



Townsville Ministry Unit



June 2026 Parish News



Eucharists
9am Sunday

Wednesday
12 noon & 5.30pm

St James is open most
weekdays 8.30am-noon

**Bolton-Clarke Weekly Services will
re-commence, in August, after the
installation of the new Dean**

Rev Jeffrey Akoai

New Dean of the Anglican
Cathedral of St James
to be installed in July

Rev Kevin Bourke

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Rev Frances Maltby**

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Our 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



What's Happening

in June

Mass Roster— June 2026

Version 3 (St James Cathedral, St Marks)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 JUSTIN	2	3 MARTYRS OF UGANDA 12:00 Extended Communion GA 5:30 Eucharist at St James VH	4	5 BONIFACE	6
7 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. 7:15 Eucharist at St Marks VH 9:00 Eucharist at St James MP	8	9 COLUMBA	10 12:00 Eucharist at St James DGC 5:30 Eucharist at St James VH	11 BARNABAS.	12	13 ANTONY.
14 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. 7:15 Eucharist at St Marks VH 9:00 Eucharist at St James FM	15 EVELYN UNDERHILL	16	17 12:00 Extended Communion GA 5:30 Eucharist at St James VH	18	19 6:00PM St Mark's Belgian Gardens - KJ (Includes secularisation of Building)	20 9:00AM BAPTISM KB 12:00PM WEDDING FM 4:00PM WEDDING FM 6:00PM St Margaret's M.I. - KJ (Includes secularisation of Building)
21 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. 9:00 Eucharist at St James KJ (St John's Ambulance)	22 ALBAN	23	24 BIRTH OF JOHN/BAPTIST. 9:00 Law Year Service at St James KJ 12:00 Extended Communion GA 5:30 Eucharist at St James VH	25	26	27 CYRIL OF ALEXANDRA
28 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. 9:00 Eucharist at St James PF	29 PETER & PAUL	30				

June 3rd

Janani Luwum

Janani Luwum was born in a small Ugandan village in 1922 and is now seen as one of the most influential leaders of the modern church in Africa. He trained as a teacher and possessed uncommon leadership and negotiation skills. While at the teachers training college, “the students staged a strike complaining about poor food diet provided at the BTTC [the college]. Luwum persuaded them not to destroy the college properties but to wait as he negotiated with the vice principle [sic]...The meeting that they held subsequently ended in a compromise that pleased all parties involved.” read more.....

Ugandan Anglican Martyr, Archbishop Janani Luwum
(anglicanfocus.org.au)



Br Robin Warsop BSB | 27/09/1929 - 08/05/2025

Br Robin was posted to ASSG in 1948 and devoted his life to serving the community as a dedicated educator and spiritual leader.

Br Robin was the last Warden of the Brotherhood of St. Barnabas and the final member of the Anglican Bush Brotherhoods.

His unwavering commitment to his faith and the generations of people he served left an indelible mark on all who knew him. As we mourn his loss, we also celebrate a life well-lived in service to others.

On his death Br Robin left his large library of books to the Anglican Diocese



We need some able-bodied people to assist
with unloading this large library from a truck
8am Saturday Morning, June 6th
At the Diocesan Office....
Meet at the Cathedral, if not sure of location





Friends of St James Cathedral Meeting 9am Saturday June 6th

Discussion on the
upcoming Art and
Craft Exhibition

All Welcome

<https://www.stjamescathedral.com.au/friends-of-the-cathedral/>

MUSIC

IN THE CATHEDRAL

6 SATURDAY 4PM
JUNE 36 Cleveland Terrace,
Townsville

Gold Coin
Donation

Enjoy an afternoon of
classical music with our
Cathedral School Musicians

ENSEMBLES PERFORMING

Flute Ensembles
Reed Ensembles
Chamber Strings
Guitar Ensemble
String Quartets
Brass Ensemble



June 6th



QUEENSLAND DAY

June 11th St. Barnabas

The Brotherhood of St Barnabas was founded in 1902. In 1919 Sr Alice of St Anne's inspired Bishop Feetham to establish a boy's school in the North and once the finance was gathered the All Souls School in Charters Towers was founded by the Brotherhood with Reginald Halse the first Headmaster in 1920.

Window dedicated to the Brotherhood of St Barnabas 1984.



