

Welcome to the Townsville (CBD) Ministry Unit



**Parish News
July 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

ANONYMOUS DONATION (ANFIN)

A full brochure & information can be found at

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



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

Our Ministry Unit

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and Venerable
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what's happening

in

July

July, 2025 The Townsville Ministry Unit

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 THE COMING OF THE LIGHT 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	2 7.00 Bible Study 8.00 Morning Prayer 11.00 Bible Study 12.00 Eucharist at St James 5.30 Eucharist at St James	3 8.30 Morning Prayer all day Fr Kenneth in Charters Towers 7.00 Franciscans Eucharist	4 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	5 8.30 Morning Prayer 9.00 Friends of the Cathedral 2.30 Wedding at St James 5.00 Service at St Margaret's
6 4TH SUN AFT PENTECOST 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 Eucharist at St James 6.00 Evensong	7 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist 1.30 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke	8 8.30 Morning Prayer	9 7.00 Bible Study 8.00 Morning Prayer 11.00 Bible Study 12.00 Eucharist at St James 5.30 Eucharist at St James	10 8.30 Morning Prayer / Eucharist all day Fr Kenneth in Charters Towers	11 BENEDICT OF NURSIA 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	12 8.30 Morning Prayer 9.00 Friends of the Cathedral 5.00 Service at St Margaret's
13 SEA SUNDAY 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 Eucharist at St James 11.00 Baptism at St James	14 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist 1.30 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke	15 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist 2.00 Deanery Meeting	16 7.00 Bible Study 8.00 Morning Prayer 11.00 Bible Study 12.00 Eucharist at St James 5.30 Eucharist at St James	17 8.30 Morning Prayer all day Fr Kenneth in Charters Towers	18 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	19 8.30 Morning Prayer 9.00 Baptism at St James 5.00 Service at St Margaret's
20 6TH SUN AFT PENTECOST 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 Eucharist at St James 11.00 Baptism at St James	21 8.00 Opening Service ASSG 8.30 Morning Prayer 1.30 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke	22 MARY MAGDALENE 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist evening: Concert at St James	23 7.00 Bible Study 8.00 Morning Prayer 11.00 Bible Study 12.00 Eucharist at St James 5.30 Eucharist at St James	24 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist all day Fr Kenneth in Charters Towers	25 CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	26 ANNE, MOTHER OF MARY 8.30 Morning Prayer 10.00 Baptism at St James 11.30 Baptisms at ASSG 5.00 Service at St Margaret's
27 7TH SUN AFT PENTECOST 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 8.00 Eucharist at St James 11.30 AFCM Concert	28 8.30 Morning Prayer 1.30 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke	29 MARY AND MARTAH 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	30 WILLIAM WILBERFORCE 8.00 Morning Prayer Fr Kenneth leaves of Perth 12.00 Ext Comm at St James 5.30 Eucharist at St James	24 Fr Kenneth at Deans' Conference in Perth		

TORRES STRAIT ISLAND
COMING
OF THE
LIGHT
Celebration
TRADITIONAL FOOD, DANCE, SONG & CULTURE

JULY 1st



6pm July 6th

EVENSONG

BIBLE STUDY

7am & 11am Wednesdays



Friends of the Cathedral

Meeting
9am Saturday July 12th



NOTE: Change of date





**A day to remember and pray for international seafarers
and Global Maritime Ministries.**

July 20th



STEWARDSHIP -SUNDAY-

Sharing the gifts we have been given

MEETING



**Ministry Unit
Council**

All Welcome

10.30 am July 20th
after the service

- July 20th
Artist entries close

[Entry Form](#)



6pm Wed Aug 6th
Opening
Acting Mayor Ann-
Maree Greaney

6pm Fri
Aug 8th
Presentation
by Featured
Artist, "My
Life's Journey"



