

19TH JULY 2026, 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A.

CHURCHES

ST ANTHONY'S KINGSCLIFF

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STS MARY AND AMBROSE

1 Charles St, Pottsville



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God's Good Crop

At first glance today's gospel seems to draw a clear distinction between the wheat as the good crop and the darnel as the bad crop. The darnel was sown by the enemy while everybody was asleep. It was regarded as a toxic crop to be weeded out.

Darnel has an intoxicating effect, if consumed. In fact, its official name, "Lolium temulentum", comes from a Latin word for "drunk." In contrast, wheat is described as the good seed which sprouted and ripened. Indeed, Jesus describes it as a metaphor for his own self-giving love: that "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24).

Yet, if the darnel is indeed the bad crop, we might well ask ourselves why the farmer has decided to let both crops grow till the harvest?

The answer to that question is that this parable, like all parables, reveals surprising truths about aspects of God. In this instance, it describes the mercy and love of God. Here, God is not a ruthless farmer who is targeting the darnel. Rather, God allows both wheat and darnel to grow to the harvest. Each and everyone has the opportunity to return God.

The Dominican theologian Herbert McCabe explains that we should not be deluded into thinking that, if you are sorry for your sins, God will come and forgive you, that he will be touched by your appeal, change his mind about you and forgive you. McCabe would have us understand that the truth is, instead, that God never changes his mind about you. God is simply in love with you. What he does again and again is change your mind about him. You are not forgiven because you confess your sins. You come to celebrate that your sins are forgiven.

Today's psalm describes God's mercy and compassion. It speaks of a God who is "abounding in love and truth" (Psalm 85:15). John Duns Scotus, the 13th century Franciscan theologian, similarly believed that God did not enter human history because Adam and Eve had sinned; rather, God became man because he loved humanity so much, he desired to be one with us.

In the midst of our struggles, God takes the initiative and draws near to us. The second reading describes how "the Spirit comes to help us on our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words" (Romans 8:26).

We are called to an awareness that God loves us immensely and to respond to God's love and fulfil our destiny as flourishing beings, nourished in the rich soil of God's compassion and mercy.

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REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

LEGION OF MARY: Meet each Tuesday, 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. After 8am Mass concluding at 9am.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

VIGIL: KINGSCLIFF 5:00PM

SUNDAY:

POTTSVILLE 7:30AM

KINGSCLIFF 9:00AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

WED: KINGSCLIFF 8.00AM

THUR: KINGSCLIFF 9.00AM

FRI: KINGSCLIFF 8.00AM

FRI: POTTSVILLE 9.30AM

RECONCILIATION TIMES:

SATURDAY: KINGSCLIFF 4:00-4:30PM

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7:00—7:25AM

Website

Facebook



After Church

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.

**Today - Sunday 19th July,
after the 9.00 am Mass,
in the parish meeting room
of St Anthony's Church**

St. Vincent de Paul

WINTER APPEAL continues this weekend

HELP US HELP OTHERS THIS WINTER

Your donation will help the volunteers of our St Vincent de Paul Conference rebuild lives in our community this winter.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible.

Thank you for your generous support.

St. Anthony's Conference, Kingscliff.

Artificial Intelligence

Australia's response to the AI revolution this week comes amid fears of job losses and energy-guzzling data centres. One outcome is the creation of an office within the Prime Ministers department as a single point of control for policy making, instead of dealing with each AI issue separately.

Our national response to the AI revolution comes as the Vatican is this week hosting over 200 academic innovators and Nobel laureates for a global summit on AI security risks, inspired by Pope Leo XIV's recent encyclical **Magnifica Humanitas**. We hope to have copies of this encyclical available at the Piety Stall in the near future.

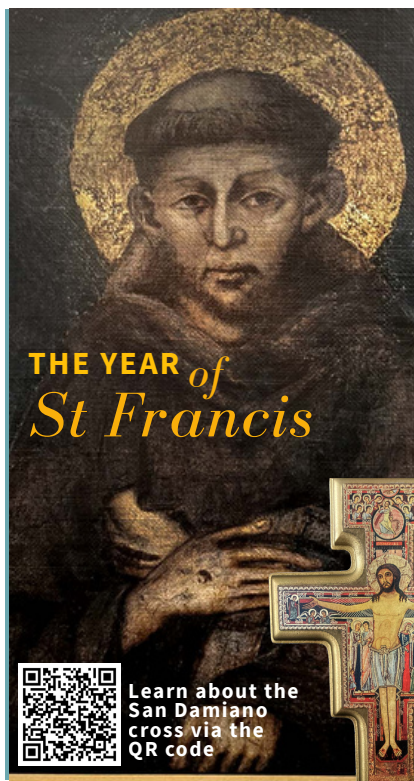


World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly **NEXT SUNDAY,
26TH JULY 2026**

Established in 2021 by Pope Francis, this day recognises that "grandparents are often forgotten, and when we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on what the elderly have received, we lose a precious gift."