COMING UP

**Entries Open
June 15th-July 15th**

[Further information](#) for Artists including Entry Form

Friends of St James Cathedral 2026 Art & Craft Exhibition

Opening: July 29th

**Exhibition runs
July 30th – August 9th**

Art Prize: “*Townsville Icon*”



St James
Sculpture
Erwin A. Guth

Services of Secularisation

St Marks

6pm Friday 19th June

St Margarets

5pm Saturday 20th June

All Welcome

Secularising a Consecrated Building

This service is used to deconsecrate and secularise a consecrated building that is used for other purposes. The altar and all consecrated and dedicated objects that are to be preserved are removed from the building before the service begins. The service begins with an address by the presiding minister. This statement acknowledges that for many the building has been “hallowed by cherished memories.” The address prays that those who suffer a sense of loss will be comforted by knowledge that the presence of God is not tied to any place or building. The bishop's Declaration of Secularisation is then read. It revokes the Sentence of Consecration, and remits the building and all objects in it for any lawful and reputable use in accordance with the laws of the land.

June 3rd, 1908

June 20th

Two Cathedral Weddings

St James Cathedral Wedding Album -Over the last 130 years many couples have chosen St James' Cathedral as the venue for their wedding ceremony - St. James' Anglican Cathedral Townsville



Mr. Brice Henry of Geraldton and Miss Jean Caldersmith, were married by the Rev. Canon Vance

June weddings are always a popular. In the past there were often three weddings on a Saturday.

Did you get married in St James?
Are your photos in the St James Wedding Album?

For more details on this wedding including the guest list

•Townsville Daily Bulletin (Qld. : 1907 - 1954)

Thu 4 Jun 1908

9am June 21st

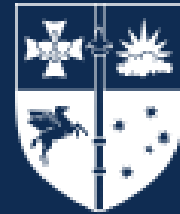
Service and
Presentation

for the
Order of St John



St John

Wednesday
9am June 24th



Queensland
Law Society®

Ecumenical Service for the Opening of the Legal Year

Men's Breakfast



7.30am

June 27th

Cathedral Gardens



June
28th
10.45 am

Ministry Unit Council Meeting

June 29th St Peter

His symbol is the crossed keys which recall Peter's confession and our Lord's gift to him of the keys of the kingdom. Matt. 16:18,19.





Althea PROJECTS

Supporting Townsville since 1974!

June
2026
MISSION
OF THE MONTH

Thank you to all
who regularly
bring
Groceries for
the Althea
Drop in Centre



Wee Care



Althea Foster &
Kinship Program



Althea's
Community Hub



Emergency Relief
Funding



Morehead Meals



Reconciliation
Action Plan

**Donations can be
made through the
envelopes or direct
debit, marked with
the name of Mission
BSB 034 222
Account Number
250713 250713**

