

Welcome to the Townsville (CBD) Ministry Unit



**Parish News
August 2025**

Services

Sundays:

**7.15 am St Marks, Belgian Gardens
9 am St James' Cathedral**

Monday- Friday:

8.30 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday:

Eucharists 12 noon & 5.30pm

Saturday:

5 pm St Margarets, Magnetic Island

St James' Cathedral is open

**Most weekdays 8am-noon
(except in Jan)**



Thanksgiving

DIRECT DEBIT

- Church Wardens of St James Cathedral General Account
 - BSB 034 222
 - Acc 250713

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ANFIN — Anglican Church Southern Queensland
(anglicanchurchsq.org.au)



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Our Ministry Unit

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what's happening

in

August

August, 2025 The Townsville Ministry Unit

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 12TH SUN AFT PENTECOST 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 Eucharist at St James					1 HOLY MEN & WOMEN - OT 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist Fr Kenneth at Dean's Conference, Perth	2 7.30 Men's Breakfast and Setup for Art Show Fr Kenneth at Dean's Conference, Perth 5.00 Service at St Margaret's
3 8TH SUN AFT PENTECOST 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 St James Day Eucharist at St James Fr Kenneth at Dean's Conference, Perth	4 JOHN BAPTIST VIANNEY 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist Fr Kenneth at Dean's Conference, Perth 1.30 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke	5 OSWALD 8.30 Morning Prayer Fr Kenneth at Dean's Conference, Perth	6 TRANSFIGURATION 6.00 ART SHOW OPENING	7 8.30 Morning Prayer ART SHOW all day Fr Kenneth in Charters Towers 7.00 Franciscans Eucharist	8 DOMINIC 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist ART SHOW Fr Kenneth leaves for the Southern gulf 5.00 Eucharist, Georgetown	9 MARY SUMNER 8.30 Morning Prayer 10.00 Eucharist, Croydon 11.00 Cathedral Tour ART SHOW 4.00 Concert at St James 5.00 Service at St Margaret's
10 9TH SUN AFT PENTECOST 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 8.00 Eucharist at Normanton 9.00 Eucharist at St James ART SHOW	11 CLAIRE OF ASSISI 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist ART SHOW 1.30 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke	12 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist ART SHOW 2.00 Deanery Meeting	13 JEREMY TAYLOR 8.30 Military Event Lavarack Barracks ART SHOW 12.00 Eucharist at St James 5.30 Eucharist at St James	14 20TH C MARTYRS 8.30 Morning Prayer ART SHOW all day Fr Kenneth in Charters Towers 2.00 U3A Concert at St Margarets	15 MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist 9.30 Baptism at St James ART SHOW	16 8.30 Morning Prayer 9.00 Baptism at St James 11.00 Cathedral Tour ART SHOW 4.00 Concert at St James 5.00 Service at St Margaret's
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BIBLE STUDY

