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Creation's great longing

It is often said that Australians have elevated the art of waiting into something approaching a national discipline. We queue with philosophical calm for our morning flat whites. We endure the seemingly endless roller-coaster ride of the season's footy matches with the resigned optimism of people who have been disappointed before and fully expect to be disappointed again.

We are a patient mob, albeit in a rather flat-footed, arms-folded, "she'll-be-right" kind of way.

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CHURCHES

ST ANTHONY'S KINGSCLIFF
16 Pearl St, Kingscliff

STS MARY AND AMBROSE
1 Charles St, Pottsville

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

VIGIL: KINGSCLIFF 5:00PM

SUNDAY:

POTTSVILLE 7:30AM

KINGSCLIFF 9:00AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

WED: KINGSCLIFF 8.00AM

THUR: KINGSCLIFF NO MASS

FRI: KINGSCLIFF 8.00AM

FRI: POTTSVILLE NO MASS

RECONCILIATION TIMES :

SATURDAY: KINGSCLIFF 4:00-4:30PM

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7:00—7:25AM

Website



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This is precisely why Paul's extraordinary vision of a cosmos in waiting in this week's second reading (Romans 8:18-23) should catch us off-guard. Paul does not describe patient waiting. He describes something far more electric. The Greek word he uses, *apokaradokia*, is one of the great untranslatable treasures of the New Testament. It means something like straining forward on tiptoe with breathless, neck-craning expectation. Think less "she'll be right" and more a border collie at the back door when it hears the word "Walk!" whispered in a distant part of the house. Who is doing this extraordinary craning-forward? Paul would argue that it is neither the faithful in the pews, nor the Church alone, but the whole of creation. Every gum tree, every reef, every dusty red plain from Longreach to Launceston, from Melbourne to Marble Bar: all of it, Paul insists, is caught up in an urgent, aching longing. This is a remarkable claim which we need to reflect upon. Paul is not offering a romantic nature poem about rainbows and sunsets. He is making a serious theological argument: that the created order has been subjected to a kind of frustration, not because it is evil or abandoned, but because it is caught in a tension between what is and what is not yet. Creation, he says, "groans in labour pains" (v.22), straining toward a future liberation that has been promised but not yet fully delivered.

What is it waiting for? Here Paul is startlingly specific: the revelation of the children of God (v.19). Not a cosmic reset. Not the annihilation of the material world. But the moment when human beings finally become fully what God always intended us to be: people who live by the spirit, freed from the limitations of disease, decay and death. We often speak of caring for the environment, as though creation is a passive recipient of our stewardship. Paul suggests something rather more humbling: that the fate of the natural world is, in some sense, bound up with our own destiny. Its healing and ours are intertwined. We too, Paul says, groan inwardly, carrying within us "the first fruits of the Spirit;" awaiting the full harvest when all will be freed of the limitations of mortality.

Today, as we celebrate our eucharist together, we should allow this vision of cosmic redemption and transformation to inspire us to adopt the attitude of the border collie at the back door, "straining forward on tiptoe with breathless, neck-craning expectation."

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PARKING IN ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR MASS

Parishioners who park in the overflow area in the school grounds are requested to vacate or transfer vehicles to the Church car park within 15 minutes of Mass concluding so that the school gates can be secured.

St. Vincent de Paul **Begins this weekend**

WINTER APPEAL



 **St Vincent de Paul Society**
good works

Vulnerable people are being pushed into homelessness and poverty - all it takes is one sudden crisis. This winter, you can help people experiencing or at risk of homelessness get the support they need.

Envelopes are in the pews.
Please write **Kingscliff Conference** in the "Comments/Conference Name" section to keep your donations local.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.
Thank you for your generous support.

Sea Sunday -today

Stella Maris is the apostolic work of the Catholic Church offering hospitality and pastoral care to the People of the Sea.

In almost every country bound by sea, there exists a community of people who care for seafarers, fishers and their families regardless of their country or culture.



Use the QR code to learn more about the work of Stella Maris Australia (The Apostleship of the Sea)
Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.