**WHAT
HAPPENED**

**in
May**



Holy Baptism

We welcome into God's Family

Darcy James Donne
Hudson James Fisher



Rick Fels & Emma Chapman

Congratulations

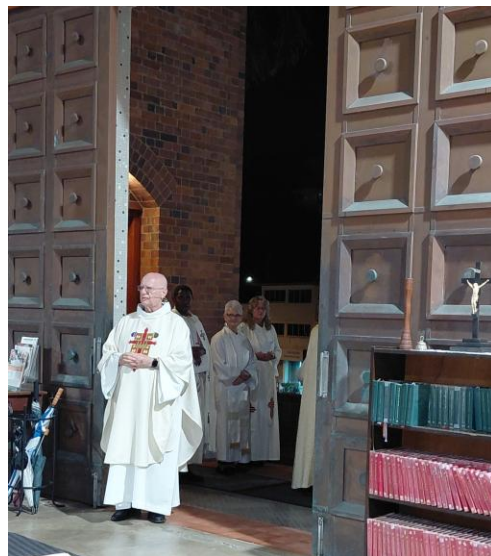


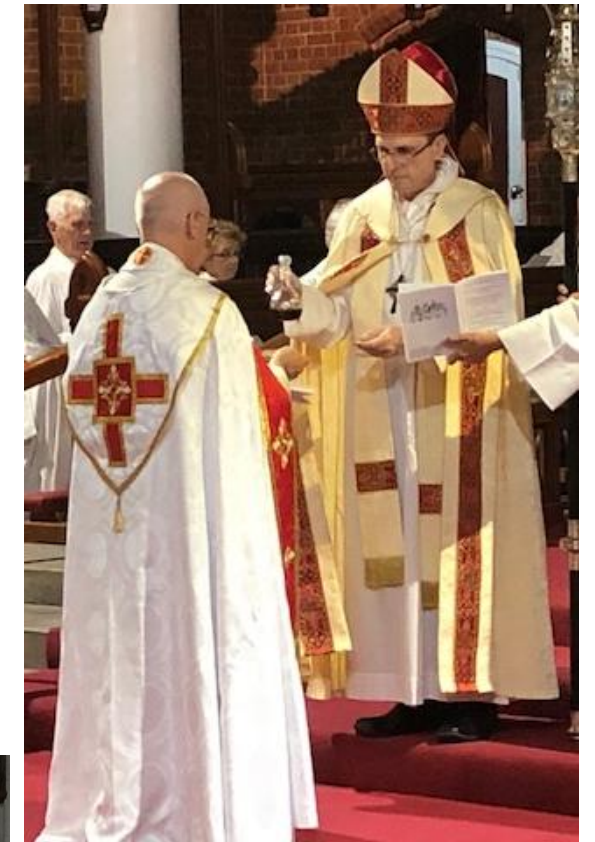
*on your wedding at St Mark's Church, May 9th, 2026
(The last wedding to be held at St Marks)*



Farewell Fr Kenneth

He would like to thank you all for the support and prayers over the last six years. The ministry of any Ministry Unit is not just the work of the clergy but a combined effort of everyone. Together we have worked to bring the love of God to the people of Townsville.





Installation of the 12th
Dean of
St James Cathedral
Townsville
The Very Rev'd and
Venerable Dr Kenneth Lay
May, 2020

Thank You,

FOR THE
BEAUTIFUL
MUSIC

farewell





Peter's Contribution to the St Mark's Church Grounds

For the past seven years, Peter Bird has cared for the grounds at St Mark's Church by mowing the lawns and keeping the garden tidy.

Thanks to Peter's consistent effort, the church grounds always look neat, welcoming, and well maintained.



What's Coming



UP

The Bishop has announced his intention to ordain Dr Lynore Geia as Deacon in the Church of God in a service at St James' Cathedral, on Friday 10 July at 6.00pm.

**Please pray for
Lynore as she prepares for her ordination
at future
ministry at St James' Cathedral**



What's Coming



UP

Many of you are eagerly awaiting the ticket release for this major performance of Handel's full *Messiah* on Saturday, 11 July at 3:00pm, conducted by German conductor Volker Hedtfeld in collaboration with Opera Queensland and GBRO.

Tickets will go on sale on Monday, 1 June, priced at \$45 regular and \$35 concession.



Messiah Project

Help bring Handel's masterpiece to life.

Cleveland Singers Inc. are collaborating with Opera Queensland and the Great Barrier Reef Orchestra for a performance of Handel's *Messiah* in full.

With your support, we can bring this extraordinary work to life in July 2026.

Help us close the \$5,000 gap!

Saturday, 11 July 2026
 St. Patrick's College, The Strand
 Conducted by Volker Hedtfeld

Become an Angel – Make a Difference



Become a Putto ("Little Angel") Donate \$100–\$199

- Receive 1 complimentary ticket to the concert
- Be mentioned in the program (if you wish)

♥ Imagine your donation helping with costs for printing and catering.



Become a Project Angel Donate \$200–\$349

- Receive 2 complimentary tickets to the concert
- Be mentioned in the program and on our website (if you wish)
- Businesses can be recognised with their logo in the program and on our website

♥ Imagine your donation helping with costs of flights and accommodation for our travelling artists.



Become an Artist Angel Donate \$350 or more

- Receive complimentary tickets to the concert (1 comp ticket per \$120 donated)
- Be mentioned in the program and on the website
- Have your business promoted on our Facebook page (if you wish)

♥ Imagine your donation helping with costs of venue hire and artist fees.



The Cleveland Singers Incorporated – Gift Account has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status under Subdivision 30-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.
Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible.



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Cleveland Singers Inc.
Westpac BSB 034 241 Acc 505 064
Reference: Messiah Project

Thank you ♥
for helping us make this heavenly music possible!



www.cleveland-singers.com

What's Coming



UP

Family Day Camp

Townsville 2026

*We are pleased to offer this **one-day Camp**, where grieving families can connect, learn and heal.*

- Connect with families who understand your experiences.
- Learn healthy coping methods from trained professionals.
- Develop a shared language for discussing grief together.

This event is facilitated by trained educators and mental health professionals.



Who

For the whole family – parents/guardians and their children aged 7 to 17.

Younger kids and other significant adults in your child's life are welcome.