**7am & 11am Wednesdays
Beginning again on August 20th**





7.30am
Saturday
August 2nd

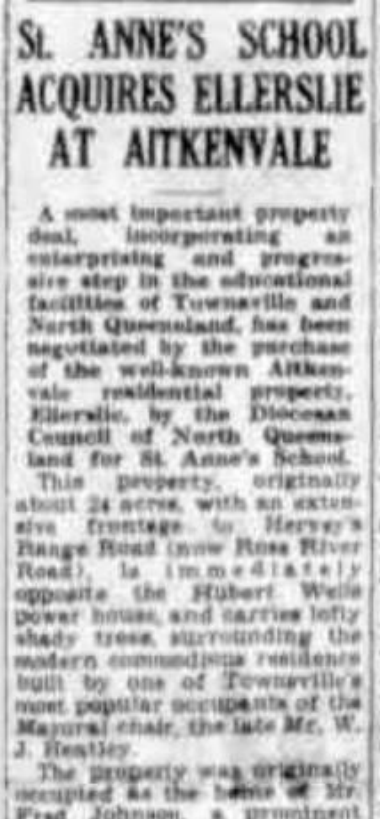
Cathedral Gardens





- 9 a.m. to 1p.m,
- CNR of Bowen Road and Carmody Street.
- There will be a free Jumping Castle, Face Painting and Kids Korner activities to keep the children entertained in addition to everyone's favourite stalls including books; cakes; jams and sweets; preloved clothing; trash and treasure; honey puffs; weaving by Aicie Day, great music and food at the Barbecue and something sweet at the Devonshire Tea Stall.

August 3rd St James Day St Anne's Reunion



- The Townsville Daily Bulletin [Mon 21 Sep 1953](#)
- St. ANNE'S SCHOOL ACQUIRES ELLERSLIE AT AITKENVALE

It is most important property deal, incorporating an enterprising and progressive step in the educational faculties of Townsville and North Queensland, has been negotiated by the purchase of the well known Aitkenvale residential property, Ellerslie, by the Diocesan Council of North Queensland for St. Anne's School.

This property, originally about 24 acres, with an extensive frontage to Hervey's Range Road (now Ross River Road), is immediately opposite the Hubert Wells power house, and carries lofty shady trees, surrounding the modern residence built by one of Townsville's most popular occupants of the Mayoral chair, the late Mr. W. Heatley. Fred Johnson, a prominent early day citizen and commercial figure, who, in company with Mr. J. T. Castling, conducted an extensive butchering business — Johnson and Castling— with the head shop, a two-storey building, at the corner of Flinders and Stokes Streets, where Beak House now stands.

It is a remarkable coincidence that in this St Anne's deal should be involved, in entirely different directions, properties of these two old time citizens, St. Anne's School, at the corner of Stokes and Walker Streets, being- the private residence of the Castling family well over 60 years ago.

When Fred Johnson disposed of his property at Aitkenvale, the subject of the present deal, Dugald Lawrence, well-known cattle dealer, resided there, the property being known as Ellerslie, the home being situated a, considerable distance back from the highway. The home was destroyed by fire and Mr. Lawrence re-built a residence, which was the property when the late 'Bill' Heatley decided on the site as his suburban bone. The house was then transferred to the Hervey's Range Road frontage on the West Street corner where it still stands, and the very modern home now being acquired by St Anne's School, was built. The vendor is the North Queensland Food Processing Company, which embarked on the deep-freeze works at the 'Vale

Reverting to St. Anne's School city property it is of interest that when the Cast ling, family vacated it early this century, the well-known medico, Dr. 'Joe' Ahearne, acquired it for his surgery and hospital, the well-known McIntosh sisters, being the nurses in charge.

About 36 years , ago the property came to be opened as St. Anne's School, and with the acquisition of 'adjioniing properties over the years, must approximate about two acres, in one of the best centrally situated and residential sites in Townsville, with frontages to three streets—Stokes, Walker and Wills—with accommodation and educational facilities for 70 boarders and 200 day students. It is understood that it is not intended to immediately transfer the school's activities, as it will be necessary to adjust the existing buildings at Ellerslie to the requirements.

It is stated also that Mrs. Heatley, now-residing in the metropolis, has generously given eight acres of land adjoining Ellerslie for the benefit of the school.

The negotiations for the transaction were carried out by C. L. Knobel and Co., Flinders Street, Townsville.

