



Townsville Ministry Unit



February 2026 Parish News

Dean

**The Very Rev'd
and Venerable
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Fr Kevin Bourke**

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Announcement

The St James Cathedral Wardens wish to announce the retirement of the Venerable and Very Reverend, Dr Kenneth Lay as Parish Priest and Dean of the Cathedral from July 31st, 2026.

Fr Kenneth began at St James in 2020. After trying times during COVID, he quickly settled in and introduced his style to the Ministry Unit.



DIRECT DEBIT

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

ANONYMOUS DONATION (ANFIN)

A brochure & information can be found at

**ANFIN – Anglican Church Southern
Queensland (anglicanchurchsq.org.au)**



Thanksgiving

If you use either method, you may pick up a laminated card from the table on entry to deposit in the offering plate

Services

Sundays:

7.15 am St Marks Belgian Gardens

9 am St James

Mon, Tues, Wed & Friday St James:

8.30 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday St James:

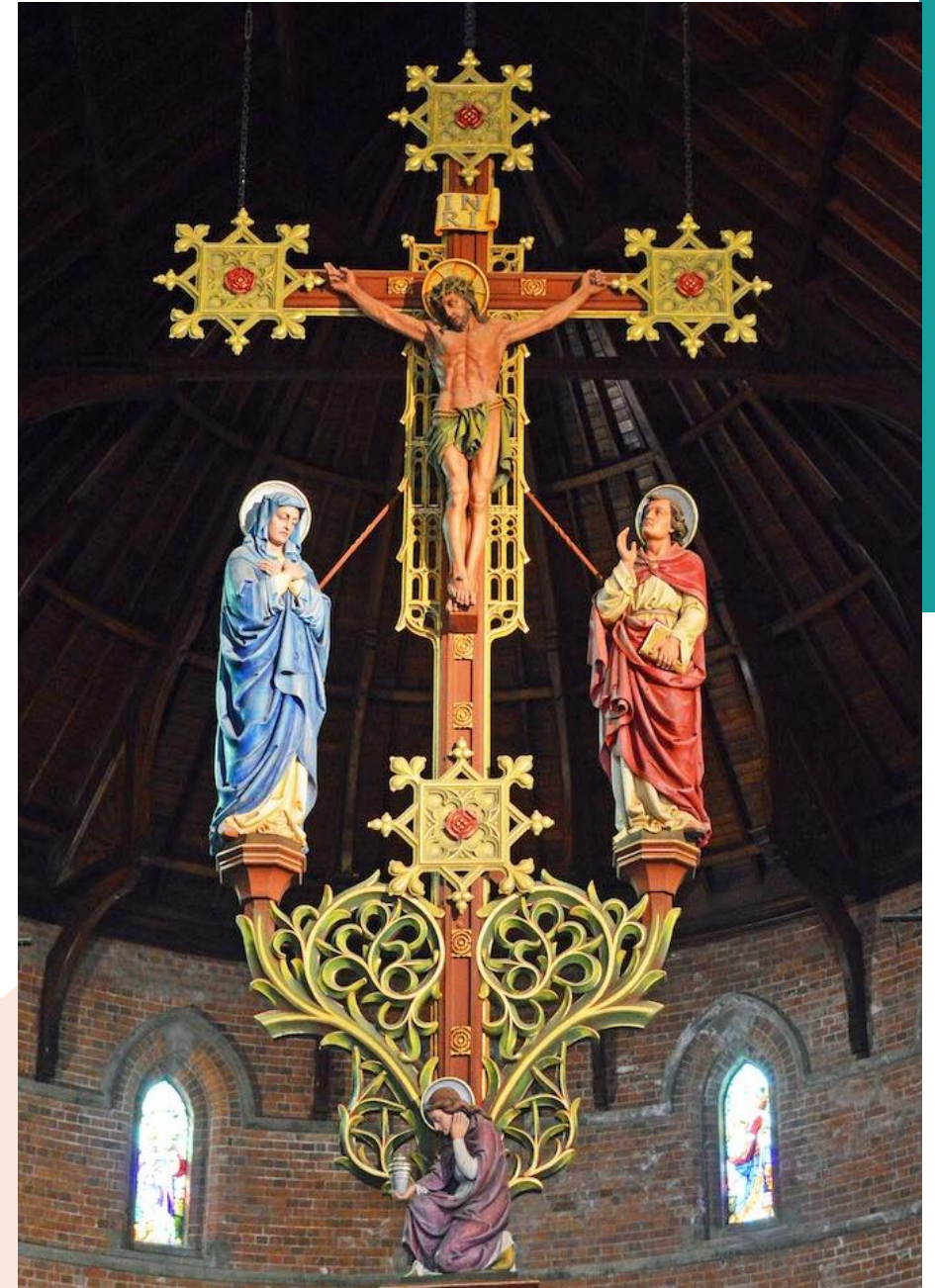
Eucharists 12 noon & 5.30pm

Saturday:

5 pm St Margarets Magnetic Island

St James is open most weekdays

8am-noon





What's Happening

in February

February, 2026

The Townsville Ministry Unit

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 4TH SUN AFTER EPIPHANY 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 Eucharist at St James 10.45 MUC Mtg with Bishop 6.00 Evensong	2 CANDLEMASS 8.30 Morning Prayer 1.30 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke	3 1ST ANG SERVICE IN AUST 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	4 ANSKAR 8.30 Morning Prayer 12.00 Eucharist at St James 5.30 Eucharist at St James	5 MARTYRS OF JAPAN all day Fr Kenneth at Charters Towers 7.00 Franciscan Service	6 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	7 8.30 Morning Prayer 9.00 Friends of the Cathedral AGM 5.00 Service at St Margaret's