When

26th July 2026
Registration at 9 am
Concludes 3 pm

Where

The Cathedral School
154 Ross River Rd,
Mundingburra,
Townsville

To learn more email
lauren.galbraith@feelthemagic.org.au

Scan the QR code to register your interest





Thank you

for being a part of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
and supporting those impacted by cancer.

Together we raised

\$ 240.00

For life-saving research, prevention, and support services.

Find out more about how you are helping at
biggestmornningtea.com.au



Lorraine Kenndy's notes from Townsville Community Update with Michael Brennan, Receiver & Bishop Keith 27/05/26

The Corporation of the Diocese Synod of North Queensland (Diocese) has amassed a large amount of debt due to

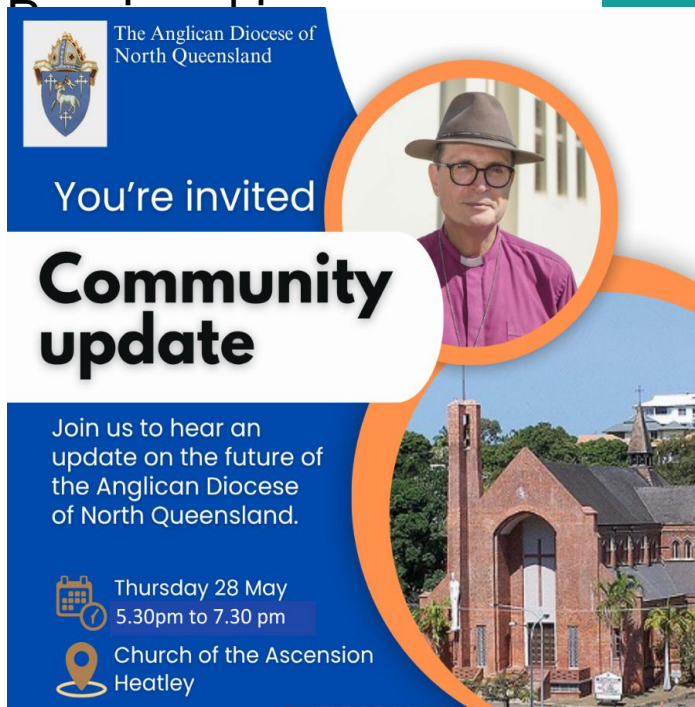
- Historic child abuse compensation claims. The last being from 1993 - \$9m paid already, \$9 – 10 million predicted in claims from the Redress Scheme and \$2m predicted in Civil Claims
- The 1986 incorporation of the failing Diocese of Carpentaria supporting A&TSI Ministry. This ministry is not supported by the wider church.

A number of properties have been already sold but funds are insufficient to cover the debts

The Supreme Court Justice ordered for the Diocese to undertake a controlled
“We must do justice and pay for the “sins of our fathers”....

We must also look at renewal and restructure of the administration of the Diocese to enable the Diocese to continue forward into the future.

With 54 parishes, 93 sites, falling attendances and fewer clergy, it is anticipated to reduce the sites to 43 and run the Diocese with 7 Regions. Clergy and paid Administration Staff, will be regional in order to avoid volunteer parishioners carrying the load



The Anglican Diocese of North Queensland

You're invited

Community update

Join us to hear an update on the future of the Anglican Diocese of North Queensland.

Thursday 28 May
5.30pm to 7.30 pm

Church of the Ascension
Heatley

The flyer features a circular portrait of a man in clerical attire and a photograph of a church building.

The plan is to restructure and renew the Diocese

- to deal with historic obligations
- alleviate cashflow pressure
- restructure to alleviate complexity

The structure of the Diocese entity set up 145 years ago does not operate effectively in today's society.

In order to

- honour survivors
- stabilise finances
- future-proof ministry there must be clergy reorganisation and reallocation of resources

“Change is inevitable but transformation is a choice”

In choosing which sites are to be sold, unique features have been considered

- Memorial churches, planning and sub-division, ashes and columbarium

The goal is that by the 150th anniversary of the Diocese, in 2028,
The new structure will be in place

Enquiries regarding sale of churches should go to
Shelley Thomas, Bishop PA/Administration
Anglican Diocese of North Queensland
PO Box 1244 Townsville Qld 4810
Ph: 07 4771 4175 (option 1)
E: bishoppa@anglicannq.org



Michael Brennan

The Big Question

Dr Keith Joseph's journey of service from Solomon

FROM ARMY FATIGUES TO FAITH



Anglican Reverend
Keith Joseph. Picture:
Nuno Avendano

"Man plans, God laughs" is the tagline of Reverend Dr Keith Joseph's life.