CANCELLED

EVENSONG



6pm Wednesday August 6th

Acting Mayor Ann- Maree
Greaney will open the

Friends of St James Cathedral
2025 Art and Craft Exhibition



Friends of St James Cathedral 2025 Art & Craft Exhibition

August 7th -17th

10am-2pm
(Sat 10am-5pm)

The Cathedral will be closed apart from Exhibition opening times-
For Morning Prayer & Wednesday Services please enter via North door

Friends of St James Cathedral
2025 Art and Craft Exhibition

6pm Friday August 8th My Life's Journey" Presentation by Featured Artist Dr Barbara Cheshire

Today, Barbara's life's journey has led her to being an artist and art educator. However, her earlier careers were pharmacy dispensing and partner in a house painting business. Although all these steps seem diverse choices, they really weren't as she has been passionate about them all. The learned aspects in each phase, led to creativity. For her, embedded in all these stages of life was a call to community, wholeness and connection, mental engagement and emotional energy – in a word, 'passion' – and not only for artistic pursuit - or even the making or teaching of art – but for life. For her, a life lived passionately inspired creativity and the visual language of art in turn inspired passion for life. It's a cyclical process and when creativity begins in passion, in feeling and seizing hold of what's around and within us, it renews life with excitement and meaning: Art insists that what the eye sees, it sees in wonder. One could say all the arts are the vitamins of life and this approach to visual art certainly has her addicted to it.



August 9th Mary Sumner



The Mary Sumner Prayer

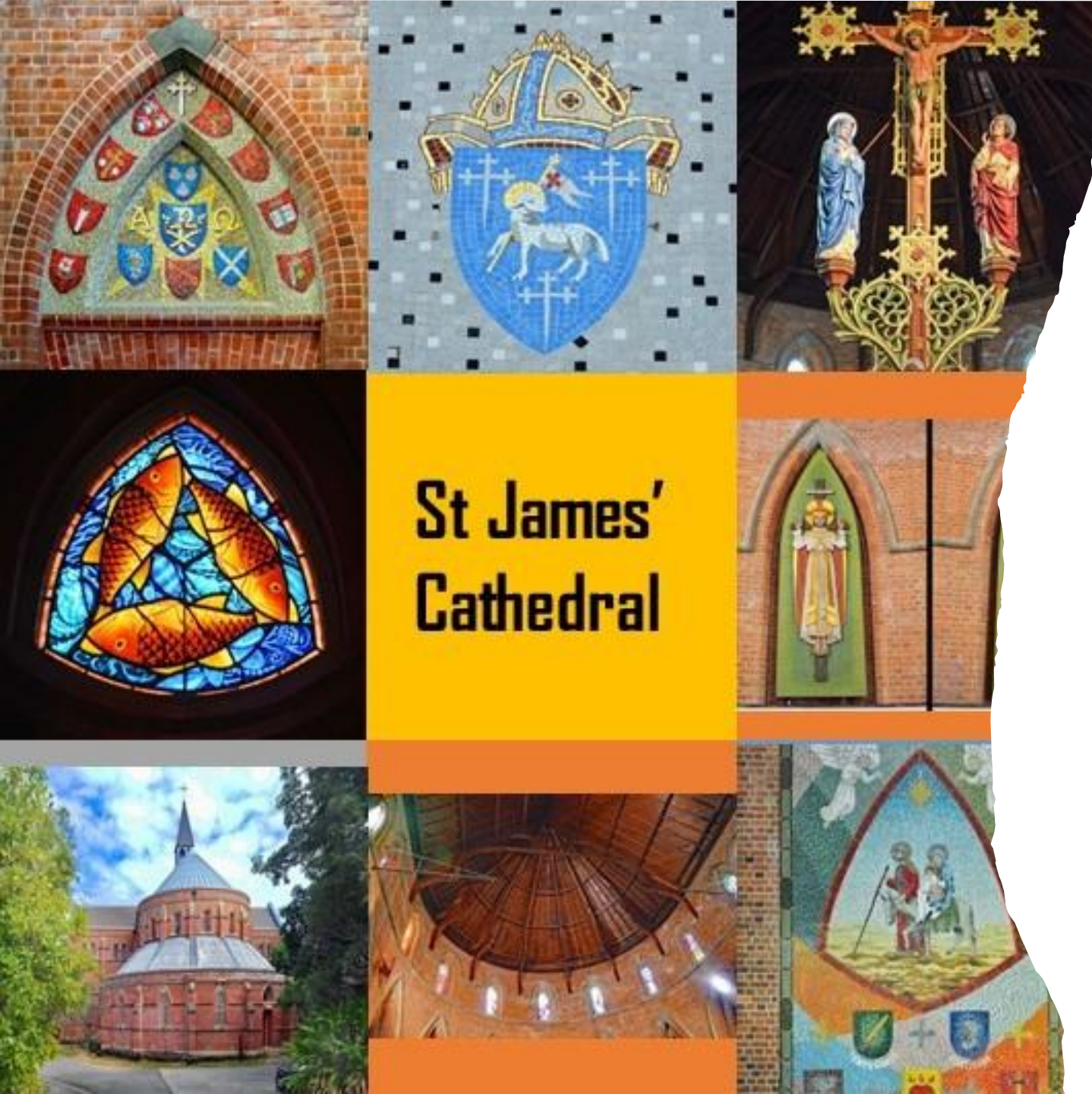
All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live.
Amen.

