



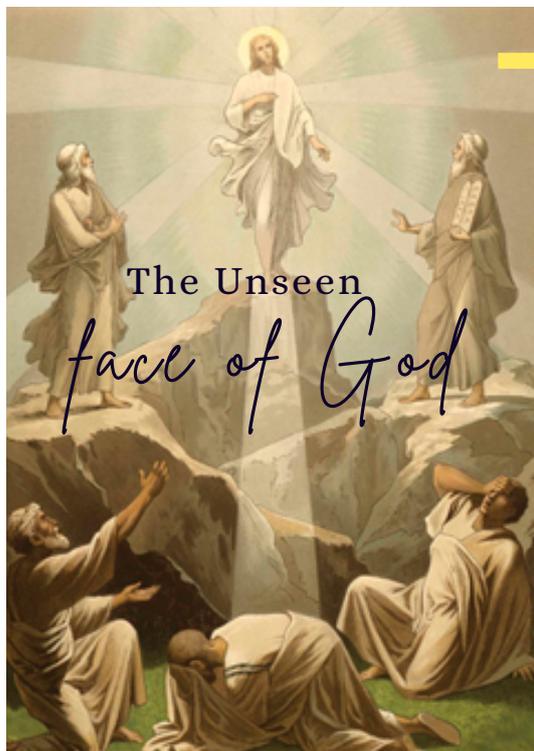
# St Anthony's Parish

## PARISH OFFICE

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Last week's gospel invited us into a confronting habitat, namely the wilderness. This week, we follow Jesus and three of his companions to a high mountain, eventually a cloud-covered mountain. Both wilderness and mountain link Matthew's story of Jesus with the story of the Israelites of old and, in particular, of Moses' and Elijah's encounters with God. Wilderness and mountain also remind us that God's creation is the locus of wonder and mystery. The world we inhabit has an integrity of its own. It is, in a very real sense, God's dwelling place. It is, in addition, the place of human-divine encounter and the place of human encounter with the other-than-human material world.

Attention to habitat can lead us to a clearer understanding of our own place in the scheme of things. It can lead us to ever deeper understandings of our relationship with God and of our responsibility to care for God's creation.

The "transfiguration" seems to point to a time in Jesus' ministry when he comes to terms with the fate he is likely to meet: if he confronts the forces of oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. Jesus has struggled with that realisation in the wilderness. On the mountain top, his face shines with the power that emanates from his acceptance of what the path ahead might entail. The disciples witness the transfigured Jesus, God's new and definitive prophet, speaking with Moses and Elijah, the key prophetic figures of Israel. Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory: he wants to "make tents" for Jesus, for Moses and for Elijah. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to a mission that elicits hostility. That is not, however, the way of discipleship. Rather, Peter and his companions are to heed God's words calling them to "listen" to Jesus, the beloved of God. Listening to the words of Jesus of Nazareth and mutual listening are indispensable features of the journey in faith.

Matthew's account of the "transfiguration" is followed by a reminder that Jesus is soon to meet a violent death (17:23). Jesus' companions get a glimpse of God's glory shining on his face and penetrating even his clothing, a hint that God's grace is more life-giving than the forces of violence that oppose God's reign. Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of final victory. We need the wisdom to listen and to follow through on the path that leads to life, despite the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenges facing us and by the opposition we experience from the most unexpected quarters. If we are to sustain the struggle for a healthy, safe, and peace-filled world, we have to resist the temptation to hold on to the moments of glory and come to terms with the personal cost of being faithful to the gospel mission of justice and compassion with all its painful demands.