Featured
Artist
Dr Barbara
Cheshire

11am
Saturdays in
August
Cathedral
Tours



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

FREE
ENTRY

Friends of St James Cathedral **2025 Art & Craft Exhibition**

August 7th -17th



North Queensland Ensembles Inc

Presents

An Evening of Chamber Music

Theodore Kuchar
and
Friends

St. James Cathedral

Tuesday, July 22 at 6pm

Dvořák Sonatina for Violin and Piano in G major, Op. 100

Schumann Piano Quintet in E-flat major, Op. 44

— Interval —

Stamitz Sinfonia Concertante in D major for Violin, Viola and Orchestra

Mozart Divertimento in D major, K. 131 for Woodwinds, Four Horns and Strings

Free Admission

Donations to the Great Barrier Reef Orchestra will be welcome

July 25

Feast of Saint James the Apostle

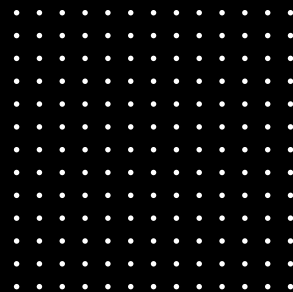
Tradition says that after the martyrdom of this son of Zebedee and Salome, the body of Saint James was placed in a rudderless boat with no steersman and allowed to float to sea. Under the guidance of angels, it came to shore at Compostela in Spain. Later this town became the most famous place of pilgrimage in Christendom after Jerusalem and Rome.

Saint James is the patron saint of Spain and of pilgrims in general. His symbol is the cockleshell, which has become the universal symbol of all pilgrims, and shellfish are especially connected with his feast. There is an old saying that he who eats oysters on Saint James' Day shall never lack for money. In earlier days, the street boys of London built grottoes of oyster and cockleshells on this day, and held out the largest one they could find to beg pence from passers-by.



Statue by German born Erwin A. Guth was erected in 1960 on the completion of the Cathedral.

Affectionately known as "Slim Jim"



July 26:

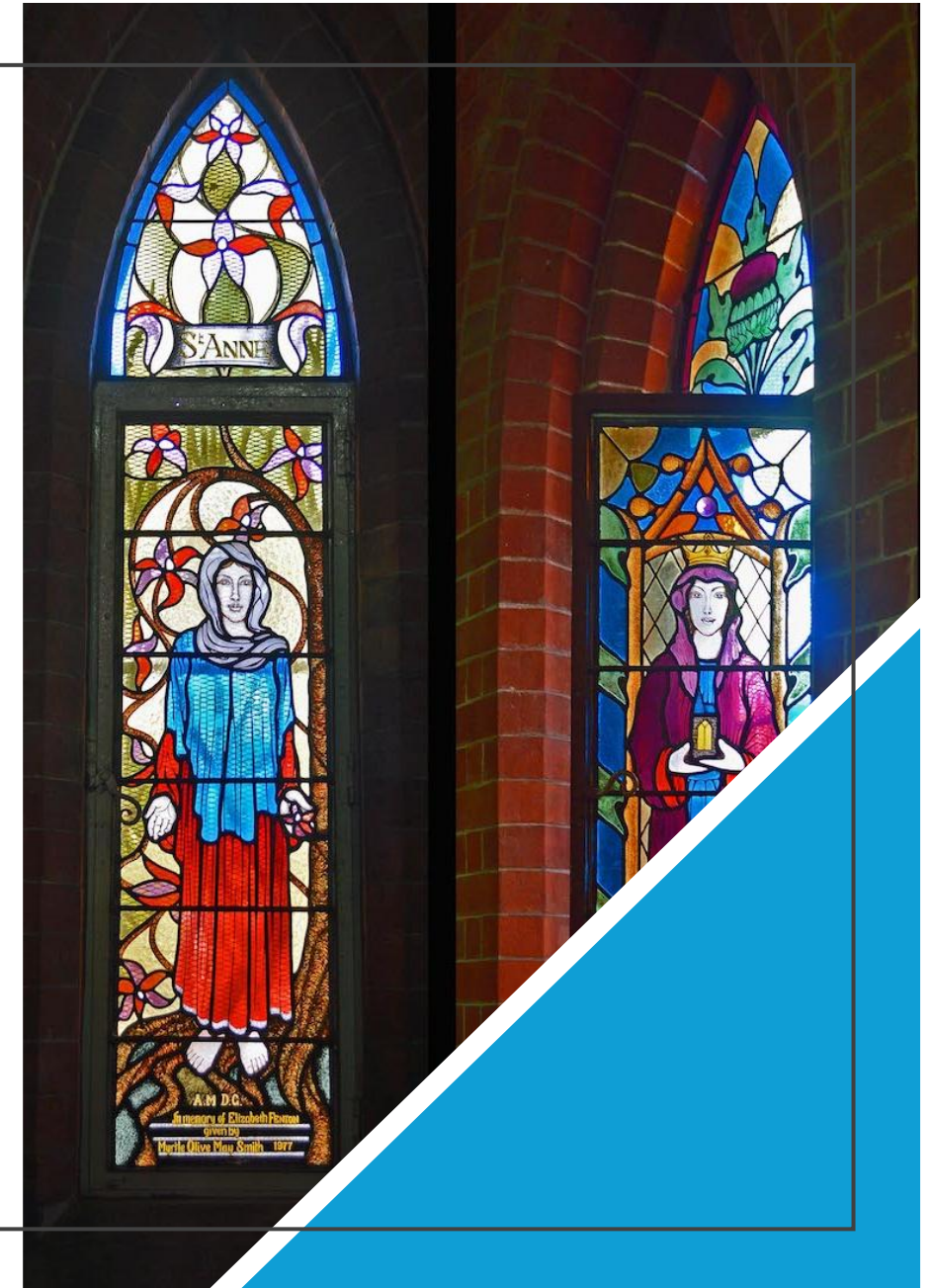
Feast of Saint Anne

Saint Anne is not mentioned in the Gospels but in tradition is known as the mother of Mary. She is loved in France where, according to one ancient account, "la bonne Sainte Anne" was born. She is said to have gone from the land of Brittany to the land where she gave birth to Our Lady; and later, for love of her own country, she returned to Brittany to live, when her daughter married Joseph. All over France there are many churches in her honour and that have relics of St Anne. The French also brought their devotion to Canada. In the little town of Beupre , Canada St Anne's devotion goes back to the year 1650 when a tiny altar was built in her honour in the first house in the first house of the town.

Eight years later a small chapel was erected to her. It is said that St Anne showed her appreciation by healing a crippled old man who had carried bricks for her building.

Today, on either side of the doors of the great Basilica of Saint Anne de Beupre, piles of bandages and crutches are left by hundreds of her grateful clients. Pilgrims by thousands stream through the little town sometimes called "the Lourdes of Canada."

Saint Anne is the patroness of Brittany and religious processions and other celebrations take place on her feast.



8am
Sunday
Service

July 27th



Due to the AFCM Concert set up



St James Cathedral Concert

Join us for a Sunday morning concert in the
exquisite acoustics of St James' Cathedral

Start Time: 11:00 am **Finish Time:** 12:30pm **Doors Open:** 10:50am

For the very last time in the Cathedral

<https://www.afcm.com.au/afcm-festival/2025-program/afcm-2025-prograby-day/?pid=6544>



Six Weeks of

Culture in the Cathedral

St James' Cathedral,

36 Cleveland Terrace, Townsville

July - September 2025

Program out soon



MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission to Seafarers



*Caring for Seafarers in
Australia since 1857.*

**Donations can be made through the envelopes
or direct debit, marked with the name of Mission**

- **BSB 034 222**
- **Account Number 250713 250713**



With your help they have someone
they can continue to rely on.

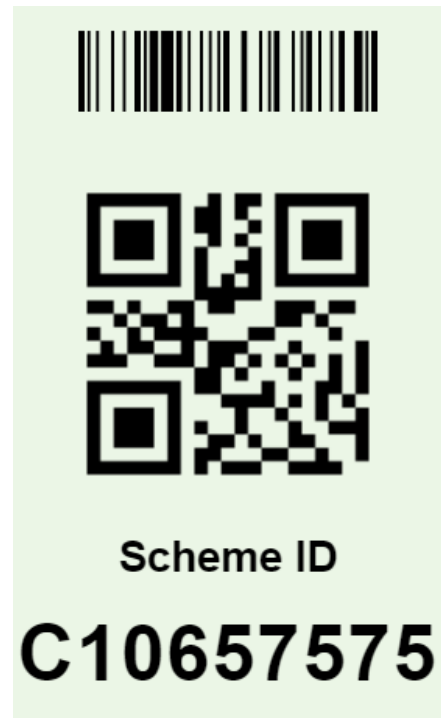
For the 1.8 million seafarers across the world, life can be lonely,
dangerous, and uncertain.

Your support means we can journey with seafarers through the range of challenges
they face. Whether that's by providing a SIM card so they can wish their child a happy
birthday or arranging for a legal advocate to ensure months of overdue wages are paid.

Please complete the form and join us in making life better for
all seafarers.

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Thank you



\$ 328 collected since January
which means that 3280
containers saved from landfill

WHAT HAPPENED?



in June

Two lit yellow candles are positioned on the left side of the image. The candle in the foreground is slightly to the left and lower than the one behind it. Both candles are lit, with bright yellow flames and a warm orange glow emanating from them. The background is a solid black, which makes the light from the candles stand out. The text "Eva Hill" is centered in the upper half of the image, and "Rest in Peace!" is written in a large, white, cursive script across the middle and right side.