(31 Dec 1828—11 August 1921)



Mary was the founder of the
Mothers' Union, a worldwide
Anglican women's organisation





11am
Saturdays
August
9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

**Tour this historic
building and its
artwork**

**Brass under the
Arches**

**4pm Saturday,
August 9th**





Movies, Musicals and VP80

Free concert presented by U3A Singing and Recorder Groups

Doe a Deer
Consider Yourself
O Virgo Splendens
Penny Lane/Yesterday
On the Street Where You Live
El Cant dels Ocells
Para Bailar la Bamba
La Rejouissance
Mamma Mia
Basin Street Blues/ Turkey in the Straw
Bless 'em All/ Lily Marlene
I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles
Pack up Your Troubles/ A Long Way to Tipperary
We'll Meet Again
Just Enough Time (Pete Duckworth)

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14th August 2025, 2-3.30pm

St Margaret's Anglican Church, 8 Endeavour Street, Arcadia

Donations welcome

Join us for beautiful music and a sing-along



August 15th Mary Mother of our Lord

The stoneware statue “Mother and Child” is by Margaret Torlach of Collinsville.

The presentation cabinet was made by Stan Moses.

Townsville Guitar Orchestra Concert

**4pm Saturday,
August 16th**

TGO is a non-profit community group made up of local classical guitarists with skill levels ranging from intermediate through to professional. TGO perform at concerts all over Townsville and play varied repertoire of Classical, Latin, Spanish and Contemporary music.



August 17

We welcome
Members of the
31st Battalion,
Kennedy Regiment



COMMEMORATING 80 YEARS SINCE VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC

*Called to Contemplation:
A Celebration of Community*

The House of Prayer Council invites you to an evening of reflective sharing, as leaders from the House of Prayer community offer insights into how their contemplative offerings nurture the spiritual life of this place, and how their experiences might inspire and support the path of others in formation and contemplation.

Followed by drinks and nibbles on the veranda

August
18th

4:30pm
to
6:00pm

Please RSVP for catering purposes to
houseofprayer@tsv.catholic.org.au
or 4728 9861



HOUSE OF PRAYER
and *Spirituality*



Townsville Concert Band Concert

4pm Saturday,
August 23rd



The Townsville Concert Band is a group of local musicians meeting once a week for rehearsals. We play a range of different music from classics to modern pieces.