-Veronica Lawson RSM

## CHURCHES

**ST ANTHONY'S KINGSCLIFF**  
16 Pearl St, Kingscliff

**STS MARY AND AMBROSE**  
1 Charles St, Pottsville

## PARISH PRIEST

Fr. Paul McDonald

## PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Catherine Holliday

## BUSINESS MANAGER

Paul Crouch

## PARISH SECRETARY

Marty Darragh

## RETIRED IN THE PARISH

Fr. John Darbyshire

## PARISH SCHOOLS

**St. Anthony's Kingscliff**

**ph: 02 6674 1368**

**Principal: Michael Piccoli**

**St. Ambrose Pottsville**

**ph: 02 6676 0099**

**Principal: Chelsea Carter**

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**VIGIL: KINGSCLIFF 6:00PM**

### SUNDAY:

POTTSVILLE 7:30AM

KINGSCLIFF 9:00AM

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**WEDNESDAY: KINGSCLIFF 8.00AM**

**THURSDAY: KINGSCLIFF 9.00AM**

**FRIDAY: KINGSCLIFF 8:00AM**

POTTSVILLE 9:30AM

## RECONCILIATION TIMES

**SATURDAY: KINGSCLIFF 5:00—5:30PM**

**SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7:00—7:25AM**

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday following the  
8.00am Mass, Kingscliff

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**Holy Hour**

**FOLLOWING SUNDAY  
MASSES THIS WEEKEND**



**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 10AM**

**Kingscliff Anglican Rector Rev. Constantine is from Nigeria and will be guest speaker.**

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH,**

**PHILLIP ST, CHINDERAH.**



## Reconciliation during Lent

The Church requires that we attend the sacrament of reconciliation at least once a year. Lent is an excellent time as it offers an opportunity for deep reflection, repentance and renewal of faith in preparation for Easter.

**2nd Rite of Reconciliation with several priests will be held at St. Anthony's Church at 6.00pm, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.**

## Chrism Mass

ST. CARTHEGE'S CATHEDRAL, LISMORE  
**MONDAY 23RD MARCH-11AM**

The Chrism Mass will be held at 11am this year. Last year it was in the evening and a number of parishioners attended. This year we are looking to car pool so that many parishioners can attend this special Mass.

If you are able to drive to the Chrism Mass, and have seats available to car pool, please indicate on the sheet at the back of the church.

Please also indicate if you would like to attend but need transport.

We could also organise to meet for lunch in town after the Mass before heading home.

## Celebrations

**BAPTISM**

**Jireh Lovokuro**

*baptised this weekend at  
St. Anthony's Church*



## Stations of the Cross

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH  
**FRIDAYS DURING LENT - 7PM**

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 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, please join us each Friday during Lent at 7pm at St. Anthony's Church.

## Reconciliation

**COMMITMENT MASSES  
SUNDAY MASSES THIS WEEKEND**

Children who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation will be making a commitment at the parish/school Masses this weekend. Please pray for them and their families as they make this important step in their sacramental journey.

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

**7pm - St Anthony's Church  
Kingscliff**



## Bishop Greg's Lenten Talks

6pm Mondays, St Mary's Chapel, Lismore  
2<sup>nd</sup> March - Detachment  
9<sup>th</sup> March - Union with God  
Scan the QR code to watch on YouTube from 6pm, 2 days later



## Lenten Groups

**Clare's Lenten Group:  
Mondays 9.30am, Parish Meeting Room.**

**Men's Lenten Group:  
Wednesdays 6.30pm, St. Anthony's Sacristy**



Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world helping to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities. Scan the QR code. Donation envelopes are in the pews. Every gift makes a difference—donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Recently Deceased** Lawrence Dalle VeDove, Jenny Holliday, Joseph G. Kungu, Frances Susan Banbury, Marie Hudson

**Anniversary** Mary and John Potts

**Also** Geoff, Glory and Cec Bernasconi, Apolinar Plaza, Quintela Plaza, Andres Plaza, Wifredo Lucido, Fr. Thomas McEvoy, Patricia Brown, Frank & Judy Mills, Caroline Cranwell, Bernard & Marcia Clarke, Marlene Condon, Jack Byrne, Ray O'Keeffe, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Maree Everingham, John Perkins, Pip Brown, Maria and Les Andrews, Archie Burns, Christopher Dennis, All forgotten Souls in Purgatory, deceased members of Legion of Mary.

