

11TH OCTOBER 2026, 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Whomsoever you find
invite to the wedding.

St Anthony's Parish

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CHURCHES

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 NO MASS

FRI: KINGSCLIFF 8:00AM

FRI: POTTSVILLE NO MASS

RECONCILIATION TIMES :

SATURDAY: KINGSCLIFF 5:00-5:30PM

A feast not going to plan

The image of the abundant, fulfilling feast is used throughout the scriptures to explain God's promise of eternal life. On the mountain of the Lord, as the prophet Isaiah says in today's first reading, God will "provide for all peoples a feast of juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines."

This metaphor of the abundant feast is used to describe the promise of God that he will "destroy the veil" between himself and humanity, "wipe away the tears from every face" and "destroy death forever".

In this week's gospel, Jesus uses this imagery of Isaiah and ties the prophet's promises into his own mission. Jesus' parable reveals how the great reunion between God and humanity, where God will provide for his people and defeat death forever as foretold by the prophets, is exactly what is being through Jesus' death and resurrection at Calvary. Hearing about Christ's coming, death and resurrection is like receiving an invitation to a great wedding banquet, where the banquet represents eternal life with God.

And as Isaiah says, this provision is for "all peoples." However, as Jesus goes on to say, "many are invited" to this heavenly banquet "but few are chosen."

There are people who reject the invitation to the eternal life that God has planned for us. As Jesus' parable explains, people often dismiss God's messengers without hearing what they have to say. Some have other business they consider more important. Others react aggressively to the message. Some receive the message and come to the party, see everything that God has provided, but reject the way that has been prepared.

This invitation to eternal life that is being offered is more than just being assured of going to a nice place after we die. It is not about our souls receiving psychological enlightenment or a prize for good behaviour. Eternal life, as Jesus says elsewhere in the gospels, is to know God, to know his goodness in the depths of our being, and to know Jesus Christ, and his message of salvation.

In the life to come, we will be restored to communion with God and participation in his very nature. Eternal life, therefore, involves stepping into a new way of living. Not just accepting the invitation but living in the new life of love and holiness that we were created for.

What God wants more than anything else is that his children freely choose the life that he has on offer. And so, while we walk on this earth, the invitations are constantly issued to those of us willing to hear. Unlike the man who rejects to wear the wedding garment in this parable, which symbolises living the love and justice that God has created us for, we can respond differently to the king's gentle question: "My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?"

The gospel reminds us to keep accepting Jesus' invitations. The eternal life he is calling us to be part of is the one we have been created for.

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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.

October IS THE MONTH of the Rosary

The month of the Rosary goes back to a moment in history when prayer changed everything. In 1571, during the Battle of Lepanto, Christians across Europe prayed the Rosary for peace and protection. Against overwhelming odds, victory came, and the Church recognised this as the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Soon after, the Church established October as a month dedicated to the Rosary, inviting the faithful to turn to Mary in times of need.

The Legion of Mary invites you to join them for a public display of faith.

Rosary in the Park

**TUESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER
10:30AM**

Faulks Park, Kingscliff; across from the boat ramp. BYO chair



CATENIANS
FRIENDSHIP IN FAITH

Members of the Catenian Association will be present at this weekend's Masses, with information and invitations for the men of our parish.

Catenians are a network of Catholic men who meet monthly for dinner and friendship.

There are approximately 8,000 members in worldwide, including about 1,000 brothers in 40 'circles' in Australia.

There are 18 members in the local group, the Tweed Gold Coast Circle, who get together on the third Thursday of the month at the South Tweed Sports Club for a short meeting and a meal.





Eucharist28

The Diocesan Eucharist28 Collaboration Group will be meeting on Tuesday 13th October, 2pm via Teams.

SAVE THE DATE

Dates for Eucharist28 Sydney:
24 September to 1 October 2028.

Preceded by a Theological Symposium:
20 - 22 September 2028.

24 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER 2028



eucharist28.org



St Francis of Assisi FEAST DAY AND PET BLESSING



We had about 30 dogs turn up for a blessing last Sunday for the feast of St Francis of Assisi. We all shared a fabulous morning tea afterwards. Thank you to all the generous donors of pet goods for the *Friends of the Pound*.

And thank you to everyone who helped with the morning tea.

Fr Paul also blessed our new statue of St Francis during the 9.00am Mass.



Donations gratefully received by the Friends of the Pound

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased Helen Frogley, Denis Geary, Anne Boyle

Anniversary Anne Phelan, Myrtle Raymond, Bernard Simpson

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.