8 5TH SUN AFTER EPIPHANY 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 Eucharist at St James	9 8.30 Morning Prayer 1.30 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke	10 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	11 8.30 Morning Prayer 12.00 Eucharist at St James 5.30 Eucharist at St James	12 8.00 Dio Executive Meeting all day Fr Kenneth at Charters Towers	13 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	14 8.30 Morning Prayer 10.00 Baptism at St James 5.00 Service at St Margaret's
15 LAST SUN AFT EPIPHANY 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 Eucharist at St James 11.00 Baptism at St James	16 8.30 Morning Prayer 11.00 Baptism at St James 1.00 Anglicare Comm Mtg 1.30 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke	17 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	18 ASH WEDNESDAY 8.45 Service at ASSG 12.00 Eucharist at Charters Ts 12.00 Eucharist at St James 5.00 Service at St Margaret's 5.30 Eucharist at St James	19 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	20 WILLIAM BROUGHTON 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	21 8.30 Morning Prayer 5.00 Service at St Margaret's
22 1ST SUN IN LENT 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 Eucharist at St James	23 POLYCARP 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist 1.30 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke	24 MATTHIAS 7.30 Lent Study 1 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	25 8.30 Morning Prayer 11.00 Lent Study 1 12.00 Eucharist at St James 5.30 Eucharist at St James	26 all day Fr Kenneth at Charters Towers	27 GEORGE HERBERT 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	28 8.30 Morning Prayer 5.00 Service at St Margaret's



10.45 am
February
1st

An extraordinary Ministry Unit Council Meeting

All are welcome to meet with Bishop Keith after the 9am service



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6pm February 1st

February 2nd

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

North Nave Window

This window was dedicated to Canon Milton McGregor, a member of the Brotherhood of St Barnabas. He was the founding warden of St Mark's College at James Cook University.

