

6TH SEPTEMBER 2026, 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A.



St Anthony's Parish

Celebrating The Season of Creation

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ST ANTHONY'S KINGSCLIFF

16 Pearl St, Kingscliff

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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

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Never too late to change

Living and working in a community – be it large or small – is not always easy. We all know that. It is “par for the course” that tensions, disagreements, and challenges arise and need to be handled for the sake of community well-being. But it is not easy. The early church communities were no exception. In this week’s gospel we glimpse one of the challenges that arose in the community for whom Matthew writes his gospel.

The challenging issue at hand is what to do with members of the community who are at fault or in error, perhaps living or behaving in ways that are contrary to Jesus’ teaching, perhaps causing divisions or confusion in the community, perhaps leading other members astray in their faith and practice, perhaps even causing harm to “little ones.” Sin is a reality in our human condition and in our communities. What to do? How to deal with it?

In the gospel reading, Jesus instructs his disciples on how to deal with sinful behaviour in the community.

On the one hand, followers of Jesus are to be compassionate, merciful and forgiving. But Jesus is clear: that does not mean that anything goes or that we are to turn a blind eye when members of the community behave in ways that are sinful. Not at all!

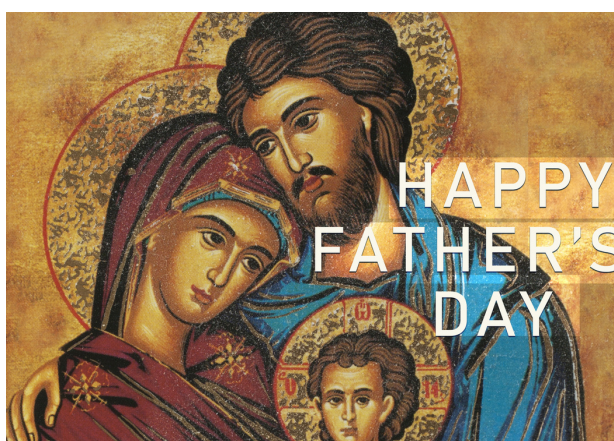
Jesus describes a disciplinary procedure for responsible fraternal correction of an erring member of the community. At first, the matter is to be treated with discretion and sensitivity, and the one at fault addressed in a one-to-one meeting and their wrong doing addressed with them with a view to its correction.

If that approach does not lead the member to correct their misbehaviour, then assistance is to be sought from two or three other members of the community and the matter addressed again with the one in error.

Should these attempts prove futile, the recalcitrant person is to be brought before the community, and, if even this correction is rebuffed, the person is to be excluded – in other words, excommunicated – from the community.

Jesus says that they should then be treated “as a Gentile and a tax-collector,” in other words as an outsider, not a member of the community. But remember, Jesus had particular concern and compassion for the outsider. He reached out to outsiders; he befriended Gentiles and tax-collectors. It seems that Jesus means for the community to keep reaching out to the person in the hope that they will eventually see and correct their error, make amends, and re-enter the community.

Jesus doesn’t promise it will be easy. It takes courage. But he assures his disciples, and us too, that he is always with us: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them.” It is a message he reiterates in his very last words in Matthew’s gospel: “Behold I am with you always” (Mt 28:20).



We wish all fathers, grandfathers & all who play a fatherly role in our parish, a very happy Father's Day.

FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION

FOR OUR SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF LISMORE
Envelopes are available in the pews for the annual Father's Day collection to raise funds for the care and support of our sick and retired priests. Thank you for your support.



"Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing."
Ezekiel 47:12

Each year from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi), the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to celebrate and protect our common home, God's awesome creation.

This year's Season of Creation theme is "Living Water," inspired by Ezekiel 47:9-12, emphasising ecological healing, renewal of creation, and human responsibility toward the environment.



The hymns chosen during the Season of Creation reflect the majesty of God's creation as well as the themes of the Sunday Readings.

Scan the QR code for more information at the Laudato Si' Movement website



Pet Blessing

ON THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

In many places around the world a 'blessing of animals' takes place on the feast day of St. Francis, 4th October.

