



# St Anthony's Parish

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### Jesus shows us the way to care

Breaking boundaries is not always a good thing! In fact, we do well, for the most part, to stay within the boundaries set by family, community, workplace, church and state. However, if we are to grow in our calling to be missionary disciples of Jesus, we need to realise that Jesus himself was not afraid to question prejudices and break boundaries when the mission requires it. This is precisely what happens in this week's story of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well. First of all, as a rabbi or teacher, he was not supposed to enter into dialogue with a woman, certainly not on a one-to-one basis. Second, as a Jew, he was supposed to despise Samaritan people. However, Jesus pays scant regard to such cultural and religious taboos by asking the Samaritan woman for water. We might say her reaction shows she was totally freaked out: "What, you a Jew, ask me a Samaritan for a drink?" She then becomes almost hostile and even sarcastic when Jesus suggests he could give her "living water": "You have no bucket sir ... are you greater than our father Jacob?"

Jesus again speaks of the water he is offering as quenching people's thirst forever. Here Jesus breaks through the woman's defences.

Jesus draws the woman to pronounce him as a prophet as well as acknowledging something of her own faith in the God of Israel and the promised Messiah. Here is the only place in the ministry of Jesus where he identifies himself as the Messiah: "I who am speaking to you, I am he!" The woman's response is immediate. She takes off to inform the other people of the village she has met Christ the Messiah. Many came to believe, not just because of the strength of her testimony, but on account of their own experience of Jesus as "Saviour of the World".

What we need to learn from this gospel story is that we are not called to be missionary disciples of Jesus on account of our own gifts or talents. The Samaritan woman was no paragon of virtue, yet Jesus, who knew everything about her, loved her and commissioned her to bring good news to others. There is something else we can learn from the Samaritan woman, namely her honesty and straight-forward way of speaking. She does not pretend to be somebody other than who she is; yet, she is open to change her viewpoint and behaviour. She is also prepared to break boundaries by entering into dialogue with Jesus. Like the Samaritan woman, let us dialogue with Jesus and take his message of divine love and forgiveness to others.

-Gerard Hall SM © Majellan Media 2026

'the water that  
I shall give

**WILL TURN INTO  
A SPRING INSIDE,**

*welling up to eternal life'*

## 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

Website



Facebook



## International Womens' Day - 8<sup>th</sup> March

Empowering women, eliminating discrimination, working towards gender equality and advancing women's rights, along with respect for all people irrespective of their age, culture and position in life, are key to our mission and programs.

Scan the QR code to learn more from Caritas Australia.



## Laetare Sunday

**NEXT SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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"!

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 is 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!

### 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.

## Year of St. Francis

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Franciscan Jubilee Year to mark 800 years since the death of St Francis of 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:



## Chrism Mass

ST. CARTHAGE'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.



## 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.**

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

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



## Bishop Greg's Lenten Talks

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**

### Please remember in your prayers:

**Recently Deceased** Sister Berenice Kerr RSM, Christine Lowry (sister of John Everingham), Lawrence Dalle VeDove, Jenny Holliday

**Anniversary** Keith Lazenby, Myrtle, Raymond & Bernard Simpson, Mary & John Potts  
**Also** Geoff, Glory and Cec Bernasconi, Apolinar Plaza, Quintela Plaza, Andres Plaza, Wifredo Lucido, Fr. Thomas McEvoy, Patricia Brown, Frank & Judy Mills, Jack Byrne, Caroline Cranwell, Bernard & Marcia Clarke, Marlene Condon, Ray O'Keefe, Kathleen O'Keefe, Maree Everingham, John Perkins, Pip Brown, Maria & 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, 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.



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**Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world helping to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.**

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**Donation envelopes are in the pews. Every gift makes a difference—donations over \$2 are tax deductible.**



## MEETINGS

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm  
Parish Meeting Room

### LITURGY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30pm  
Parish Meeting Room

**RCIA:** Wednesdays, 6.30pm  
Parish Meeting Room

## FAMILY GROUPS

### SEEKERS FAMILY GROUP

*Lunch at Mooball Pub*  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon**  
Contact Jenny 0407 904 402

### 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*



LET'S CELEBRATE

## MOUNT ST PATRICK COLLEGE

*100 Years - One Light*

SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

Mount St Patrick College - Gilbey Centre  
(Via Queensland Rd)

10am - Centenary Book Launch at the Gilbey Centre  
10am - 1pm Heritage Displays, College Tours & Morning Tea

### SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

Murwillumbah Golf Course - 233 Byangum Rd

6pm - Centenary Dinner Event

### SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

Sacred Heart Church & Mount St Patrick College  
Gilbey Centre (Via Queensland Rd)

9am - Thanksgiving Mass, at the Sacred Heart Church  
10am - 1pm Heritage Displays, College Tours & Morning Tea

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

The Gilbey Centre is located on Queensland Rd, across from the Tweed Regional Museum. Keep an eye out for the flags. The best parking will be on Queensland Rd, near the basketball court.