The former army veteran turned academic said he never set out to become a minister until he felt the calling while working on a peacekeeping mission in the Solomon Islands.

Dr Joseph was in Cairns this week following the announcement of several Far North churches being listed for sale, including St Luke's Anglican which houses Cairns Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries on McLeod St, and St John the Evangelist church on Lake St.

The bishop, whose diocese extends from Sarina, south of Mackay, all the way to the Torres Strait Islands, originally hails from NSW, but has called Townsville home since he was elected as North Queensland bishop in 2018.

He sat down with The Cairns Post to shed some light on the work he undertakes around the region. **TELL ME A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF, YOU HAIL FROM NSW?**

I was born in Sydney, grew up in Sydney. My life's ambition is to leave Sydney one more time than I go there.

I moved to Newcastle as a uni student, and then joined the army and I had postings up that way, so I quite like Newcastle.

It's a slightly bigger version of Townsville in some ways because it's got the same industrial agricultural base as a port town, a port city.

So between the army and church, I've been everywhere. **DID YOU COME FROM AN ANGLICAN FAMILY? WHAT WAS YOUR INTRODUCTION TO ANGLICANISM?**

My father's actually of Jewish descent, so it's a mixed family, but Judaism goes through the mother and my mother was Anglican, so that's how it worked out.

I made the decision (to become a Christian) when I was very young. At about five or six years old, my mother asked if I wanted to go to Sunday school and since then I dragged myself off to church.

But it's been good to have those connections with Judaism. I've got a cousin who's a rabbi, so

with
Catherine Duffy



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Dr Keith Joseph

Bishop, Anglican Diocese of North Queensland

Islands peacekeeping mission to Anglican bishop



Bishop the Right Reverend Dr Keith Joseph at Remembrance Day at Anzac Park in 2021 (left) and 2025 (right). Pictures: Evan Morgan



we sometimes chat. He lives in the UK now, but if I ever get to the UK, we catch up. **GROWING UP, DID YOU THINK YOU WOULD BECOME A MINISTER? OR DID YOU WANT TO BE A SOLDIER OR AN ACADEMIC?**

Both. I mean I really enjoyed being in the army and I learnt a great deal from it. And probably being in the Army Reserve in the '80s was better being full-time because nothing was happening and I enjoyed doing the academic work.

I taught for a couple of years at university while I was in the Army Reserve so it was I've enjoyed both those careers, but if you'd asked me in the year 2000 that one day I'd be the bishop of North Queensland, I would've thought you had rocks in your head.

There's an old saying: "man plans, God laughs" and that's only been the case in my life.

Whatever I've planned has not

gone as I planned, but in the end, sometimes I've done work and I'm thinking, why am I doing this?

But then God pulls something out of the box and all of a sudden I'm off on a very different tangent. **WHAT DID YOU STUDY AT UNIVERSITY?**

Philosophy. So sort of running alongside my work now. I did my PhD in ethics. Somebody asked me to summarise a hundred thousand word thesis in one sentence, I said if something looks stupid, don't do it.

A LOT OF PEOPLE THINK OF CHRISTIANITY AS A PEACEFUL RELIGION, JESUS HIMSELF SAYS BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, HOW DID YOU RECONCILE YOUR FAITH WHILE BEING IN THE ARMY?

I hold to just war theory, which is an old Catholic but also Anglican theory that in a broken world, sometimes armed forces are needed for defence and for doing what's

right. In the country like Australia, the defence force is a defence force, and that therefore it is appropriate for Christians to be members of the defence forces.

I was in the medical corp, so that was even another layer of doing good while serving.

I did some stuff with disaster relief and that was certainly very worthwhile use of defence force and being in the peacekeeping force in the Solomon Islands, even though I was with the police rather than the army, I was still working alongside the army and it was very much worthwhile.

So the use of armed force for defence, I think, is fine for a Christian and the idea that one should serve one's community is also good. **FOR THE UNINITIATED, WHAT IS THE ROLE OF AN ANGLICAN BISHOP?**

My job is to have oversight of the Anglican Church in North Queensland and that consists of

roughly 75 congregations in 50 parishes scattered across North Queensland from the Torres Strait through to south of Serena and across the Northern Territory border.