**Those who are sick** Cheryl Gilchrist, Sue Lalor, Baby Miriam Ryan, Baby Zoe Petrik, John Gallagher, Gabrielle Hackenberg, Christine Everingham, Belinda Burton, Benjamin Tolentino, Philip Gelhaar, Matt Gallagher, Mary Byrne, Mike Roberts, Leone Simpson, Dean Simpson, Dacey Schiemer, Peterson Family, Beryl Moore, Deborah Craig, James Heath, Bill Ward, Kathleen Conaghan, Matilda Howard, Lesa Kingsbury, Mary Manahan, Ed Gaudron, Martin Fitzhenry, Patricia O'Farrell, Tara Selvakumaraswamy.  
Prayers for Ella & Skylar.  
Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist by advising if you wish names to remain.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

ITEMS DISCUSSED AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING INCLUDE:

- Membership: Sue Falcke has stepped down after six years of service. We thank Sue for her time and dedication. We currently have nine members and three ex officio members on the Pastoral Council.
- Review of our Pastoral Plan for 2026.
- Top End Youth continues this year across the three parishes of Kingscliff, Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah.

## YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Franciscan Jubilee Year to mark 800 years since the death of St Francis Assisi in October 1226.

Running through to January 2027, Pope Leo hopes 'the message of peace may find a profound echo in the Church and society today'.

During this 'Year of St. Francis' the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions.  
Use the QR code to learn more:



## MEETINGS

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm  
Parish Meeting Room

**RCIA**  
Tuesday evening, 6.30pm  
Parish Meeting Room

## FAMILY GROUPS

**ST ANTHONY'S FAMILY GROUP**  
*St. Patrick's Day Lunch*  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon**  
*Chinderah Tavern*  
**Contact Clare 0448 275 040**

**CHERRY FAMILY GROUP**  
*St. Patrick's Day Afternoon Tea*  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm**  
Kathy's place, Wooyung  
**RSVP Kathy 0427 484 727**  
*Bring a place and own drinks*

**FIRST FRIDAY - 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION**  
**following 8.00am Mass at**  
**St. Anthony's Church**

## UPCOMING DATES

**MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH at 11.00am**  
**CHRISM MASS 2026 - ST. CARTHEGE'S CATHEDRAL, LISMORE.**

**TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH at 6.00 pm**  
**SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION - ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH**

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH - LAETARE SUNDAY**

**WEEKEND 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH - PALM SUNDAY (Holy Week begins)**

## REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

**LEGION OF MARY:** Meet each Tuesday, 9.30am (9.00am during school holidays) Parish Meeting Rm  
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month at 9am in the Parish Meeting Room  
**ROSARY:** Kingscliff: Before Vigil, Sunday, Wednesday & Friday Masses; Pottsville: Before Sunday Mass  
**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION:** Kingscliff: First Friday of the month. Following the 8am Mass concluding at 9am.

## KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY 6.00PM

|                         | SATURDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY         | SATURDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH           |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| ORGANIST                | Antonia Pratt                              | Antonia Pratt                            |
| FIRST READER            | Kim Dixon                                  | Robyn Denny                              |
| SECOND READER           | Marion Gardner                             | Peter McLoughlin                         |
| PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL | Carmel Atkinson                            | Theresa McCloud                          |
| OFFERTORY               | Joan Prichard, Carmel Bushell              | Angela Mulhall, Patrice Hose             |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | Denise DeVene, Rina Anderson, Helen Gooley | Carmel Atkinson, Shane Martin, Kath Togo |
| HOSPITALITY             | Megan Gollan, Marty Darragh                | Kerri Olson, Rosie Carroll               |
| DATA SYSTEM             | Helen LeFebvre                             | Marty Darragh                            |
| SACRISTY                | Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson                 | Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson               |

## POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7.30AM

|                         | SUNDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH | SUNDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ORGANIST                | Sharyn McConnell             | Tara Williams                |
| FIRST READER            |                              | Carlo Trimboli               |
| SECOND READER           |                              | Margaret Potts               |
| PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL |                              | Ursula O'Grady               |
| OFFERTORY               |                              | Dianne Lockyer               |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER  |                              | Amanda Bottle                |
| HOSPITALITY             |                              | Dave Cranwell                |
| FLOWERS                 | N/A                          | N/A                          |
| DATA SYSTEM             | Amanda Bottle                | Kimberley Mathewson          |
| SACRISTY                | Michael Carney               | Deborah Wilmoth              |



## KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9.00AM

|                         | SUNDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH | SUNDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH                |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| ORGANIST                | Janet Blandford              | Janet Blandford                             |
| FIRST READER            |                              | Adam Gallagher                              |
| SECOND READER           |                              | Kate Stone                                  |
| PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL |                              | Faye McCoach                                |
| OFFERTORY               |                              | The Seekers Family Group                    |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS |                              | Mary & John Rawson, Catherine Holliday      |
| HOSPITALITY             |                              | Clare Perkins, Peggy Johnson, Marie Connell |
| DATA SYSTEM             |                              | Madeleine Holliday                          |
| SACRISTY                | Michael Craven               | Craig Moore                                 |



| BAPTISM PREP WELCOMER              | CHERYL FRENCH (11.30AM)       | NO BAPTISMS                 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| RECORDING TUES 3 <sup>RD</sup> MAR | John Mullhall, Marion Gardner | John Muthall, Clare Perkins |

### 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 12:1-4

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

*The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. R*

*The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. R*

*Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. R*

### SECOND READING - 2 Timothy 1:8-10

### 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 - Matthew 17:1-9

*by Liturgia*

## LEGION OF MARY ACIES

**ALL PARISHIONERS  
are warmly welcomed to join the  
Legion of Mary for the  
Annual ACIES Ceremony**

**9.00am Mass, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
St Joseph's Church, Tweed Heads.**

*Rosary commences 8.30am*

Please bring a plate and join  
Fr. Rego SM and legionaries  
for a cuppa afterwards.

### Autumn in Australia

Is it always a 'season of mists and  
mellow fruitfulness' as John Keats' Ode  
to Autumn says? We live in a land full of  
heart-filling beauty, rich ancient culture  
- and fierce consequences when we  
disrespect the cycle of its climate and  
ecosystems.

The late Pope Francis called on us all to  
care for this Earth that sustains us. We  
reap the fruits of our care - and of our  
lack of care. As autumn begins, how do  
we gather up the fruits of what we have  
achieved? What will those fruits tell us  
of our own actions? This Lenten Autumn,  
let us care.

Excerpt from the 2026 Lent  
Calendar, St Francis of Assisi,  
Garratt Publishing.



Scan the QR code to download  
the free 2026 Lent Calendar  
from Garratt Publishing

## DONATION POINT

St. Anthony's Church has a donation  
tap facility located  
near the church entrance.  
Donations go directly to the second  
collection which assists the Parish  
to meet its ever  
increasing commitments.

**Your donation is appreciated.**

**DONATION COLLECTION CARDS**  
ARE PROVIDED AT THE DONATION POINT FOR  
THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY  
THROUGH DIRECT DEBIT/EFT AND  
"TAP 'N GO". YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE TWO  
CARDS AND PLACE ONE IN EACH  
COLLECTION.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**



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## DIOCESAN MATTERS



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**LISMORE**



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**Safeguarding  
Office**



**MARCH NEWSLETTER OUT NOW**

### SAFEGUARDING YOUR CHILDREN

We ask that parents are accompanying  
and **supervising their children  
all times.**

Your child's safety is our  
priority please ensure you can  
always see them while on  
Parish grounds.



*Musicians' get-together*

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A.**

**Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 94; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42**