On 3 July, parishioners from Lismore, South Lismore, Kyogle, and Casino joined the Diocesan Pastoral Council for an evening of connection at Invercauld House, sharing their parish stories, successes, challenges, and hopes for the future. The following day, the Council met to reflect on its own vision and mission, with Bishop Greg reminding members that our mission, and the mission of the whole Diocese, is fundamentally about meeting God, knowing and loving Jesus, and living the Gospel. Both gatherings are part of the Diocese's ongoing journey of listening and dialogue, continuing to shape our Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

Emma McDonald
Diocesan Pastoral Council Chairperson



The Legion of Mary

TRAVELLING ROSARY STATUE

A weekly roster will be established for parishioners to host the travelling rosary statue in their home for one week.

Parishioners are invited to add their name to the list at the back of the church.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

MASS AT CARMELITE MONASTERY

A special Mass in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be held at the Carmelite Monastery Goonellabah
Thursday 16th July 10 am.

There will be an opportunity for enrolment in the Brown Scapular.
Information about the Brown Scapular via QR code.

All welcome.



DPC Connection Dinner

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL



After Church

Sunday, 19th July, following the 9.00 am Mass

Join us for a cuppa and a chat 'afterchurch'
As well as social connection, we will spend some time exploring an aspect of our faith.

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased Frank Carter, Henry "Harry" Pearson, Glenn Stott, Frank Hannigan, Tony Hipwell, Joan McCauley, Kyra Quin, Mary Mullane
Anniversary Marie McConnell, Maureen Bermingham, Anne-Marie & Julie Hammermaster, Felisa Quinones

Also Jack Byrne, Archie Burns, 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, Ray O'Keeffe, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Maree Everingham, John Perkins, Pip Brown, Maria & Les Andrews, Christopher Dennis, All forgotten Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members Legion of Mary.

Those who are sick Fr. Anthony Lemon, Christine Dennis, Priscilla Fauvette, Kara Walsh, Cheryl Gilchrist, Sue Lalor, Baby Miriam Ryan, Baby Zoe Petrik, Belinda Burton, Benjamin Tolentino, Philip Gelhaar, 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 or to be removed.

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

LEGION OF MARY: Meet each Tuesday at 9.30am,
Parish Meeting Room

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Meet on 2nd & 4th Friday
of each month at 9am, Parish Meeting Room

ROSARY: Kingscliff: Before Vigil, Sunday,
Wednesday & Friday Masses; Pottsville: Before
Sunday Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Kingscliff: 1st Friday/month.

Following 8am Mass concluding 9am

UPCOMING DATES

Holy Communion Preparation for children from
non-Catholic schools begins, Monday 20th July at 5pm,
running over four consecutive Mondays.

Holy Communion Family Workshop

St Ambrose School, Pottsville: Tuesday 21st July, 5pm

St Anthony's School, Kingscliff: Tuesday 28th July, 5pm

Finance Committee Tuesday 21st July, 5pm

Music Practice 23rd July, 5pm in St Anthony's Church

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Sunday 26th July

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY	SATURDAY 11 TH JULY 5.00PM	SATURDAY 18 TH JULY 5.00PM
ORGANIST	Tara Williams	Tara Williams
FIRST READER	Carmel Atkinson	Kim Dixon
SECOND READER	Peter Campbell	Kristy Hague
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Megan Cochran	Chelsea Staite
OFFERTORY	Jacinta Martin, Marie Moore	Carmel Bushell, tba
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Helen Gooley, Rina Anderson, Denise DeVene	Kath Togo, Shane Martin, Helen Gooley
HOSPITALITY	Kerri Olson, Angela Mulhall	Denise DeVene, Marty Darragh
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh	Megan Gollan
SACRISTY	Carmel Atkinson, Kath Togo, Denise DeVene	Carmel Atkinson, Kath Togo, Denise DeVene

POTTSVILLE SUNDAY	SUNDAY 12 TH JULY 7.30AM	SUNDAY 19 TH JULY 7.30AM
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READER	Peter Smith	Margaret Potts
SECOND READER	Margaret Potts	Carlo Trimboli
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Patrick Butler	Michael Carney
OFFERTORY	Catherine Dennis	Dianne Lockyer
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	Brian Laybutt	Robyn Edwards
HOSPITALITY	Smith Family	Kathy Cherry
FLOWERS	Sharyn McConnell	Sharyn McConnell
DATA SYSTEM	Robyn Edwards	Kimberley Mathewson
SACRISTY	Michael Carney	Michael Carney

KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY	SUNDAY 12 TH JULY 9.00AM	SUNDAY 19 TH JULY 9.00AM
ORGANIST	Janet Blandford	Irene Brinsmead
FIRST READER	Lorraine Craven	Mary Rawson
SECOND READER	Michael Craven	Joe Osborne
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Faye McCoach	Catherine Holliday
OFFERTORY	Seekers Family Group	Julia Burns, Faye McCoach
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Julia Burns, Helen Reynolds, Peter Byrne	Joan Prichard, Lorraine Craven, Bernie Doyle
HOSPITALITY	Joan Prichard, Julia Burns, Peggy Johnson	Bernie Doyle, Kate Stone, Jenny Gardner
DATA SYSTEM	Sam Osborne	Carmel Hill
SACRISTY	Craig Moore	Michael Craven

BAPTISMS	Sunday 12 th July No Baptisms	Sunday 19 th July Cheryl French
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RECORDING	Tuesday 14 th July John Mulhall	Tuesday 21 st July John Mulhall, Marion Gardner
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ST ANTHONY'S FAMILY GROUP

Christmas in July at South Tweed Sports Club

Saturday 18th July - 12 noon

Contact: Shirley 0435 264 524

SHINE FAMILY GROUP

Christmas in July at the Tumbulgum Tavern

Sunday 26th July - 12.30 pm

Contact: Martins 0407 771 299

CHERRY FAMILY GROUP

Lunch at Cabarita Bowls Club

Tuesday 28th July - 12 noon

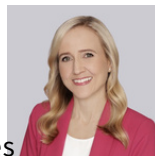
Contact: Lynne 0266 742 278

SAVE THE DATE!

Remember to keep Saturday morning,
12th September free for our

LITURGICAL FORMATION MORNING

with Dr Clare Schwantes
and Mr Michael Mangan



if you are searching for

TRUTH Goodness and Beauty

perhaps it is God
whom you seek?

and
The RCIA
may be the journey
for you

Come and see...

The RCIA will begin again in August. If you know
someone interested in this journey of faith, please
encourage them to make contact, or better still, bring
them along to our enquiry night, on Tuesday 18th
August, 6.30pm. Contact Catherine Holliday for more
information: pa@stanthonysparishkingscliff.org

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.**

1. *You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.*

*Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. R.*

2. *And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. R.*

3. *You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. R.*

4. *The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat,
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. R.*

SECOND READING Romans 8:18-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the
sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-23

by Liturgia

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Wednesday 15th July

St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR A

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Ps 85;

Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

Test your CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

What is the Pope's official title?

- A. Holy Father
- B. Bishop of Rome
- C. Pontifex Maximus
- D. Vicar of Christ

Last week's answer: C. The Jews charged Jesus with blasphemy.

Today's answer and new question next week

PARISH WORKING BEE

Saturday 25th July 9.30am - 12.30pm

Don't miss out on the fun!

WE NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS

Add your name to the
sheet on the back table
if you can
help with some
gardening and
general cleaning.

**Morning tea
provided**

many hands make light work



WE ALSO NEED SOME TOOLS ON THE DAY

- Wheelbarrows
- Pitch forks
- Steel racks
- Grass racks
- Shovels/spades
- pruners/secateurs
- blowers

Another sheet is available
on the back table if you can
help with for these items

Coolamon Singers PRESENTS

Mass in Time of War

CELLIST BELINDA MANWARING CONDUCTOR MARCO BELLASI PIANIST AYESHA GOUGH

SOPRANO LORELLE MOLLER ALTO JASMINE KAYE TENOR GREGORY MASSINGHAM BASS BARITONE DAN MAJOR

JULY 18 2:30PM St. Augustine's Catholic Church Coolangatta

JULY 25 1:00PM Sacred Heart Church Clear Island Waters

AUGUST 8 2:30PM Good Shepherd Anglican Church Mudgeeraba

2026

Diocesan Art Prize



This year's
theme:

**THE FACE OF
COMPASSION**

Final entries:
24th August
2026

DIOCESAN MATTERS



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