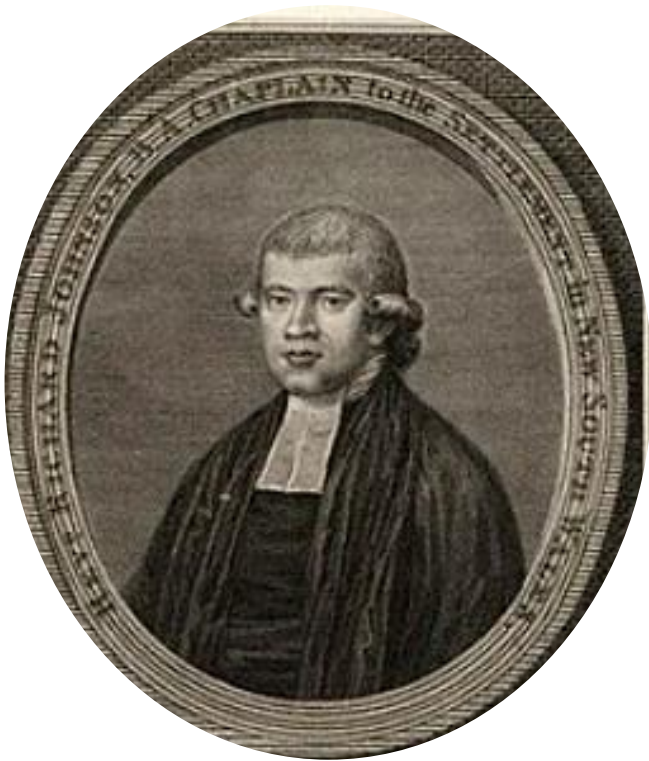
Blessed and Dedicated 13th November 1994

Theme colour: yellow



Sunday, February 3, 1788,

The first Anglican service in Australia was held on at Sydney Cove (now Sydney), conducted by the First Fleet's Chaplain, the Reverend Richard Johnson, with Governor Arthur Phillip and the assembled convicts, soldiers, and marines. Held outdoors under a tree, the service of Morning Prayer was the first Christian worship in the new colony, marking the start of the Anglican Church's presence in Australia.



Reverend Richard Johnson,

February 5th, 1597



—twenty-six bloodied men and boys were crucified on a mountainside overlooking Nagasaki Bay for the crime of being Christian. Being spat upon and ridiculed and otherwise abused, they had been marched for twenty-eight days through towns and villages and countryside toward their destination at the westernmost edge of Japan—for the Christian town of Nagasaki was, in the dictator’s eyes, the perfect place to make a show of his power.

“I do not want this religion: a religion of love and union, which is therefore harmful for this kingdom.” The Taikō Hideyoshi

[February 5, 1597: the
26 Martyrs of Japan –
Kirishtan.com](http://Kirishtan.com)

Friends of St James Cathedral AGM 9am Saturday February 7th

[https://www.stjamescathedral.com.au/
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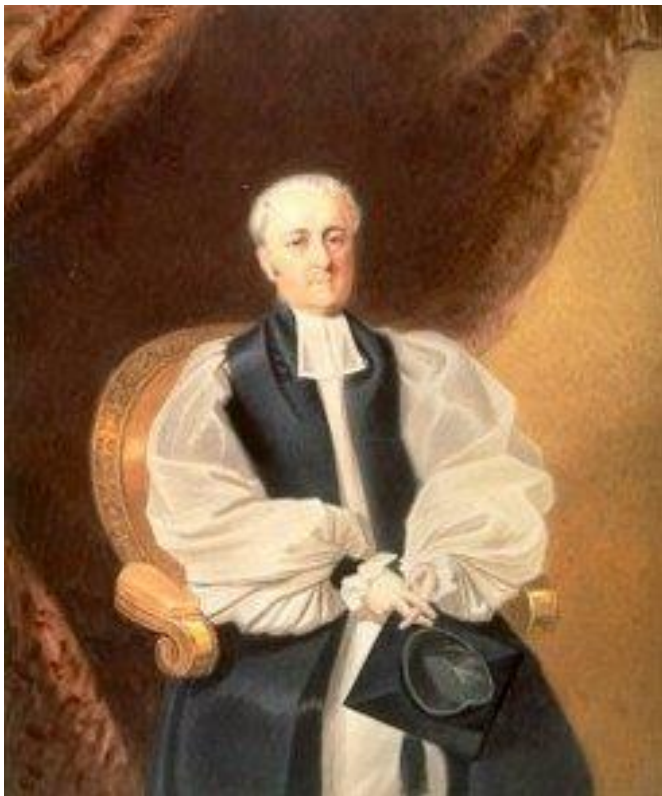
FEBRUARY 18TH

ASH
WEDNESDAY



February 20th William Grant Broughton

Broughton (1788-1853), a Church of England Bishop, arrived in Australia in 1829, and did not leave permanently until 1852, after a vigorous, but conservative, ministry.



