

Give to Caesar the things
that belong to Caesar

18TH OCTOBER 2026,
29TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR A



and to God the things
that are God's

St Anthony's Parish

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ST ANTHONY'S KINGSCLIFF

16 Pearl St, Kingscliff

STS MARY AND AMBROSE

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

VIGIL: KINGSCLIFF 6:00PM

SUNDAY:

POTTSVILLE: NO MASS

KINGSCLIFF 9:00AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

WED: KINGSCLIFF 8:00AM

THU: KINGSCLIFF 9:00AM

FRI: KINGSCLIFF 8:00AM

FRI: POTTSVILLE NO MASS

RECONCILIATION TIMES :

SATURDAY: KINGSCLIFF 5:00-5:30PM

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Office Hours until 10th November: Wednesday & Thursday 9.00am-3.00pm

The emergence of a common enemy is often the catalyst for sworn enemies to unite. In first century Palestine, Pharisees were the respected religious teachers of the law and Herodians represented secular Jewish power and wealth. Herodians and Pharisees despised each other on both religious and political grounds. When faced with a perceived threat to their authority, however, they united in opposition. Jesus of Nazareth becomes the threat that unites them. His teaching and healing draw the crowds and threaten their authority. They come together and try to set a trap for him. In attempting to set him up, they ironically pay him the greatest of tributes: addressing him as "teacher", they acknowledge his sincerity and admit that he teaches the way of God in accordance with the truth. They witness to his lack of concern with status and hierarchical division.

The question of these traditional enemies is intended to put Jesus in a "no win" position: "Is it lawful to pay tribute to the emperor or not?" Jesus turns the question back upon the questioners. He lets them know that he is aware of their malicious intent and asks them to produce the coin used for the tax. He thus makes the issue one of images, a sensitive issue for all Jews, rather than of tribute. The Roman denarius that they produce bears the bust of the Roman emperor and the Latin inscription, "Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, High Priest".

Jesus' response, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God", can be interpreted in several ways. Is Jesus simply exposing their hypocrisy as bearers of images? From a Jewish perspective, everything belongs to God, the earth and all its riches. The disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians are Jews, even if the sympathies of the Herodians lean towards the Roman occupiers. Is he telling them to pay the tax while still recognising God's prior claim? Is he telling them not to pay the tax precisely because the emperor has no claim on what belongs to God? Is he critiquing the Roman occupation or legitimising it? Or is he saying something else? They are left to interpret his response as they wish.

One thing is clear: Jesus' words have nothing to do with the modern distinction between Church and secular state. There are good reasons for paying taxes in a secular state and for contributing financially to the life of the Church, something we may need to revisit in the light of decreased regular ecclesial participation in the Western world. It is quite anachronistic, however, to invoke this text in support of paying state taxes or of supporting the Church financially. The story is more about sincerity and truth in our relationships with each other and with the God of all truth. Sincerity and truth are the key criteria for any personal or global alliance.

-Veronica Lawson RSM

STS. MARY AND AMBROSE CHURCH ROOF REPLACEMENT

Work to remove asbestos and replace the church's roof continues. We will keep you updated on the progress, as the information comes to hand.

We welcome parishioners from Pottsville to the Kingscliff Masses during this forced closure.

Mission Sunday



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united



This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs. As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

Established by Pope Pius XI 100 years ago, Mission Sunday has been a way for parishes to gain a deeper understanding of the greatness of the missionary task.

Through prayer, encouragement for the missionary vocation and support for the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies, we can join in the work of the Holy Father.

That work is to nurture the Church's unity in following Christ by spreading the Gospel message of salvation to all people.



October IS THE MONTH of the Rosary



We had a wonderful turnout for the Legion of Mary's 'Rosary in the Park' on Tuesday 13th October at Faulks Park, Kingscliff.

Thank you to the Legion of Mary for organising the morning, and thanks to Mrs Barlogio for bringing some students from St Anthony's School to join us in prayer.

