

4TH OCTOBER 2026, 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

IT WAS THE STONE REJECTED
BY THE BUILDERS
THAT BECAME THE KEYSTONE.

St Anthony's Parish

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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

No anger, just love

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In this week's gospel, Jesus chastises the Chosen People's religious leaders of his day, putting a very sobering message before them.

In the parable, he tells of a landowner who leases his vineyard into the care of tenants. When the harvest had come, he sent his servants to the tenants to claim his due as the landowner. To the landowner's dismay, the murderous tenants kill the servants. The landlord then sends more servants only to have the tenants kill them too.

Finally, the landowner sends his son and heir, thinking that the tenants would surely respect his son, respond appropriately to him, and pay what is due to the son to bring back to the landowner. But the tenants kill the landlord's son, thinking that they would then claim for themselves the inheritance that would have gone to the son.

Jesus, the master teacher, then asks the leaders who are listening to him what they think the landowner will then do. They reply that, of course, the landowner would severely punish the tenants, take the vineyard from them and lease it to new tenants.

We may well be shocked that the father, knowing that many of his servants had already been killed by the tenants, would send his son. But, despite that violent history, he trusts that his son would be safe, and so the son goes without arms, defences or protection, only to be killed. In Matthew's hand, the parable becomes a story of salvation history. It speaks to us about God's dealings with his Chosen People, Israel. The vineyard is Israel (a familiar image in the Old Testament) and the tenants are the religious leaders of Israel. The servants sent by the landowner are the prophets God sent to Israel, many of whom suffered greatly, some even death. Eventually God did send his only Son and Jesus is rejected and killed. God then extends the Kingdom to the whole world; Gentiles and Jews.

So, what does this parable, focussed as it is on the failures of Israel's religious leaders, mean for us today? It tells us that, no matter the failings or abuses of the leaders of God's people, God's Kingdom will prevail and will be fruitful. Also, that it embraces all humankind, not just a select few, but in fact all creation. It tells us that God's love will not be thwarted, no matter the misuse of privilege, authority and power.

And the cornerstone of the Kingdom is Jesus, the Son, the one who was rejected. Our task, our mission, is to be faithful to Jesus' teaching and fruitful in bringing about the Kingdom in our world, through works of justice, peace, and reconciliation, in love of neighbour, and in care and compassion for the poor, the lonely, and the marginalised. The letter to the Philippians assures us: Do not worry about anything. Keep on doing the things of the Kingdom ... and the God of peace will be with us.

ST FRANCIS 'Blessing of Pets' of ASSISI Feast Day

11.00am this Sunday,
4th October

WE WILL ALSO BE COLLECTING DONATIONS
OF TINNED PET FOOD, CAT LITTER, TREATS AND
PET TOYS FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE POUND

Beside
St Anthony's
Church

STAY FOR
MORNING TEA

FEAST
DAY OF

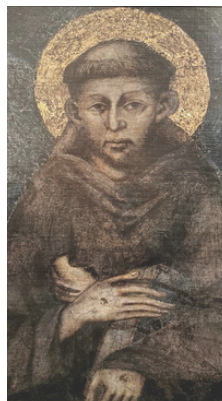
St Francis of Assisi

TODAY, SUNDAY
4TH OCTOBER

St Francis was radical in his love of the poor; he understood that to care for the suffering and broken, was to encounter Christ. The love he expressed for them was Christ's love, tender and real. He extended that same tenderness to the world around him - God's creation - our common home. St Francis viewed creation as a gift to be revered, never used. His care for people and creation were expressions of

his love for the creator, God. His famous hymn *The Canticle of the Sun* speaks of his praise for the elements of God's creation, viewing them as part of the universal family. St Pope John Paul II named St Francis as the patron saint of ecology in 1979.

Today, in the spirit of St Francis and as a fitting way to conclude the 'Season of Creation', Fr Paul will bless the pets of our community.



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.



Our
Lady OF THE
Rosary

WEDNESDAY,
7TH OCTOBER



CATENIANS
FRIENDSHIP IN FAITH

At next weekend's Masses, members of the Catenian Association will be present to provide information and invitations to 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 320 Circles in the four British "Home Countries" and 8 other countries, including about 1,000 brothers in 40 circles in Australia.

The group representing the Association locally, Tweed Gold Coast Circle, has 18 members, who get together on the third Thursday each month at the South Tweed Sports Club for a short meeting and dinner.



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

STS. MARY AND AMBROSE CHURCH ROOF REPLACEMENT

Work to replace the church's roof began on Monday. Due to the presence of asbestos in the existing roof, the church will need to remain closed for the duration of the works.

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



Eucharist 28

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives. It will be a celebration of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be an important moment of Eucharistic renewal for the Church in Australia and beyond.

The journey to Eucharist28 has begun!

Our lives this side of heaven are a continuous journey of walking with Christ. We are called to walk alongside Him during our trials and our triumphs. In Micah 6:8, scripture tells us, "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God."

This journey of walking with Christ is **interior**, but it can also be expressed physically. We can become pilgrims by walking and prayerfully moving with Him, including through processions.

In 2028, the global church that gathers in Sydney for Eucharist28 will have an opportunity to be pilgrims by participating in the Eucharistic Procession. This journey through the streets of Sydney will be a witness to our nation and our world, as tens of thousands of pilgrims walk alongside Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist.