<https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/broughton-william-grant-1832>

February 22nd

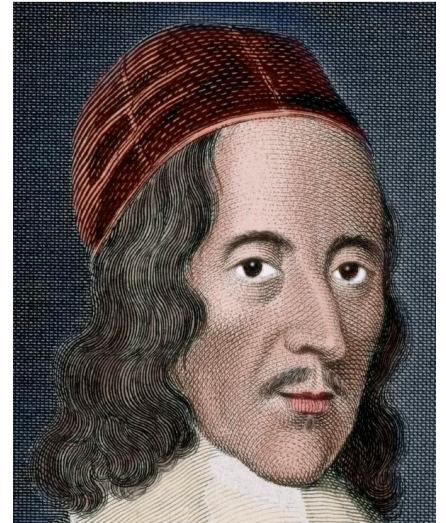
Rev George Herbert (1593-1633) Parish Priest & Poet

He published none of his poetry during his lifetime, instead sending his poetic works to a friend shortly before his death, with the instruction that if his friend thought the poems worth publishing, he should do so. They were published, in *The Temple* in 1633, a few months after Herbert's death.

[The Flower'](#)

How fresh, oh Lord, how sweet and clean
Are thy returns! even as the flowers in spring;
To which, besides their own demean,
The late-past frosts tributes of pleasure bring.
Grief melts away
Like snow in May,
As if there were no such cold thing ...

One of Herbert's most widely acclaimed lyrics, 'The Flower' uses the metaphor of greenness and life returning to plants and flowers in the spring to convey the return of the poet's strong sense of God.



[The Best George Herbert Poems Everyone Should Read – Interesting Literature](#)

Chosen to take the place of Judas, he is symbolised by an open Bible and double-bladed battle-axe. He is said to have been beheaded after his missionary work

Matthias
February 24th



BIBLE STUDY

Begins 7am Tuesday Feb 24th & 11am on Wednesday Feb 25th

2026
LENTEN MEDITATIONS


Holy Habits

This month we are supporting the AMUA Project providing hygiene packs for the Domestic Violence Resource Centre, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Centre for Women and the Yumba Meta shelter for young women. Last year, 600 packs were distributed.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

AMUA Hygiene Packs

GO and make disciples of ALL nations



Hygiene products such as toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, hairbrush, deodorant, tampons or sanitary pads,
OR money to purchase toiletries are most welcome

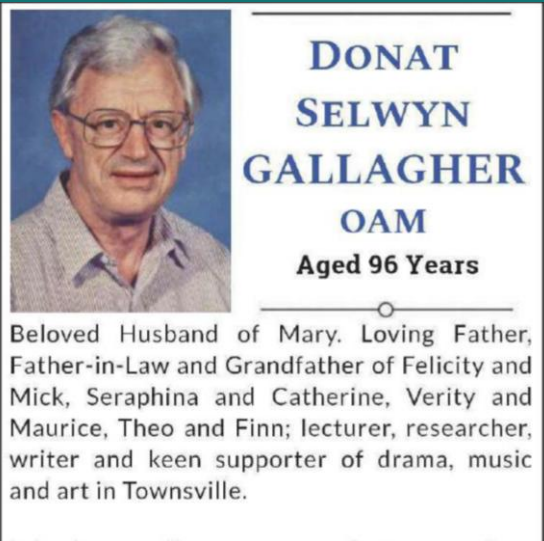
**Donations can be made
through the envelopes or
direct debit, marked with
the name of Mission
BSB 034 222
Account Number
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**WHAT
HAPPENED**