This year, to celebrate the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, Fr. Paul is going to bless our pets too.

Sunday 4th October, 11:00am, on the grass beside St Anthony's Church.

Bring your pets for a blessing in the spirit of St. Francis.



Liturgical Formation Morning

Saturday, 12th September, 9:00am-12:30pm

St. Anthony's Parish is hosting this formation opportunity on behalf of the parishes of the Tweed Valley (Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads and Kingscliff)

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO RSVP
EMAIL OR PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE**

*Please wear your name badge.
We would also love some parishioners to bring a plate for morning tea.
We will have over 50 people attending.*

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2026



EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS

SHIFTING CONVERSATION TO ACTION

This year National Child Protection Week (6-12 September) is driving a stronger national focus on shifting conversations into meaningful action. Conversations can spark ideas, build understanding and encourage reflection. But meaningful change happens when those conversations lead to practical action that strengthens support for children and families. National Child Protection Week helps turn conversation into action by bringing people across Australia together to share ideas, strengthen communities and prevent harm before it occurs.

By shifting conversation to action, we can help build communities where every child experiences real safety, care and protection. Safeguarding Sunday next week.

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased Ed Gaudron, Michael Allen, Sr Lecia Coombe RSM

Anniversary Joseph Potts, Tom Morrissey, Aileen Messer, Leo Holliday

Also Jack Byrne, Archie Burns, Fr. Thomas McEvoy, Maree Everingham, John Perkins, Pip Brown, Christopher Dennis, deceased members Legion of Mary.

Those who are sick Bishop Gregory Homeming, 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, Martin Fitzhenry, Patricia O'Farrell, Tara Selvakumaraswamy. Prayers for Ella, Skylar, Sarah Gordon.

Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist by advising changes.

MEETINGS AND GROUPS

RCIA

Wednesday 9th September, 6:30pm,
Parish Meeting Room

LITURGICAL FORMATION MORNING

Saturday 12th September, 9:00am
at St Anthony's Church

AFTERCHURCH

Sunday 20th September, 10:00am

FAMILY GROUPS

ST ANTHONY'S FAMILY GROUP

Lunch at Cabarita Sports Club,
Sunday 13th September - 12 noon
Contact: Clare 0448 275 040

CHERRY FAMILY GROUP

Morning Tea at Club Tweed,
Thursday 24th September - 10:00am
Contact: Robyn 0424 457 877
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SAVE THE DATE

PET BLESSING

Sunday 4th October, 11:00am

ROSARY IN THE PARK

Wednesday 13th October, 10:30am

ONE DAY RETREAT hosted by Legion
of Mary

8:30am, Saturday 17th October Retreat
Master: Rev. Fr. Pius Jones sm
St Anthony's Parish Hall

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY	SATURDAY 5 TH SEPTEMBER 5:00PM	SATURDAY 12 TH SEPTEMBER 5:00PM
ORGANIST	Antonia Pratt	Tara Williams
FIRST READER	Marion Gardner	Kate Stone
SECOND READER	Helen Gooley	Carmel Atkinson
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Theresa McCloud	Chelsea Staite
OFFERTORY	Angela Mulhall, Peter Moore	Rina and Lawrence Anderson
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Denise DeVene, Megan Gollan, Carmel Atkinson	Megan Gollan, John Mulhall, Kath Togo
HOSPITALITY	Kerri Olson, Marty Darragh	Carmel Bushell, Angela Mulhall
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh	Kerri Olson
SACRISTY	Carmel Atkinson, Kath Togo, Denise DeVene	Carmel Atkinson, Kath Togo, Denise DeVene

POTTSVILLE SUNDAY	SUNDAY 6 TH SEPTEMBER 7:30AM	SUNDAY 13 TH SEPTEMBER 7:30AM
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READER	Carlo Trimboli	Margaret Gear
SECOND READER	Kimberley Mathewson	Antoinette Mills
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Michael Carney	Peter McConnell
OFFERTORY	Catherine Dennis	Di Lockyer
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	Robyn Edwards	Karen Stoyles
HOSPITALITY	Smith Family	David Cranwell
FLOWERS	Sharyn McConnell	Sharyn McConnell
DATA SYSTEM	Deborah Wilmoth	Margaret Potts
SACRISTY	Amanda Bottle	Deborah Wilmoth

KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY	SUNDAY 6 TH SEPTEMBER 9:00AM	SUNDAY 13 TH SEPTEMBER 9:00AM
ORGANIST	Janet Blandford	Irene Brinsmead
FIRST READER	Sebastian Watters	Sebastian Watters
SECOND READER	Anna Watkinson	Mary Rawson
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Lorraine Craven	Cheryl French
OFFERTORY	Helen Reynolds, Kim Naylor	Faye McCoach, Julia Burns
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Michael Craven, Mary Rawson, Adam Gallagher	Clare Perkins, Terry & Sherida Sheridan
HOSPITALITY	Julianne Barlogio, Bernie Doyle, Kate Stone	Kim Naylor, Marie Connell, Joan Prichard
DATA SYSTEM	Carmel Hill	Gavin Dykes
SACRISTY	Craig Moore	Trish Spillane

BAPTISMS	Sunday 6 th September No Baptisms	13 th September-Baptism Prep Cheryl French tbc
RECORDING	Monday 7 th September John Mulhall, Clare Perkins	tbc John Mulhall, Clare Perkins
UNITING CARE	6 th -12 th September Michael & Lorraine Craven	13 th - 19 th September Sherida Sheridan
ROSARY STATUE	6 th -12 th September Susan Compton	13 th - 19 th September Joan Prichard

FAITH FORMATION

Didaskō

FAITH FORMATION 2026

The Eucharist in the Life of the Church

The first of the four focus areas for building a Eucharistic life, as we journey towards the Eucharistic Congress in Sydney, is **Formation**. Growing in our understanding and love of the Eucharist.

The parish will hold a formation session this month on 'Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharist and Corpus Christi.'

Mondays 14th, 21st & 28th September.
Add your name to the sheets at the back of the Church if you are interested in attending.

Use the QR code for more information on the Didasko series, which can also be done individually.



THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
THIS IS MY BODY GIVEN FOR YOU

Test your **CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE**

The part of the Mass in which Christ becomes physically present is called

- A. The Transubstantiation
- B. The Consecration
- C. The Offertory
- D. The Preface

Last week's answer:

D. The main area of a church building is called the **nave**.
Today's answer and a new question next week

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful
love.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 33:7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

1. 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.*

2. 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.*

3. 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 13:8-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world
to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

by Liturgia

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Tuesday 8th September
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR A.
Sirach 27:30-28:7; Roman 14:7-9;
Matthew 18:21-35

The Legion of Mary

**ROSARY IN THE PARK - SAVE THE DATE
TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER AT 10:30AM**

FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL - 29TH SEPT
An invitation from The Legion of Mary (Murwillumbah) is extended
to anyone who would like to come to the 9:10am Mass at
St. Joseph's Tweed Heads on Tuesday 29th September where
scapulars dedicated to Saint Michael the Archangel are available
for investiture.

FR MICHAEL ALCOCK'S Silver Jubilee of Ordination

St Joseph's Tweed Heads Parish warmly invites you to
9:00am Mass on Sunday 13th September followed by morning tea

Caritas Australia: Nepal Floods Appeal

Communities in northern Nepal are facing a humanitarian crisis after devastating flash
floods swept through the Rasuwa District on 26 August. Over 1,000 people have lost their
lives, many remain missing, and thousands of families have been affected. Homes, roads,
bridges, schools and essential infrastructure have been destroyed, leaving vulnerable
communities in urgent need of support.

Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving
assistance, including emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, healthcare and
protection support for affected families. Together, we can provide
urgent relief and hope to families rebuilding their lives in Nepal.

To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal,
visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.



September Renewal Newsletter

In this edition, we look
back on a season of real
connection across the
diocese.



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available to you. Contact the Safeguarding Office -
Phone: (02) 6621 9444 or
Email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



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 9:00am,
Parish Meeting Room

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

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION; Kingscliff: 1st Friday/month. After 8:00am Mass
concluding at 9:00am