Eva Hill

Rest in Peace!

Eva was a long-time member of the St James congregation and a very active member of MU



TOLLING . . . Bill Ray and Eva Hill celebrate Pancake Day at St James Cathedral

Enjoying the flipside of fundraising

IT'S 'flippin' good news for parishioners that the bell at St James Cathedral will soon ring again.

The cathedral held a special Pancake Day morning tea yesterday to celebrate the restoration of the bell tower.

The scaffolding around the tower is expected to be taken down next month to end the first phase of the restoration of the cathedral.

General Manager for the Anglican Diocese of North Queensland Chris Nelson said the morning tea was a chance to thank the workers and public for supporting their cause.

"There were around 30 people there who had a bit of fun with pancake tossing and egg rolling," Mr Nelson said.

"We expect the scaffolding to come down in March and the bell will ring again."

Workers from Base iG Consulting, Jason Wenta Electrical and Magnetic Steel Works attended the celebration and were thanked

by the Bishop of North Queensland, The Right Reverend Bill Ray.

"On behalf of all those who hold affection for St James Cathedral, I thank those who worked so skilfully on this project," Bishop Ray said.

The morning tea also commemorated Pancake Day which is held on Shrove Tuesday, the day of feasting before Lent.

Traditionally Lent observers emptied their cupboards of perishables such as eggs and milk, which was why pancakes became the popular food of choice before the fasting of the season.

St James Cathedral is still looking for public and corporate support to continue the restoration, which will include fixing leaks in the roof and the electricity.

"We've got a big project ahead of us," Mr Nelson said.

Donations are tax deductible and can be made by phoning 4771 4175.

— RACHEL TOUNE



Eva and her husband Herb (dec) at the Remembrance Service when the garden seat in memory of HERBERT WILLIAM CURTIS 1866–1909 (Herb's Grandfather) was installed. Nov 2021



We welcome

Maverick Denzel Seaborn
Edward Alwin Armstrong
Charlie Webb
Darcie Webb
Noah Gregory King
Astrid Macaulay
Aleesia Parker





Delta Court Ensemble Concert



Audience participation

Diocese of North Queensland

St James Cathedral



An Ecumenical Service
for the
Opening of the Law Year

Monday, 16 June, 2025

Attended by the Judges, Magistrates and
Members of the Legal Profession
in relation to
the administration of justice
in Townsville



Coventry Litany of Reconciliation



The **Coventry Litany of Reconciliation**, was used in this year's *Opening of the Law Year Service*.

This was written in the aftermath of the bombing of Coventry Cathedral during World War II. In the face of such destruction, the cathedral's Provost, chose not to seek revenge but to pursue forgiveness and reconciliation.

Like our Cross of Nails, the Litany is a symbol of Forgiveness.

- *All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.*

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

- **Father forgive.**

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

- **Father, forgive.**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

- **Father, forgive.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

- **Father, forgive.**

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

- **Father, forgive.**

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

- **Father, forgive.**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

- **Father, forgive.**

*Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as **God in Christ forgave you.***

We welcomed Bishop Philip Freier

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philip_Freier

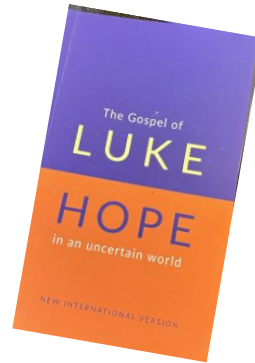




Hope25: Celebrating All That God Has Done

During Hope 25 we have

- filled our *Tree of Hope*
- read Luke's Gospel
- used the *Hope 25 Study* during Lent



[Hope 25 Video](#)

Cathedral Canons to be installed during Synod

Clerical

John McKim, (continuing)

Helen Houghton (continuing)

Deborah Kachel (new)

Jeffery Aloai (new)

Lay:

Loryanna Smith (continuing)

Mary Gallagher (renewed)

Kristi Day (new)

Patrick Williams (new)

of the Diocese by the Bishop.
A Memorandum describes the first Installation of Canons.
"On Wednesday, January 4th, 1893, the Canons of the Cathedral Church of St. James, Townsville, were Installed by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of North Queensland. Canon Edwards was placed in the Stall of St. Matthew, Canon Tucker in the Stall of St. Mark, and Canon White in the Stall of S. Luke; the Fourth Stall, that of St. John, being vacant. After the Installation, the Bishop licensed Canon White to act as Archdeacon of the Diocese, Canon Edwards as Diocesan Missioner, and Canon Tucker as Bishop's Chaplain and Vicar of Townsville."