This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, is:
"I will never forget you." (Isaiah 49:15)

Let us make a special effort next weekend to include older parishioners who may not usually make it to Mass, by either offering them transportation or taking the time to visit them.



**THE YEAR of
St Francis**



Learn about the
San Damiano
cross via the
QR code



One day, after his encounter with the lepers, Francis was praying in the humble little church of St. Damian outside the walls of Assisi, and he felt the eyes of Christ on the crucifix gazing at him and heard a voice saying three times, "Francis, go and repair My church, which you can see is in ruin." The building indeed was old and ready to fall and Francis took this literally as an invitation to reconstruct the ruins of the small chapel stone

by stone, but in later years he came to understand the full meaning of the call.

He was called to "great things - to renew", with a spirit of obedience, the Church, which at that time was dealing with divisions and heresies.

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 of the church if you can help with some gardening and general cleaning.

**At St Anthony's Church,
Kingscliff
Morning tea provided**

many hands make light work



**WE ALSO
NEED SOME
TOOLS ON THE DAY**

- Wheelbarrows
- Pitchforks
- Steel rakes
- Grass rakes
- Shovels/spades
- pruners/secateurs
- blowers

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased Sue Lalor (sister of Julianne Barlogio) David Biddulph (son of Kerry and Anne), Margaret Hoare (cousin of Marion Gardner), Frank Carter, Henry "Harry" Pearson, Glenn Stott, Frank Hannigan, Tony Hipwell, Joan McCauley, Kyra Quin

Anniversary Fr Tom McEvoy, Harry Smits, Archie Phelan, Laurie Minahan, Marie McConnell, Maureen Bermingham

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, 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.



The Legion of Mary's

TRAVELLING ROSARY STATUE ROSTER

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.

First Holy Communion Preparation

FOR CHILDREN WHO ATTEND NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE PARISH

Preparation classes begin on Monday, 20th July, 5 pm in the parish meeting room. Classes run for four consecutive Mondays.

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY	SATURDAY 18 TH JULY 5.00PM	SATURDAY 25 TH JULY 5.00PM
ORGANIST	Tara Williams	Antonia Pratt
FIRST READER	Kim Dixon	Megan Cochran
SECOND READER	Kristy Hague	Chelsea Carter
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Chelsea Staite	Peter Campbell
OFFERTORY	Carmel Bushell, Rina Anderson	Denise DeVene, Jacinta Martin
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Kath Togo, Shane Martin, Helen Gooley	Carmel Atkinson, John Mulhall, tba
HOSPITALITY	Denise DeVene, Marty Darragh	Carmel Bushell, Marty Darragh
DATA SYSTEM	Megan Gollan	Kerri Olson
SACRISTY	Carmel Atkinson, Kath Togo, Denise DeVene	Carmel Atkinson, Kath Togo, Denise DeVene
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY	SUNDAY 19 TH JULY 7.30AM	SUNDAY 26 TH JULY 7.30AM
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READER	Margaret Potts	Patrick Butler
SECOND READER	Carlo Trimboli	Carlo Trimboli
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Michael Carney	Amanda Bottle
OFFERTORY	Dianne Lockyer	Blacklock Family
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	Robyn Edwards	Karen Stoyles
HOSPITALITY	Kathy Cherry	Catherine Dennis
FLOWERS	Sharyn McConnell	Marie Stott
DATA SYSTEM	Kimberley Mathewson	Robyn Edwards
SACRISTY	Michael Carney	Michael Carney
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY	SUNDAY 19 TH JULY 9.00AM	SUNDAY 26 TH JULY 9.00AM
ORGANIST	Irene Brinsmead	Frances Ord
FIRST READER	Josephine Hortle	Gavin Dykes
SECOND READER	Joe Osborne	Julianne Barlogio
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Catherine Holliday	Adam Gallagher
OFFERTORY	Julia Burns, Faye McCoach	Helen Reynolds, Kim Naylor
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Joan Prichard, Lorraine Craven, Craig Moore	Angela Finkel, Terry and Sherida Sheridan
HOSPITALITY	Bernie Doyle, Kate Stone, Jenny Gardner	Ted Byrne, Cheryl French, Julia Burns
DATA SYSTEM	Carmel Hill	Terry Fahy
SACRISTY	Michael Craven	Craig Moore