And my job is to oversight, which means to visit, to appoint ministers, to work with the people, in a sense my job is to enable the people of God to do their job.

WHAT DOES A REGULAR DAY OR WEEK LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

In a typical week, I'll spend two days a week doing what I consider to be a foretaste of heaven, just being with beautiful people in beautiful places, doing lovely things, like a confirmation in a rainforest, or out at Cloncurry just a stunningly beautiful country.

One day we literally travel. I do more travel than any other bishop in the Australian Church because of the size of the diocese.

So I'm literally either on the road or in a plane.

Two days a week is admin and one day a week I'm dealing with sexual abuse victims, claims or just people doing stupid things. **IT'S A MASSIVE DIOCESE - ALMOST 2½ CATHOLIC DIOCESES - WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT GO INTO THAT?**

There used to be two dioceses, there was a separate diocese of Carpentaria, which was everything north of Cairns, and northwest, and there used to be four bishops, now there's only one.

It's a very poor diocese, so very limited resources. We don't get much assistance from the rest of the church. That means we have to make do with what we've got.

BEING BASED IN TOWNSVILLE, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TOWNSVILLE AND THE CAIRNS REGIONS?

They both have their own very distinct charms, to be frank, with traffic in Cairns worse.

Cairns is more tourism focused where Townsville is not which means the population is different.

So in Townsville we've got a fairer defence population and a number of

defence members come to church.

You don't really have that in Cairns. So the two are different, one is not better than the other, they're just different.

DOES THAT POSE ANY UNIQUE CHALLENGES FOR THE CHURCHES?

It does, I mean, I do spend a lot of time up here in Cairns because obviously it's the other city of the diocese.

When the diocese was being set up the population tended to really branch out and when it was separated in 1900, so all the Aboriginal missions which were starting were in Carpentaria, then North Queensland basically was like the Catholic diocese of Townsville. It included Cairns, but Cairns was really a bit of an afterthought before World War II.

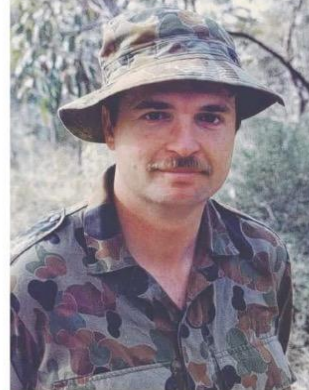
So everything was centred in Townsville, the cathedral, everything, and when The Gulf of Carpentaria came back in, all of a sudden more than half of dioceses was up Cairns way, so it is a slight imbalance.

WITH ALL THE CONFLICTS AROUND THE GLOBE IN ISRAEL, GAZA, UKRAINE, IRAN, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO PEOPLE THAT ARE STRUGGLING OR LOOKING FOR HOPE WHEN YOU'VE GOT ALL OF THESE OUTER GLOBAL CONFLICTS AS WELL AS INTERNAL CONFLICTS?

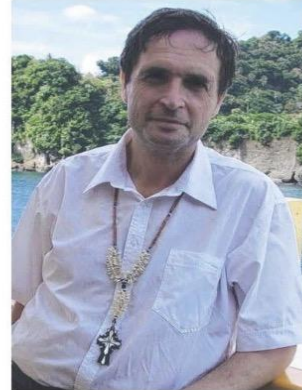
One person can't change the world, leaving aside Jesus, but as individuals we're relatively powerless.

If we group together we can do things better, so it's good for people to, for example, go into politics, and if good people don't go into the politics, bad people will, so it's good that people use their skills for doing better for the world.

The two greatest commandments are: love God and love your neighbour ... in other words, love of God and love of neighbour is the absolute basis of any Christian moral system ... and if you are loving, then you improve your part of the world and you show the way of God.



Reverend Dr Keith Joseph as a sergeant in the Australian Army in 1990.



Reverend Dr Keith Joseph was ordained as an Anglican minister in the Solomon Islands.



Thank you

The Rev. Kevin Bourke has been part of our congregation for the last few years. He is semi-retired from full-time ministry but has kindly offered to supervise the St James Cathedral Parish during the interregnum.

Fr Kenneth is taking holidays from May 25th and our new Dean, Fr Jeffery Akoi will not arrive until late July.

Fr Kevin has over 3 decades experience as a full-time parish priest and 10 years experience as an Archdeacon in Queensland. He has a Bachelor of Theology from Flinders University, a Cert in Theology from Moore College and an Assoc Dip of Computing from UCQ.

