

13TH SEPTEMBER 2026, 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A.



St Anthony's Parish

Celebrating the Season of Creation

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Forgiveness at the Heart of Relationships

Today's readings invite us to reflect on **forgiveness**, **mercy** and **reconciliation**.

In the first reading, Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) reminds us that anger and resentment destroy the heart: *"Forgive your neighbour's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven."* Forgiveness is not always easy, but it frees us from the burden of bitterness and opens the way to healing.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving servant. Having received an extraordinary act of mercy from his master, the servant refuses to show even a small measure of mercy to another. Jesus reminds us that God's mercy is not something we receive only for ourselves; it is a gift that must flow through us to others.

The season of Creation gives this message an even wider horizon. We are called not only to forgive one another but also to heal our relationship with God's creation. When we exploit the earth, waste its resources or disregard the needs of the poor and future generations, we damage the bonds that hold the community of creation together. Mercy calls us to change our ways and to care for our common home.

This also resonates deeply with the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, whose life was marked by reconciliation, simplicity and a profound love for creation. Francis saw the earth not as something to possess, but as a gift and a family: *Brother, Sun, Sister Moon, Sister Mother Earth*. His example reminds us that care for creation begins with a heart transformed by gratitude, humility and love.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, may we ask for the grace to forgive generously, to seek reconciliation where there is division, and to become compassionate stewards of our common home. May the mercy we receive from God become mercy we offer to one another, to the poor, and to all creation.

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

THU: 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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SAFEGUARDING
SUNDAY

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A

13 SEPTEMBER
2026

TODAY IS *Safeguarding* SUNDAY

A day to pray for all who have experienced abuse or harm, to support their healing, and to renew our commitment to creating communities where every person is welcomed, respected and safe.

In the Gospels, Jesus shows particular care for those who are vulnerable and calls his disciples to do the same. Safeguarding is not

simply a policy or procedure; it is a Gospel responsibility that reflects the dignity of every person and our shared commitment to love one another as Christ has loved us.

As we celebrate today, let us pray for all who continue to journey towards healing, give thanks for those who serve in safeguarding ministry, and recommit ourselves to building parish communities where trust, compassion and care are evident in all we do.



"From contemplating creation and encountering its creator, there arises an awareness of our particular place within God's wondrous plan, and of the responsibility that we bear both personally and collectively for preserving the original harmony"

"Let us place in 'silent mode' the many noises generated by human activity, so that we may hear the melodious voice of creation, through which God, the author of all things, speaks to us"

Words from Pope Leo during a Mass celebrated on the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 1st September 2026.

ST FRANCIS of ASSISI Feast Day

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

Beside
St Anthony's
Church

Sunday 4th
October
at 11.00am

The Legion of Mary

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.



Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased Michael Allen, Anne Boyle (Julia Burns' sister)

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

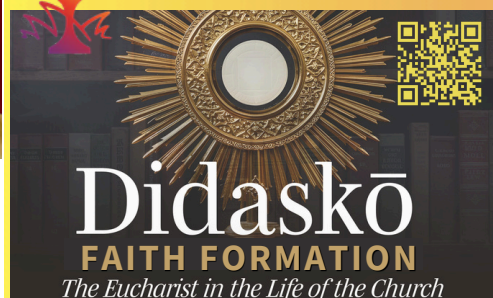
Also Jack Byrne, Archie Burns, Fr. Thomas McEvoy, Maree Everingham, John Perkins, Pip Brown, Christopher Dennis, deceased members Legion of Mary.

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.

Eucharist 28



Didaskō FAITH FORMATION

The Eucharist in the Life of the Church

Didasko is an opportunity to grow in our understanding and love of the Eucharist. Join us for 3 Monday evenings, in the Meeting Room, to explore:

'THOMAS AQUINAS ON THE EUCHARIST AND CORPUS CHRISTI.'

Beginning this **Monday, 14th September** and continuing on **21st & 28th September.**
7.00 pm - 8.45 pm

Add your name to the sheets at the back of the Church if you will be attending.

THE *Tabernacle*

The Eucharist is reserved in a Catholic Church so that Jesus can remain present to us in a sacramental way. The Tabernacle is a fixed and locked receptacle used for this purpose. Reverence is due to the tabernacle because it houses the Most Blessed Sacrament.



St Anthony's Church
Tabernacle



Sts Mary & Ambrose
Church Tabernacle

CANON LAW ON THE TABERNACLE

Can. 934 §1. The Most Holy Eucharist: 1/must be reserved in the cathedral church or its equivalent, in every parish church, and in a church or oratory connected to the house of a religious institute or society of apostolic life;

Can. 940 A special lamp which indicates and honours the presence of Christ is to shine continuously before a tabernacle in which the Most Holy Eucharist is reserved.

The Chapel at St Anthony's Church will be open during office hours for the faithful to visit and spend time in prayer before the Eucharist.

MEETINGS AND GROUPS

RCIA: Wednesday 16th September, 6:30pm
Parish Meeting Room

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL REP VISIT:
Weekend of 19/20th September

AFTERCHURCH: Sunday 20th September, 10:00am
Topic: St Francis of Assisi

MUSIC PRACTICE: Thursday 24th September, 5:00pm

SAVE THE DATE

BLESSING OF PETS: Sunday 4th October, 11:00 am

ROSARY IN THE PARK: Wednesday 13th October, 10:30am

ONE DAY RETREAT: hosted by Legion of Mary
Saturday 17th October Retreat, St Anthony's Parish Hall,
from 8.30am. Further details to come.