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When: 4pm, Saturday Aug 23rd
Where: St. James' Cathedral, 36 Cleveland Terrace, Townsville City

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT DOOR: \$20 PER ADULT. KIDS UNDER 12, FREE. CASH OR EFTPOS

NQ Recorder Society 30th Anniversary Concert

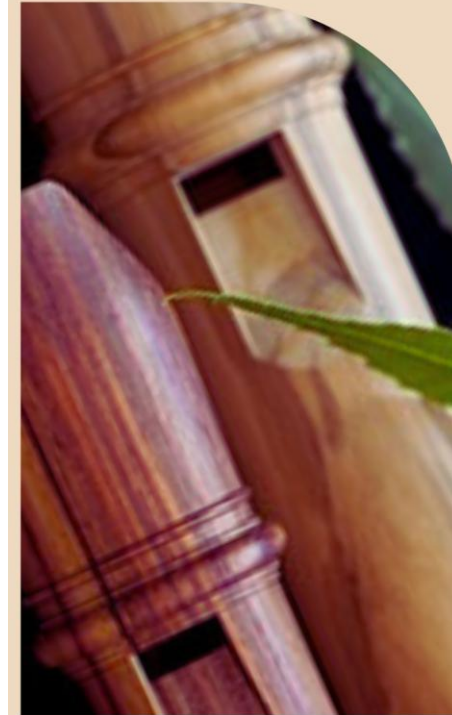
**4pm Sunday,
August 24th**

The NQRS was established in 1995 to bring together recorder players in the Townsville and wider North Queensland region for skills development and social playing. The society encourages formation of amateur consorts, maintains a library of recorder music, and produces occasional newsletters. Individual members of the Society appear with performing groups which feature recorders



RECORDER CONCERT

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL, DENHAM ST



**GUEST ARTISTS:
RUTH WILKINSON
& ALEXANDRA
BAILLIET-JOLY**



ENTRY \$15



**24 AUG 2025
4 PM**

More info at www.nqrs.org.au

Townsville Grammar School Choir Concert

3 pm Saturday,
August 30th



TGS



Grammar Sings

MISSION OF THE MONTH

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- Account Number 250713 250713



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Althea Foster &
Kinship Program



Althea's
Community Hub



Emergency Relief
Funding



Morehead Meals



Reconciliation
Action Plan

WHAT HAPPENED?



in July





We welcome .

Layla Wright
Maisie Reed
Noah Gray
Mackenzie Rose Comins



Synod Service



Rev Canon
Jeffery
Aloai being
congratulated



Rev Canon Deborah Kachel being
escorted to her seat



New Cathedral Canons being installed
Rev Canon Deborah Kachel,
Rev Canon Jeffery Aloai,
Canon Kristi Day, Canon Patrick Williams