Original Canon Stalls were a gift from the Mayor of Townsville, Mr C. F. Sparre 1892

Restored by Darrell Mathewson



Session leader Emily Craig with Phil McIntyre and the new Lifeblood branded bandage at the Townsville Donor Centre. Picture: Evan Morgan

Blood donors to see red at next visit

Evan Morgan

As a plasma donor Townsville's Phil McIntyre will be wearing his Lifeblood branded bandage with pride during National Blood Donor Week and beyond.

He has been rolling up his sleeve to donate since 1993

and is up to 180th donation and said it was a valuable community service.

"Apparently one in three need blood or blood plasma products, and only one and 30 donate, and we're short, so it's a good community service, and people should do something for their fellow

being," he said.

From National Blood Donor Week, June 9-14, the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood permanently replacing its white arm bandages with branded red bandages.

Relationship Manager of Lifeblood NQ Gwendolyn

Camaret said this week was our time and chance to say thank you to our North Queensland donors for their generosity, and for giving back to the community.

"We have introduced a new bandage, and we know that post-donation bandages are a great way to

start conversations and boost awareness about plasma donation," she said.

"Whatever your reason to donate, Lifeblood is grateful to all donors."

Lifeblood's inaugural branded bandage features the organisation's 'Life is the Reason' campaign tag line.



Stan Grant

- “We are surrounded by **God** in country and land around which we walk. We don’t ask is **God** real. We had to ask though, does **God** care for the abandoned, and forsaken.” “Prayer was survival, a prayer crying out for the forsaken people.”
- [This week’s ABC Compass Program with Stan Grant](#)
- Compass explores the Australian soul - our beliefs, our ethical dilemmas and the changing face of our spirituality

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	Amberley Robinson	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 Keone
Gospel	Phil Cole	Griffin O'Keefe	Raiden O'Keefe	Jenisha Abraham	Renisha Abraham
Intercessions	Lyn Pemberton	Lisa Chilton	Kloudya Pollard	Helen Macintosh	
Server	Robyn Gould	Robyn Gould	Frances Maltby	Glen Chilton	Frances Maltby
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	
Cleaning					

Wendy's Gluten- Free Chocolate

1 x15.5 oz tin Black beans, drained & rinsed
OR 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cooked black beans (301g)
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups granulated sugar (150g)
4 large eggs
5 tablespoons melted butter or oil of choice (coconut oil
or olive oil)
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
5 tablespoons cocoa (Dutch processed preferred)
1 teaspoon baking powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons carb soda
1 tablespoon vanilla extract

1. Blend first ingredients together until smooth
2. Add cocoa, baking powder and baking soda blend
3. Bake 180°C for approximately 30 minutes or until a skewer comes out dry.

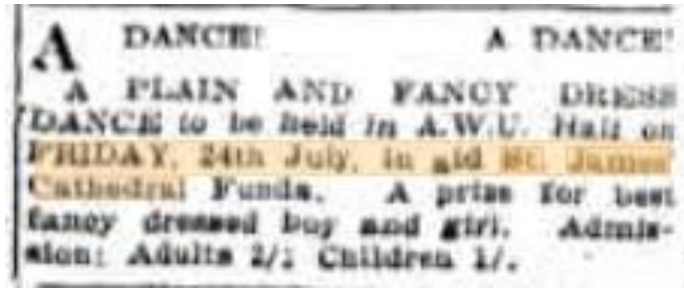


Icing

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups icing sugar
3 tablespoons heavy cream or milk at room temperature.
 $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
1 cup butter softened
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cocoa powder

Mix together

Fund Raising idea No 1?



- A PLAIN AND FANCY DRESS DANCE to be held In A.W.U. Hall on 'Friday 24th July, in aid St. James' Cathedral Funds. A prize for best! fancy dressed boy and girl.
Admission: Adult* 2/; Children 1/.

100
Years
Ago

St James
Cathedral

Townsville Daily Bulletin (Qld. : 1907 - 1954) Sat 18 Jul 1925

100 Years Ago

St James
Cathedral

Fund Raising idea No 2?

A euchre party and jazz is being held in the School of Arts to-night in aid of St. James' Cathedral debt.