Lift access will be available. Centenary book and merchandise will be available to purchase.

## UPCOMING DATES

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

**TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH at 6.00 pm**  
SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION - ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH  
**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 7 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	SATURDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH
ORGANIST	Antonia Pratt	Antonia Pratt
FIRST READER	Robyn Denny	Peter Campbell
SECOND READER	Peter McLoughlin	Carmel Atkinson
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Theresa McCloud	Tania Rogers
OFFERTORY	Angela Mulhall, Patrice Hose	Jacinta Martin, tba
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Carmel Atkinson, Shane Martin, Kath Togo	Marie Moore, Peter McLoughlin, tba
HOSPITALITY	Rosie Carroll, Megan Gollan	Angela Mulhall, Robyn Denny
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh	Marty Darragh
SACRISTY	Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson	Kath Togo, Carmel Atkinson

### POTTSVILLE SUNDAY 7.30AM

	SUNDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	SUNDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH
ORGANIST	Tara Williams	Tara Williams
FIRST READER	Carlo Trimboli	Peter Smith
SECOND READER	Margaret Potts	Michael Carney
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Ursula O'Grady	Julie Ross
OFFERTORY	Dianne Lockyer	Blacklock Family
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	Amanda Bottle	Amanda Bottle
HOSPITALITY	Dave Cranwell	Kathy Cherry
FLOWERS	N/A	Flowers - Laetare Sunday
DATA SYSTEM	Kimberley Mathewson	Deborah Wilmoth
SACRISTY	Deborah Wilmoth	Patrick Butler

### KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY 9.00AM

	SUNDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	SUNDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH
ORGANIST	Janet Blandford	Irene Brinsmead
FIRST READER	Adam Gallagher	Joe Osborne
SECOND READER	Kate Stone	Jane Edmiston
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	Faye McCoach	Mary Rawson
OFFERTORY	The Seekers Family Group	Sebastian & Oliver Watters
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Bernie Doyle, Catherine Holliday, tba	Helen Reynolds, Peter Byrne, Clare Perkins
HOSPITALITY	Clare Perkins, Peggy Johnson, Marie Connell	Holliday Family
DATA SYSTEM	Madeleine Holliday	Catherine Holliday
SACRISTY	Craig Moore	Michael Craven

BAPTISM PREP WELCOMER	NO BAPTISMS	NO BAPTISMS
RECORDING TUESDAYS	10/3 John Mulhall, Clare Perkins	17/3 John Mulhall, Clare Perkins

## 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 17:3-7

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.**

*Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. R*

*Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. R*

*O that today you would listen to his voice!  
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my  
work.” R*

**SECOND READING** - Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the  
world;  
give me living water, that I may never  
thirst again.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus  
Christ!

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

**GOSPEL** - John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

*by Liturgia*

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A.

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13;  
Psalm 22;  
Ephesians 5:8-14;  
John 9:1-41



### Third Sunday of Lent 7-8 March 2026

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Or online at [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)  
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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

## 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 cards are available at the tap point facility.  
You are invited to place a card in each collection plate.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

The 1<sup>st</sup> Collection is your donation to the support of our Priests and the Clergy of the Diocese.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is your donation to the upkeep and running of the Parish. This includes expenses such as electricity, insurances, building maintenance and upkeep of Church equipment.

**A sincere thank you to all that continue to support our parish through planned giving and weekly collections.  
Your generosity supports the ongoing mission and pastoral life of our parish community.**

## NAME BADGE ORDER

An order will be placed this week so that badges are ready for Easter.

Please add your name to the sheet at the back of the church this weekend or contact the Parish Office before 11am Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March if you would like to order a name badge.

## ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH COLUMBARIUM

**A respectful resting place for the ashes of our loved ones, located behind St. Anthony's Church.**



For more information contact the Parish Office

## DIOCESAN MATTERS



DIocese of  
**LISMORE**



Diocesan  
Investment  
Fund

Interest rate 3.4% pa



**Safeguarding  
Office**



The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office the Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office can be contactable if you have any Safeguarding concerns. We will listen to you respectfully; offer support and discuss options you have available to you. Contact the Safeguarding Office - Phone: (02) 6621 9444 or Email: [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)



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