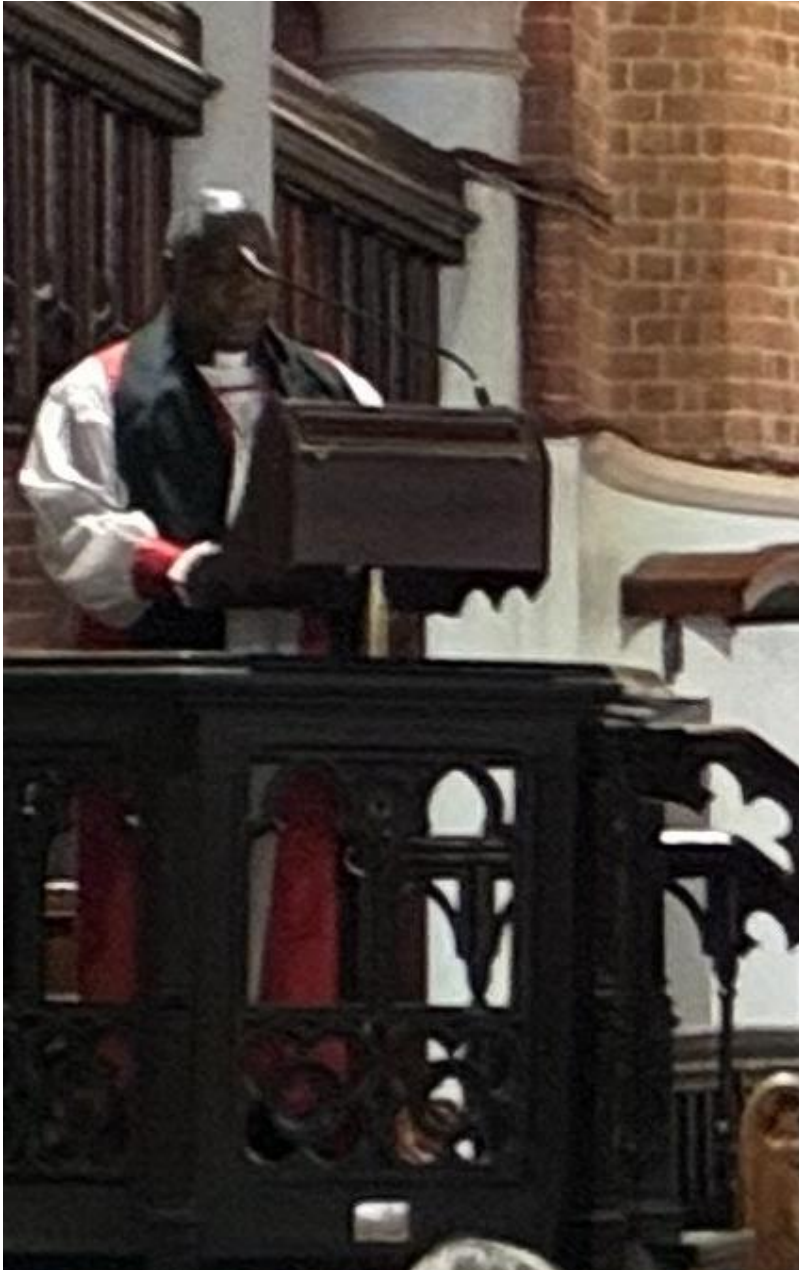
Canon Patrick William being presented with his licence



Thank you to those who
helped with the Service
and the Supper



We welcomed The Right Reverend Dr David Nkaabu, Bishop of Meru, Kenya





Great Barrier Reef Orchestra in tune with region

PURE MUSICAL MAGIC

Supplied

In a day and age when renowned concert venues throughout the world battle for audiences of the past, St James Cathedral in Townsville was the location for an overflowing audience necessitating the addition of portable chairs among unfortunate standees.

The Great Barrier Reef Orchestra has in the past several years established itself as Townsville's, and North Queensland's, most progressive cultural organisation, a musical entity transforming the local existence.

This week, the organisation will have touched many after Tuesday evening and this coming Sunday afternoon's concert in Queens Gardens, which may reach a potential audience of more than 5000.

Tuesday evening's concert was a diverse presentation extending beyond the standard fare of today's symphony orchestras.

Entitled Theodore Kuchar and Friends, we were privileged to an evening of true chamber music, yet in different forms.

The evening opened with Dvořák's Sonatina in G major, Op. 100 as performed by the distinguished Ukrainian violinist, Oksana Hrechyn and Townsville's much-appreciated pianist, Jo Batterham.

Their performance was a technical tour de force which presented artistry, highlighted by impeccable intonation and masterful tonal control, by this exceptional violinist and touched the composer's deeply Slavic soul, composed during a period of painful nostalgia while based in the United States.

Next came one of the true warhorses of the chamber music literature, Robert Schumann's Piano Quintet in E flat major, Op. 44.

The two performers in the Dvořák were partnered by violinist Olivia Jung, violist Theodore Kuchar and cellist Carla Mulligan.

This was music-making of great exuberance and technical security, the performers' enthusiasm and commitment always evident.

Jo Batterham's nearly 30



Theodore Kuchar and Friends concert has received rave reviews as a true masterpiece of music. Picture: Chrissy Maguire

minutes of non-stop activity and Kuchar's viola filling the Cathedral with the sonority of a trombone in the second movement propelled the ensemble to a rousing conclusion, readily acknowledged by the unanimous standing ovation.