In the years leading up to this moment and beyond, the prayer of Eucharist28 is that across Australia, Eucharistic renewal will continue to flourish, and Eucharistic processions and pilgrimages will become a commonplace way for all to walk with Christ in their lives.

Scan the QR code to access *Walking With Christ: A Companion for Eucharistic Renewal*, a resource designed to accompany you in your spiritual preparation for the continuing journey with Christ.



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



Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased Helen Frogley, Denis Geary, Anne Boyle

Anniversary Myrtle Raymond, Bernard Simpson

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 Eileen Colbert, 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

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

MEETINGS GROUPS

Parish Pastoral Council: Wednesday 14th October, 5.00 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

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

Sunday, 18th October - 2.30pm

Contact: Hollidays 0405 782 638

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.

MEMO FROM BISHOP GREGORY - DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

In 2027, the Diocese of Lismore will hold its Diocesan Assembly, preceded by regional assemblies. This gathering brings together many years of listening across our diocese and will help us discern together the pastoral priorities that will guide us ahead.

I ask two things of you. First, please pray for the Assembly and all who take part. Second, please consider how you might be involved, whether through prayer, practical support, or joining the consultation process.

Thank you for your faithfulness to this journey.

KINGSCLIFF VIGIL	3 RD OCTOBER, 5:00PM	10 TH OCTOBER, 6:00PM
ORGANIST	Irene Brinsmead	Antonia Pratt
FIRST READER	Kim Dixon	Peter Campbell
SECOND READER	Kate Stone	Tarryn Dale
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Carmel Atkinson	Chelsea Staite
OFFERTORY	Angela Mulhall, Patrice Hose	Carmel Bushell Joan Prichard
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Rosie Carroll, Denise DeVene, Peter McLoughlin	Kath Togo, Shane Martin, Helen Gooley
HOSPITALITY	Angela Mulhall, Carmel Bushell	Denise DeVene Kerri Olson
DATA SYSTEM	Kerri Olson	Helen LeFebvre
SACRISTY	Carmel Atkinson, Kath Togo, Denise DeVene	Carmel Atkinson, Denise DeVene, Kath Togo

POTTSVILLE SUNDAY	4 TH OCTOBER, 7:30AM	11 TH OCTOBER, 7:30AM
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No Mass. Church closed while roof is being replaced.

KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY	4 TH OCTOBER, 9:00AM	11 TH OCTOBER, 9:00AM
ORGANIST	Irene Brinsmead	Janet Blandford
FIRST READER	Cheryl French	Sebastian Watters
SECOND READER	Faye McCoach	Trish Spillane
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Ted Byrne	Catherine Holliday
OFFERTORY	Seekers Group	Julia Burns Faye McCoach
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Shane Martin, Lorraine Craven, Desiree De Azevedo	Mary & John Rawson Clare Perkins
HOSPITALITY	Jenny Gardner, Joan Prichard, Julia Burns	Peggy Johnson, Bernie Doyle, Kate Stone
DATA SYSTEM	Catherine Holliday	Madeleine Holliday
SACRISTY	Craig Moore	Trish Spillane
BAPTISMS	No Baptisms	Cheryl French

RECORDING	Tuesday 6 th October John Mulhall, Clare Perkins	Tuesday 13 th October John Mulhall, Jenny Holland
UNITING CARE	4 th -10 th October Michael & Lorraine Craven	11 th -17 th October Sherida Sheridan
ROSARY STATUE	4 th -10 th October Marie Easton	11 th -17 th October Paul Morrissey



Continues after the school holidays: Wednesday 14th October, 6.30pm in the parish meeting room

"TAKE COURAGE!! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."
JOHN 16:33

JULY 30TH - AUGUST 11
WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027
SOUTH KOREA

TO EXPRESS INTEREST SCAN HERE

Catholic Youth LISMORE

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES CONTACT: YOUTH@LISMORE.CATHOLIC.ORG.AU

4 DAYS OF CAMPING, WORSHIP & PEACE
DECEMBER 4-7
SELAH VALLEY ESTATE, NEW SOUTH WALES

SELAH YOUNG ADULT FESTIVAL

HOSTED IN AND SUPPORTED BY THE DIOCESE OF LISMORE

EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST NOW

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING Isaiah 5:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

- 1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. R.*
- 2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. R.*
- 3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. R.*
- 4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. R.*

SECOND READING Philippians 4:6-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-43

by Liturgia

Test your CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

The book which has the words of the Mass is called a...

- A. Missal
- B. Bible
- C. Catechism
- D. Hymnal

Last week's answer:

C. St Patrick was British, captured and enslaved by the Irish.

Today's answer and a new question next week

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!

Come and join us on 9th-11th October, 2026 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.

Book online at www.wmme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wmme.org.au



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



Aid to the Church in Need

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Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1-7 October, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join with Pope Leo and Catholics worldwide for the One Million Children Praying the Rosary prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world.

Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code:



"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio



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

Parish Website



Parish Facebook



Organ Concert
ROBERT EATHER
Director of Music at Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton, with vocalist
MARGARET TARRANT



Cash at the door, \$20/\$15 or book online:

All Saints Anglican Church
Byangum Rd, Murwillumbah
2.30pm
Saturday 10th October



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Wednesday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR A.

Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 22; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20;

Matthew 22:1-14