**in
January**



Rest in Peace
Don Gallagher



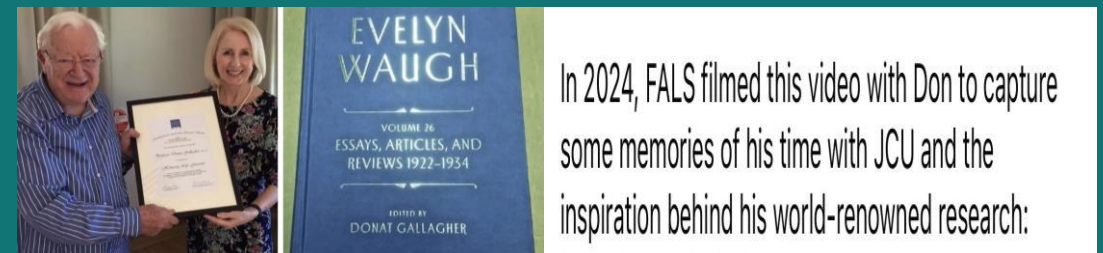
Donat Selwyn
GALLAGHER OAM
Aged 96 Years

Beloved Husband of Mary. Loving Father, Father-in-Law and Grandfather of Felicity and Mick, Seraphina and Catherine, Verity and Maurice, Theo and Finn; lecturer, researcher, writer and keen supporter of drama, music and art in Townsville.

It's with great sadness CASE shares the news of the passing of Donat (Don) Gallagher OAM (aged 96). Don joined JCU in 1964 and taught many generations of students.

He was internationally recognised for his scholarship on Evelyn Waugh and was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the arts, education, and the Townsville community.

Don was also a longstanding supporter and stalwart of the Foundation for Australian Literary Studies (FALS) and will be remembered as an inspiring teacher, cherished colleague and outstanding community member.



In 2024, FALS filmed this video with Don to capture some memories of his time with JCU and the inspiration behind his world-renowned research:

[Interview with Donat Gallagher OAM](#)



JCU: College of Arts, Society and
Education



Holy Baptism

**We welcome Jack Alexander Ormonde
into God's Family**



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It’s a city, it has the
seaside, and it has a
cathedral and
that’s why

Robyn
North Ward resident

Robyn of North Ward has chosen Townsville for her home. Picture: Shae Beplate.

Finding the life and soul of a city

Josh Mercer

People move to Townsville for many reasons, whether it be for work, or university, while others move for the sunny weather and to live by the water.

North Ward resident Robyn, 74, was out taking a stroll along The Strand when we caught up with her for a quick chat.

Robyn said she moved to Townsville from Grafton five years ago for a number of reasons.

“Grafton is very cold in winter; it’s every bit as cold as Toowoomba, and I

came up here for the climate,” Robyn said.

“It’s a city, it has the seaside, and it has a cathedral and that’s why.”

Robyn has lived in many places before settling in North Queensland, including Lockhart in South-West NSW and South Australia, working as a registered nurse.

“I’ve moved around; I’m like that song ‘I’ve Been Everywhere’, almost,” she said.

“I grew up in Manning River, and I’ve lived in the (NSW) Tablelands, I lived in South Australia and then I went back to

NSW and Grafton, and then back here.” Moving here with no family or friends wasn’t daunting at all for Robyn, with one of the ways she has made friends is by attending St James Anglican Cathedral, but has another way of making friends as well.

“Much the same as I’m doing now, just out and about. I do go to the cathedral and that has helped a lot,” Robyn said.

“I go each Sunday, and at times I go during the week, but not every week. We mainly catch up on Sunday, I think they’re happy with that, and I’m happy with that.”

Parishioner
in the
news.



We welcome the Goon Chew Family back to the Cathedral to celebrate Bernice's Birthday

Marion Reid's entry in “The Percivals”



My creative inspiration came from studying Art at Swinburne Secondary College, where I was introduced to the NGV. I continued study in fashion design, art, life drawing, oil painting and portraiture a special interest and love of mine.