BAPTISMS	Sunday 19 th July Cheryl French	Sunday 26 th July Jullianne Barlogio
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RECORDING	Tuesday 21 st July John Mulhall, Marion Gardner	Tuesday 28 th July Sharyn McConnell, Clare Perkins
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Celebrations

Baptisms

We welcome

Lily Dennerley and Heath Carey

MEETINGS AND GROUPS

Finance Council

Tuesday 21st July at 5 pm, parish meeting room.

Music Practice

Thursday 23rd July at 5pm, St Anthony's Church

Family Workshop for First Holy Communion

Tuesday 21st July at 5pm, St Ambrose School

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

Liturgy Committee

Wednesday 29th July at 3.30 pm, parish meeting room.

Parish/School Holy Communion Commitment Masses

Sunday 2nd August

SEEKERS FAMILY GROUP

Morning Tea at Salt and Stone Cafe,
Fingal Head

Sunday 26th July - 10.15 am

Contact: Jenny 0407 904 402

SHINE FAMILY GROUP

Christmas in July at the Tumbulghum 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

Collection 2026

PETER'S PENCE

Thank you!
Our parish raised \$483.70

"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all"
1 Thess. 3:12

Test your

CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

What was St. Thomas' nickname?

- A. The Doubter
- B. The Apostle of India
- C. Son of Thunder
- D. The Twin

Last week's answer:

B. The Pope's official title is "Bishop of Rome"

Today's answer and new question next week

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

- 1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. R.*
- 2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. R.*
- 3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. R.*

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven
and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30

by Liturgia

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Wednesday 22nd July
Feast of **St Mary Magdalene**
Saturday 25th July
Feast of **St James**, apostle

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1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Ps 118;
Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

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.

DIOCESAN MATTERS



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LISMORE



Safeguarding Office



**Diocesan
Investment
Fund**

Catholic Schools Newsletter

Pick up a copy at Church



The Diocese of Lismore Catholic
Schools is pleased to present the
newest edition of its newsletter.
To read the latest in Catholic
education, use this QR code or this
link: <https://bit.ly/4gwOpX0>

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.



Interest rate **3.90% pa**

For further information and our
current interest rate, please visit
our website www.dif.org.au or
1800 802 516



ASPIRE

Young Adult Spiritual Formation
with Bishop Greg, OCD
(18 - 35 years old)
next meeting:

MONDAY 27TH JULY

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Microsoft Teams
Login: **471 422 568 74059**
Password: **DB946Sp6**

*This year's theme explores the spirituality
of St. Therese of the Child Jesus.
Discover her "Little Way" of doing small
things with great love and see how simple
acts can change everything.*

For more information, contact Sr. Di Moralde, CM
M: 0434 772 867
E: dmoralde@lismore.catholic.org.au



ANNUAL LEGION OF MARY RETREAT

The Retreat will take place
on Saturday 25th July at
Legion House, 337 St Paul's
Terrace, Fortitude Valley,
from 8.30am until 3.30pm.

Retreat Master:
Fr Pius Jones sm.
Further information contact
Philomena Zambelli
0414201940 or
Lesley Dowling 0419143117

REPORTING INCIDENTS

The Parish needs to be advised of any
incident that occurs at our churches
and parish areas. It is important for
OH&S reasons that falls, medical
episodes, etc. be documented in the
book located in the Sacristy and/or
contact the parish office to report an
incident.

**Sign up to receive Parish
Newsletter via email**



Ignite Conference Brisbane 2026 - ASCEND

24-27 September | St Laurence's College, Brisbane

A national Catholic youth conference for high school students,
young adults and leaders, with great speakers,
worship and opportunities to grow in faith.

- Registration: \$320
 - Accommodation: \$250 (optional for young adults)
 - Free transport available for high school students (limited places)
- Subsidies available for Yr 9-10 students.
👉 Scan the QR code to express interest
Expressions of Interest close Friday 7 August