After the interval, the repertoire moved back in time by nearly half a century, chamber music in a sense but with considerably larger instrumental forces than in the first half of the program.

In these two instances, Karl Stamitz (1745-1801) was represented by his Sinfonia Concertante in D major for violin, viola and string orchestra and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) by his Divertimento in D major, K. 131 for flute,

oboe, bassoon, four horns and strings.

It was here, the larger required forces were represented by a sizeable number of members of the Great Barrier Reef Orchestra.

In the Stamitz, Hrechyn and Kuchar guided and inspired their colleagues with virtuosic authority in what may easily have been the Australian premiere of this charming work.

Mozart's genius at 16-years-of-age was presented with conviction and security in the six-movement work by the conductor-less ensemble, totalling 25 musicians.

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The orchestra shares each of

its invited guest artists with many of our local schools.

It touches thousands of listeners well beyond its devout followers by presenting out-

door concerts in public venues while collaborating with and supporting local theatrical, choral and dance organisations.

It now serves as not only a symphony orchestra but as an organisational foundation for musical presentations of varying types.

Townsville's musical life, and potentially far-reaching cultural perception, is in the process of undergoing its most significant change for over the past three decades.

The Great Barrier Reef Orchestra embraces its role and responsibility in furthering the city's growth and development, and plans to serve as the driving-force of cultural innovation in the future.

Order of Service
For the Marriage of

Rahni Adele Urquhart
and
Thomas Matthew Butson

5th July 2025
St James Anglican Cathedral,
Townsville

Congratulations

THE ROSARY

Sunday Roster - St James Cathedral, Townsville

	<i>1st Sunday</i>	<i>2nd Sunday</i>	<i>3rd Sunday</i>	<i>4th Sunday</i>	<i>5th Sunday</i>
Welcomers		Trish and Lee Whitrow	Kloudya Pollard	Wendy and Eddie Bates	
1st Reading & Psalm	Jenny Stirling	Wendy Bates	David Porter	Ray Bailey	
2nd Reading	Marion Reid	Peter Bird	Robyn Gould	Phil Cole	Sara Keane
Gospel	Phil Cole	Griffin O'Keefe	Raiden O'Keefe	Jenisha Abraham	Renisha Abraham
Intercessions	Lyn Pemberton		Kloudya Pollard	Helen Macintosh	
Server	Robyn Gould	Robyn Gould	Griffin O'Keefe	Raiden O'Keefe	
Chalice Assistant	Leigh Kennedy	Owen Stanley	Bernice Goon-Chew	Abraham Sargunasingh	
Morning Tea	Helen Macintosh Marion Reid		Liz Robinson Liz Gallard	Wendy Bates Lorraine Kennedy	

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Thanks to all who are collecting “Containers for Change”
If you wish to take your own containers to the depot and donate to St James Cathedral,
use the ID and the money will be deposited directly to St James

1870. NORTH QUEENSLAND.

A Church Committee was formed in Townsville early in 1870 for the purpose of making an appeal to Dr. Barker, Bishop of Sydney, to send up a Clergyman to take up the Church's work in Townsville and other parts of the North. There were about 700 people in Townsville and over 2000 at Ravenswood and Charters Towers—82 miles from Townsville. At Georgetown there were about 1500; with a goodly number at Gilberton, Capeville, Dalrymple, and Cardwell. There were also the residents on sheep and cattle stations. The stipend guaranteed was only £120. The Bishop of Sydney added £80 from S.P.G. Funds under his control—total £200. The Bishop asked me to take up the work. I consented and started early in July by steamer. I called at Brisbane, Rockhampton and Bowen and arrived in Cleveland Bay on Sunday morning, July 17th.