ST ANTHONY'S FAMILY GROUP

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

SHINE FAMILY GROUP

Dinner and Trivia at South Tweed Sports Club,
Thursday 17th September - 5:30pm
Contact: Catherine 0405 782 638

CHERRY FAMILY GROUP

Morning Tea at Club Tweed,
Thursday 24th September - 10:00am
Contact: Robyn 0424 457 877 den67ar@gmail.com

DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS 4TH OCTOBER

VIGIL MASS commences at 6:00pm from Saturday 10th October.

STS. MARY AND AMBROSE CHURCH ROOF REPLACEMENT

Work to replace the church's roof will begin on Monday 28th September. Unfortunately, due to the presence of asbestos in the existing roof, the church will need to remain closed for the duration of the works. Parishioners are encouraged to make other arrangements for Masses. Carpooling to attend a weekend Mass at Kingscliff would be a wonderful way of uniting as a parish during this time of forced closure.

PARISH OFFICE OPEN WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY UNTIL 10TH NOVEMBER

The Parish Office will open 9:00am-3:00pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays commencing this week. The usual Tuesday to Thursday office hours will recommence 10th November. Emails and voicemail messages will be responded to at the earliest opportunity. For urgent matters follow the prompts when calling. Ph: 02 6674 1284
Email: admin@stanthonysparishkingscliff.org

KINGSCLIFF VIGIL	12 TH SEPTEMBER, 5:00PM	19 TH SEPTEMBER, 5:00PM
ORGANIST	Tara Williams	Tara Williams
FIRST READER	Kate Stone	Peter McLoughlin
SECOND READER	Carmel Atkinson	Megan Cochran
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Chelsea Staite	Tarryn Dale
OFFERTORY	Rina and Lawrence Anderson	Yuri & Sharka Petrik
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Megan Gollan, John Mulhall, Kath Togo	Shane Martin, Helen Gooley, tba
HOSPITALITY	Carmel Bushell, Angela Mulhall	Denise DeVene, Kerri Olson
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh	Kerri Olson
SACRISTY	Carmel Atkinson, Kath Togo, Denise DeVene	Carmel Atkinson, Kath Togo, Denise DeVene
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY	13 TH SEPTEMBER, 7:30AM	20 TH SEPTEMBER, 7:30AM
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READER	Margaret Gear	Peter Smith
SECOND READER	Antoinette Mills	Deborah Wilmoth
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Patrick Butler	Amanda Bottle
OFFERTORY	Di Lockyer	Blacklock family
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	Karen Stoyles	Michael Carney
HOSPITALITY	David Cranwell	Catherine Dennis
FLOWERS	Sharyn McConnell	Sharyn McConnell
DATA SYSTEM	Margaret Potts	Robyn Edwards
SACRISTY	Deborah Wilmoth	Michael Carney
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY	13 TH SEPTEMBER, 9:00AM	20 TH SEPTEMBER, 9:00AM
ORGANIST	Irene Brinsmead	Janet Blandford
FIRST READER	Sebastian Watters	Adam Gallagher
SECOND READER	Faye McCoach	Julianne Barlogio
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Cheryl French	Angela Finkel
OFFERTORY	Holliday Family	Joan Prichard, Patrice Hose
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Clare Perkins, Terry and Sherida Sheridan	Catherine Holliday, Peter Byrne, Michael Craven
HOSPITALITY	Kim Naylor, Marie Connell, Joan Prichard	Terry & Sherida Sheridan, Bernie Doyle
DATA SYSTEM	Gavin Dykes	Sam Osborne
SACRISTY	Trish Spillane	Craig Moore
BAPTISMS	Baptism Prep: Cheryl French	Angela Finkel
RECORDING	Tuesday 15 th September John Mulhall, Allan Simpson	Tuesday 22 nd September Adam & Cath Cole
UNITING CARE	13 th - 19 th September Sherida Sheridan	20 th -26 th September Rosie Carroll
ROSARY STATUE	13 th - 19 th September Joan Prichard	20 th -26 th September Monilyn Barbadillo



AVAILABLE AT THE PIETY STALL

ST PAUL'S SUNDAY MISSAL

Having a Missal in the home and being able to reflect on the prayers and Scripture readings of the Mass can reinforce the connection between liturgy and life.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING Sirach (Ecclesiasticus)
27:30 - 28:7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

1. *My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. R.*
2. *It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. R.*
3. *His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. R.*
4. *For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. R.*

SECOND READING Romans 14:7-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

by Liturgia

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 14th September
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday 15th September
Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday 16th September
**Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and
Cyprian, bishop, martyr**

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR A.

Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalms 144;
Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

Test your CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

Which of the following was Jesus' first public miracle?

- A. The curing of the blind man
- B. Changing the water into wine at Cana
- C. The cleansing of the lepers
- D. Walking on water at the Sea of Galilee

Last week's answer:

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

Today's answer and a new question next week

Catholic Theological College

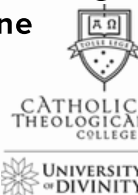
Engaging Your Faith online presentations

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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.



DIOCESAN MATTERS



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**Safeguarding
Office**

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.



September Renewal Newsletter

In this edition, we
look back on a
season of real
connection across
the diocese.
Scan the QR code to
read the newsletter.



**Diocesan
Investment
Fund**

**Interest rate
4.15% pa**



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