING	Margaret Potts
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Julie Ross
OFFERTORY	Dianne Lockyer
HOLY COMMUNION	Marie Stott
HOSPITALITY	David Cranwell
DATA SYSTEM	Anna Caton
FLOWERS	Sharyn McConnell
SACRISTY	Patrick Butler
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Janet Blandford
FIRST READING	Julianne Barlogio
SECOND READING	Cheryl French
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Trish Spillane
OFFERTORY	The Seekers Family Group
HOLY COMMUNION	John Rawson, Sherida Sheridan, Madeleine Holliday
HOSPITALITY	Bernie Doyle, Peggy Johnson, Terry Sheridan
DATA SYSTEM	Catherine Holliday
SACRISTY	Craig Moore

MASS ROSTER

7th/8th June

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 5:00PM	
ORGANIST	Tara Williams
FIRST READING	Anthony Luxton
SECOND READING	Kerri Olson
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Carmel Atkinson
OFFERTORY	Jacinta Martin, Marie Moore
HOLY COMMUNION	Helen Gooley, Peter McLoughlin, Shane Martin
HOSPITALITY	Angela Mulhall, Denise DeVene
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7:30AM	
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READING	Michael Carney
SECOND READING	Margaret Gear
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Marie Stott
OFFERTORY	Smith Family
HOLY COMMUNION	Peter McConnell
HOSPITALITY	Anna Caton
DATA SYSTEM	Amanda Bottle
FLOWERS	Marie Stott
SACRISTY	Michael Carney
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9:00AM	
ORGANIST	Irene Brinsmead
FIRST READING	Catherine Holliday
SECOND READING	Clare Perkins
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Peter Byrne
OFFERTORY	Mupunga Family
HOLY COMMUNION	Gavin Dykes, Madeleine Holliday, Desiree DeAzevedo
HOSPITALITY	Julie Burns, Faye McCoach, Joan Prichard
DATA SYSTEM	Sam Osborne
SACRISTY	Trish Spillane

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING— Acts 1:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

- All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.***
- God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.***
- God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.***

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL — Luke 24:46-53

By Liturgia

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. **Thank you.**



FR. KEVIN EHLEFELDT RIP

Fr. Kevin Ehlefeldt, M.S.C. died on 24th May at the age of 95. His funeral was at the Sacred Heart Monastery, Kensington on Thursday 29th May. Fr. Kevin was born in Murwillumbah and grew up in Banora Point and Terranora before leaving at the age of 16 to join the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. He spent the last 20 years of his active ministry supplying throughout the Lismore Diocese, including the parishes of Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah and Kingscliff.

MOWING/GARDENING

Do you need help with mowing, gardening or landscaping?
Stephen and Juliette are keeping the church grounds neat and tidy and are looking to do further work in the area.

Special rates for parishioners. Contact Stephen 0411 764 821

FOUND: MEDTRONIC CARDIAC MONITOR TOOL

This device was found in the church car park
last Sunday after 9am Mass. Please contact the
parish office if this is yours.



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SAFEGUARDING OFFICE NEWSLETTER

The June edition of the Newsletter is available.
The new look newsletter highlights important days of
awareness coming up in June and July as well as external
training opportunities.

ACSL (Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd) is offering a free
webinar on "Elder Advocacy" from 11.30am-
12.30pm on Wednesday 18th June to be presented
by Briony Underwood from the Older Persons
Advocacy Network Victoria.



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
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Email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



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