We're having a Diocesan Assembly

Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD has called a Diocesan Assembly for 2027. The process will begin with four Regional Assemblies in April and May and culminate in the Diocesan Assembly in July 2027.



Scan to learn more



DIOCESE OF LISMORE

Christian Comedian/Evangelist

Nathan Ranclaud - clean stand-up comedy and a gospel-centred testimony.

Performing in churches, conferences, festivals, pubs, clubs, camps, schools and prisons across Australia and the USA, and with comedy clips have reached millions of people online Nathan now joins us in Kingscliff.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH 7.00 PM
St. Anthony's Primary School Hall
8-10 Pearl St, Kingscliff NSW 2487
GOLD COIN DONATION

People come for a great laugh, the comedy is clean enough for the whole family, and they leave having heard the hope of the Gospel and the local Church proclaimed.



Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased Helen Frogley, Denis Geary

Anniversary Philip Gardner, John Thieu, Anne Phelan

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

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

FOR IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST, AS IN THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN LIFE WHICH DRAWS ITS POWER FROM IT AND LEADS TOWARD IT, THE CHURCH, AFTER THE MANNER OF SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE, PROSTRATES HERSELF IN ADORATION BEFORE THE LORD WHO WAS CRUCIFIED, SUFFERED AND DIED, WAS BURIED AND AROSE, AND PERPETUALLY EXCLAIMS TO HIM WHO IS CLOTHED IN THE FULLNESS OF HIS DIVINE SPLENDOUR:

“MY LORD AND MY GOD!”

From CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SACRAMENT
Redemptionis Sacramentum

DURING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

VIGIL MASS is at 6:00 pm (from 10th October)

MEETINGS GROUPS

RCIA: Wednesday 21st October, 6.30 pm, Parish Meeting Room

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday 21st October, 3:30 pm, Parish Meeting Room

UPCOMING DATES

SOLEMNITIES

ALL SAINTS Sunday 1st November

On this day the Church honours all saints, both formally canonised and others who have attained heaven (see Heb. 12:22-24).

ALL SOULS' (The commemoration of All the Faithful Departed) Monday 2nd November

On this day the Church prays for the souls in purgatory.

CHERRY FAMILY GROUP

Lunch at Coolangatta Surf Club

Friday, 23rd October - 12.30pm (NSW TIME)

Contact: Lawrence and Rina 0418 495 406

lawrence@andersonsjewellery.com.au

LITURGY COMMITTEE NEWS

On Saturday 10th October, Fr Paul, Catherine Holliday, Craig Moore and Kerri Olson attended a workshop in Brisbane on preparation for the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil).

Many valuable insights were gained which will be helpful in our parish preparation for Easter 2027.

PARENTING CONFERENCE

SUPPORT FOR THE JOURNEY

Come along to the 2026 Council of **Catholic School Parents Conference** for a day of practical ideas, expert advice and encouragement for parents and carers. Hear from leading parenting speakers Karen Young, Daniel Principe, Angela Lockwood and Gen Muir on topics that matter to families today — from emotions and resilience to relationships, technology and the everyday challenges of raising children.

Saturday 24 October 2026
Twin Towns, Tweed Heads
\$30 per person



Come along, learn something new, meet other parents and leave with practical ideas to take home.

All parents, carers and grandparents are welcome.

To book your place either go to:

<https://CCSPConferenceTweedHeads2026.eventbrite.com.au> or scan this QR Code

KINGSCLIFF VIGIL	17 th OCTOBER, 6:00PM	24 th OCTOBER, 6:00PM
ORGANIST	Tara Williams	Tara Williams
FIRST READER	Carmel Atkinson	Kate Stone
SECOND READER	Anthony Luxton	Kim Dixon
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Megan Cochran	Carmel Atkinson
OFFERTORY	Rina and Lawrence Anderson	Jacinta Martin Marie Moore
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Joan Prichard, John Mulhall, Helen Gooley	Rina Anderson, Denise DeVene, Helen Gooley
HOSPITALITY	Carmel Bushell Kerri Olson	Angela Mulhall Carmel Bushell
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh	Kerri Olson
SACRISTY	Carmel Atkinson Denise DeVene, Kath Togo	Carmel Atkinson Denise DeVene, Kath Togo

POTTSVILLE SUNDAY	18 th OCTOBER, 7:30AM	25 th OCTOBER, 7:30AM
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No Mass. Church closed while roof is being replaced.

KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY	18 th OCTOBER, 9:00AM	25 th OCTOBER, 9:00AM
ORGANIST	Janet Blandford	Frances Ord
FIRST READER	St Anthony's School	Adam Gallagher
SECOND READER	St Anthony's School	Kim Naylor
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	St Anthony's School	Bliegh Mupunga
OFFERTORY	St Anthony's School	Shyne Mupunga, Helen Reynolds
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	St Anthony's School	Gavin Dykes, Trish Spillane Angela Finkel
HOSPITALITY	St Anthony's School	Julianne Barlogio, Terry & Sherida Sheridan
DATA SYSTEM	St Anthony's School	Carmel Hill
SACRISTY	St Anthony's School	Trish Spillane
BAPTISMS	Baptism preparation	Courtney Midson

RECORDING	Tuesday 20 th October John Mulhall, Allan Simpson	Tuesday 27 th October Adam and Cath Cole
UNITING CARE	18 th -24 th October Rosie Carroll	25 th -31 st October Helen Reynolds
ROSARY STATUE	18 th -24 th October Corina Hillis	25 th -31 st October Marie Easton

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Thursday 22nd October

St Pope John Paul II, pope

--- Sunday 25th October ---

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR A.

Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 17:2-4,46,51;

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

FIRST READING Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. *O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. R.*

2. *The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. R.*

3. *Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. R.*

4. *Worship the Lord in his temple,
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. R*

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-21

by Liturgia

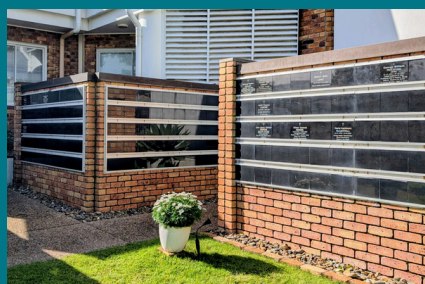


Advent Raffle

The Piety Stall will be raffling this Holy Advent calendar. Use your imagination to create a special ritual for each day in Advent using this unique calendar.

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5

ST. ANTHONY'S COLUMBARIUM



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

PASSING THE COLLECTION BAG

Please assist collectors with passing the collection bags, either along the pew or in front/behind you.

It is important that all members of the assembly have the opportunity to contribute to the financial good of the parish in the usual way i.e. the collection bag during Mass.

In cases where there may be many empty pews and passing is not practical, collectors will pass the bag to parishioners themselves.

Test your CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

29. Which of the following is not a member of the clergy?

- A. Bishop
- B. Priest
- C. Deacon
- D. Brother

**Last week's answer:
C. Pope Pius XII has not been
declared a saint.**

**Today's answer and a new
question next week**



JULY 30TH - AUGUST 11

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

SOUTH KOREA

For all enquiries, contact:
youth@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, 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

Parish Website



Parish Facebook

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Presentation Sisters in Lismore



THANKSGIVING MASS

Saturday, November 21
11:00 AM

St Carthage's Cathedral



All are welcome to join us in prayer and reflection

Tickets also available for a Celebration Luncheon to be held at Invercauld House via: <https://www.trybooking.com/DNKOM>
or Phone: 6627 6647



DIocese of LISMORE



Safeguarding Office

We ask that parents and guardians accompany children at all times. Please ensure you can see them while on the parish premises. **Children are not to visit the bathroom unaccompanied.**



Diocesan Investment Fund

Interest rate 4.15% pa