*“The woman with the purple hair”
What lies beneath a lifetime of experience and knowledge, Kloudya Pollard.
Interestingly strong feel, feminine, fun loving, genuine, with the light of God beaming in her.*

Marion Reid

THE PERCIVALS 2026

23 MAY – 30 AUGUST 2026





March 22nd after 9am Service



Feb
22nd

2025 Electoral Roll displayed. Alterations/Addition/Deletions to be notified. Nomination forms available: Wardens (1 or 2), Ministry Unit Councillors (2, 4 or 6)

March
1st

2025 Electoral Roll displayed

March
5th

Last date for Nominations and Notice of Motions

March
12th

Agenda and list of nominations available

Last date for Reports

March
15th

Copies of Financial Statements Available
Notice of AGM to be “read” at both services.

Have you thought of offering to share
your skills and talents?

Sunday Roster - St James Cathedral, Townsville

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Welcomers				Spence Gane	
1st Reading & Psalm	Daniel Currie				
2nd Reading					
Gospel					
Intercessions	John V.				
Server			Spence Gane		
Chalice Assistant	Spence Gane				
Morning Tea					



ROSTER

The Roster is waiting to be filled

Facebook AI says.....



St James' Cathedral in Townsville, a cornerstone of the Anglican Diocese of North Queensland, is **shining its light in the community** through inspiring reflections and prayers. Recent Facebook posts have explored themes of truth, prayer, and community, including a thought-provoking reflection on the nature of truth, where Jesus teaches that "truth is not meant to be hidden" and "is meant to shine, to guide, to expose what is harmful, and to illuminate what is good". Other posts have touched on Australia Day reflections, considering how the Beatitudes might shape a more compassionate and just society. With its roots dating back to 1887, St James' Cathedral has become a beloved institution in Townsville ^{1 2}.

The cathedral's history is steeped in tradition, with its stunning Gothic Revival architecture making it a prominent landmark in the city. As the seat of the Bishop, St James' Cathedral plays a vital role in the spiritual lives of Anglicans in North Queensland. The cathedral's community is built around its faith, with regular services and events ¹.

St James' Cathedral's Facebook page offers a glimpse into its vibrant community, with posts highlighting its values of mercy, humility, and courage. Visitors can explore the cathedral's website or contact them directly to learn more about their services and events ^{1 3}.

Do you read the daily Reflections on Facebook?



St James' Cathedral, Townsville

600 followers • 10 following



[Link to Facebook](#)

Sub Deans & Deans of St James' Cathedral

No	From	Until	Incumbent		From	Until	Incumbent
1			Henry Plume	13	1939	1943	Montague Collins
2			William Tucher	14	1946	1964	William Hohenhouse
3			Francis Pritt	15	1964	1969	Bernard Tringham
4	1898	1902	Boag	16	1969	1972	Wilfred Lancelot Harmer
5	1903	1905	Charles Day	17	1973	1977	Adrian Owen Charles
6	1906	1908	L.G. Vance	18	1978	1981	David Philp
7	1908	1913	William Williams	19	1986	1991	Donald Barter
8	1914	1918	Edward Cozier	20	1991	2001	Ron Wood
9	1918	1922	James Norman	21	2001	2004	David Lunniss
10	1922	1925	Bryan Robin	22	2013	2020	Rodney Marshall MacDonald
11	1927	1928	Robert Moline	23	2020	present	Kenneth Lay
12	1929	1939	John Cue	24			



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One Person

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One Minute

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Once a Day

Loving God,

I pray to you for N.....
Let N..... see how much
you love him/her.

Show me how
I can draw N.....
closer to you.

Amen.

A local vicar stands outside his church in the rain, shouting at all who pass. He holds a messy, hand-written sign:

"THE END IS NIGH. TURN YOURSELF AROUND – BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE."

A car slows down beside him. The window lowers to reveal a furious driver.

"You religious nutters should leave us alone. People don't need your lectures".

Before the vicar can respond, the motorist screeches off, spraying the poor priest with muddy water.

Seconds later, he hears a huge screech and a loud splash. The local shopkeeper across the road runs out in alarm.

The vicar shakes his head sadly. "That's the third one this morning," he says. "Why don't they listen?"

"Er, I have a one little suggestion, Father."

"Yes?"

"Do you think... maybe... the sign could just say 'Bridge Closed'?"