Celebrations



Baptisms

We welcome
Frederick Baker
Maya Filardi
Paddy Moore

DURING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

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

MEETINGS GROUPS

Parish Pastoral Council: Wednesday 14th October, 5.00 pm, Parish Meeting Room

RCIA: Wednesday 14th October, 6.30 pm, Parish Meeting Room

Tweed Parish Collaboration Meeting: Thursday 15th October, 10.30 am, St Joseph's Tweed.

Music Practice: Thursday 15th October, 5.00 pm, St Anthony's Church

Parish/School Mass: Sunday 18th October

Mission Sunday: Sunday 18th October

ST ANTHONY'S FAMILY GROUP

Lunch at Kingscliff Bowls Club
Tuesday, 13th October - Noon
Contact: Marion Gardner 0266 743 229

SHINE FAMILY GROUP

Drinks at Earth Brewery, Cudgen
Sunday, 18th October - 2.30pm
Contact: Hollidays 0405 782 638

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

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

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.



KINGSCLIFF VIGIL	10 th OCTOBER, 6:00PM	17 th OCTOBER, 6:00PM
ORGANIST	Antonia Pratt	Tara Williams
FIRST READER	Peter Campbell	Carmel Atkinson
SECOND READER	Tarryn Dale	Anthony Luxton
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Chelsea Staite	Megan Cochran
OFFERTORY	Carmel Bushell Joan Prichard	Rina and Lawrence Anderson
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Kath Togo, Shane Martin, Carmel Atkinson	Joan Prichard, John Mulhall, Helen Gooley
HOSPITALITY	Denise DeVene Kerri Olson	Carmel Bushell Kerri Olson
DATA SYSTEM	Helen LeFebvre	Marty Darragh
SACRISTY	Carmel Atkinson, Denise DeVene, Kath Togo	Carmel Atkinson Denise DeVene, Kath Togo

POTTSVILLE SUNDAY	11 th OCTOBER, 7:30AM	18 th OCTOBER, 7:30AM
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No Mass. Church closed while roof is being replaced.

KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY	11 th OCTOBER, 9:00AM	18 th OCTOBER, 9:00AM
ORGANIST	Janet Blandford	Janet Blandford
FIRST READER	Sebastian Watters	St Anthony's School
SECOND READER	Trish Spillane	St Anthony's School
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Blake Reynolds	St Anthony's School
OFFERTORY	Julia Burns Faye McCoach	St Anthony's School
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Mary & John Rawson Clare Perkins	St Anthony's School
HOSPITALITY	Peggy Johnson, Bernie Doyle, Kate Stone	St Anthony's School
DATA SYSTEM	Marty Darragh	St Anthony's School
SACRISTY	Trish Spillane	St Anthony's School
BAPTISMS	Cheryl French	Baptism preparation

RECORDING	Tuesday 13 th October John Mulhall, Jenny Holland	Tuesday 20 th October John Mulhall, Allan Simpson
UNITING CARE	11 th -17 th October Sherida Sheridan	18 th -24 th October Rosie Carroll
ROSARY STATUE	11 th -17 th October Paul Morrissey	18 th -24 th October Corina Hillis

MISSION SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND



catholic mission
Free call: 1800 257 298
catholicmission.org.au/unity

For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice. But there is hope.

Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility. This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

*Name changed for privacy

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 25:6-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

- 1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. R.*
- 2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name,
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. R.*
- 3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. R.*
- 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. R.*

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-10

by Liturgia

Parish Website



Parish Facebook



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 Teresa of Avila

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER

There will be a special Mass in honour of St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila) at the Carmelite Monastery, Goonellabah, on Thursday 15th October at 10:00 am (there will be no 7:00 am Mass)

All welcome

St Teresa was a 16th-century Spanish nun, mystic, and monastic reformer who co-founded the Discalced Carmelites and became the first female Doctor of the Church.

ASPIRE

Young Adult Spiritual
Formation with Bishop Greg,
OCD

**Monday, 12 October
and
Tuesday, 24 November**

**Darcy Room
(back of the Cathedral)
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

or join us via Zoom

**Zoom Login: 260 411 8529
Password: ASPIRE**

For more information, contact:
Sr. Di, CM - 0434 772867
dmoralde@lismore.catholic.org.au

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.

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



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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.**



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Test your CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

**28. Which of the following popes
is NOT a saint?**

- A. John XXIII
- B. John Paul II
- C. Pius XII
- D. Pius X

Last week's answer:

A. A missal has the words of the Mass.

Today's answer and a new question next week

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Thursday 15th October

St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor

Saturday 17th October

St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR A.

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 95:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5;

Matthew 22:15-21