The Church Committee with Mr. Gordon, the Commissioner of Townsville District, came out by boat and welcomed me. I went ashore and was given hospitality by the Agent of Messrs. Towns. I held two services, morning and evening, in the Court House. There were a

goodly number of Church people and all non-Romans attended. There was no Roman Catholic priest and no church or clergyman north of Bowen. I soon settled down to work and obtained a small two-roomed cottage to live in.

There was a good day school with an excellent master.

Having purchased horses, on September 18th I started on my first tour of my parish described by the Bishop of Sydney, as from Parramatta to Cape York—Cleveland Bay to the Gulf of Carpentaria; 1200 by 700 miles—all work done on horseback. I did not go beyond Dalrymple as I was busy preparing candidates for Confirmation, and the Bishop of Brisbane had sent me word that he was coming on Sunday, November 29th. The Bishop held the Confirmation Service and preached at the morning and evening Service, in the Court House.

On November 24th, I started on a tour, holding Services at Mr. Ross's Reedy Lake, Mr. Cunningham's The Grove, Mr. Harris's Maryvale, Mr. Cuming's Reedy Springs, and Dalrymple; returning for Christmas work in Townsville. Mr. Gordon had kindly consented to read the Church Service in the Court House during my absence.

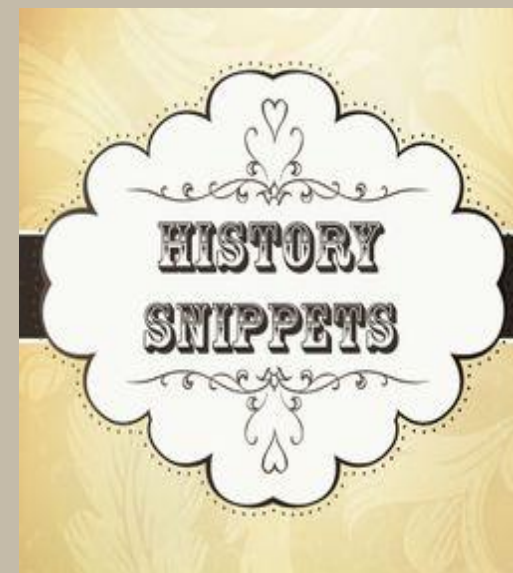


The First Church at Townsville.

1871. We began preparations for building a Church. The parishioners were ready and willing to assist and we purchased the site for the Church and Parsonage. In June I made another trip similar to my first.

In July I made my first visit to Ravenswood, and on the 9th held Services in the Court House, morning and evening. Hospitality was given me by Mr. Charters the Commissioner, an Irish Churchman. There was a very good attendance at the Services and I arranged to go there regularly. I returned to Townsville and prepared to go on another extended tour, holding services at Dalrymple, Maryvale, Lyndhurst, Oak Park, Gilberton, where Captain Townley, the Commissioner, kindly entertained me. Then on to Mount Emu Plains, Mr. R. Gray of Hughenden, Upper Cape Valley, Lower Cape, Ravenswood and back to Townsville on September 1st. I was then very busy arranging for the opening of the Church. I was anxious that it should be dedicated to S. John, but the parishioners asked that it should be S. James. A very nice wooden Church had been built and also a Parsonage. Everything was nicely done in the Church and Mr. Gordon's mother presented a stained-glass window for the chancel. On Sunday October 1st the Church was opened and services held morning and

evening. On the 18th I held two services at Ravenswood, visited among the people and held service on the 25th, returning then to Townsville. In December I again spent two Sundays in Ravenswood. On the 20th I was at Dalrymple, returning to Townsville for the Christmas work.



Excerpts from "North Queensland Jubilee Book" 1878-1928
 Edited by the Rt. Rev. J. O. Feetham, Bishop of North Queensland
 & Rev W. V. Rymer

Why God is Making a Comeback: The Religious Revival in Young Men

- Interesting Video

with some footage from St James

What do you think?



3 FUNDIMENTAL QUESTIONS

1. *Who are we?*

2. *Why are we?*

3. *What should
we do
about that?*