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Townsville Daily Bulletin (Qld. : 1907 - 1954) Tue 29 Jul 1924

IN THE EARLY DAYS of settlement in North Queensland, ministrations were provided by the Diocese of Sydney to which it was attached, although there was a Diocese of Brisbane. For some time quite big towns—brought into existence chiefly by the discovery of gold—had no ministration whatever.

The first incumbent for this vast territory was the Rev. F. J. Grosvenor, who came to Bowen in 1863, four years after the discovery of Port Denison on which it stands. Bowen was the first place of settlement, and was for some time the port of the whole of North Queensland. In 1863, Townsville came into existence, and the Rev. C. Searle, who succeeded the Rev. F. J. Grosvenor at Bowen, visited there for services about once a quarter.

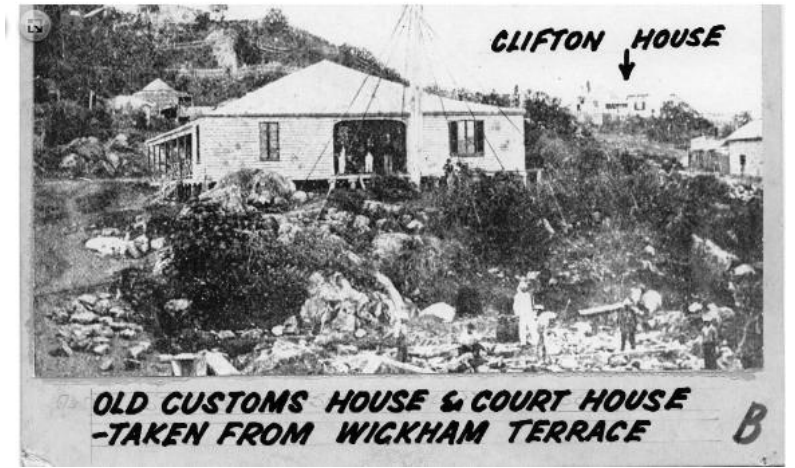
In the year 1870 a Committee was formed in Townsville for the purpose of making an appeal to Dr. Barker, Bishop of Sydney, to appoint a priest to Townsville, and the priest sent in response was the Rev. J. Adams, whose reminiscences will appear in another part of this book. His parish was a large one taking in, as it did, the whole of the north from Townsville to the Gulf of Carpentaria and extending westwards to the border of South Australia—1200 miles by 700 miles. All the work had to be done on horseback over country where roads can hardly be said to have existed. The main townships visited were Ravenswood, Charters Towers, Georgetown, Hughenden and Cardwell.

At first the services in Townsville were held in the Court House, but on October 1st, 1871, a Church dedicated to St. James was opened. Before the arrival of Mr. Adams, and during his long tours, services were conducted by Mr. J. Gordon, Police Magistrate. The first Confirmation in Townsville was held by Bishop Tufnell, of Brisbane, on 20th November, 1870, in the Court House, and the

following were confirmed:—Francis Hodel, Edward Henry Hodel, George Liddingham, Frances Hodel, Sophia Cecilia Gane and Elizabeth Anne Gane.

The very arduous and fruitful labours of Mr. Adams told on his health, and he was very reluctantly compelled to resign in 1873 and return to Sydney, his successor being the Rev. J. Done, who remained in Townsville until North Queensland was made a Diocese, which took place in 1878. Other incumbents appointed to newly created Parishes before this date were Rev. E. T. Tanner to Mackay in 1873, Rev. J. Jones to Charters Towers in 1875, and the Rev. C. Eva to Cooktown in 1875.

In this short sketch we see a handful of men endeavouring to minister to some thousands of people engaged in mining and pastoral pursuits over an area so great that it was impossible to do the work in anything like a satisfactory manner. We of to-day owe much to the painstaking and self-sacrificing labours of the pioneer priests, who in such isolation from other clergy and from one another, gave themselves without stint to the ministration of the Word and Sacraments under exceedingly trying conditions. They have laboured and we have entered into their labours.



Archdeacon Adams



The Rev. J. Adams, later Archdeacon of Kildare, Ireland, was the first resident Priest in Townsville, to which he came in 1870. He was instrumental in having its first Church erected in 1871. His work was of an enthusiastic and devoted character. In his reminiscences in this book we get a good idea of its difficulty and magnitude. (See page 100.)

His ministry of three years, brought to an end by ill-health, was of real value in the building up of church life in North Queensland.