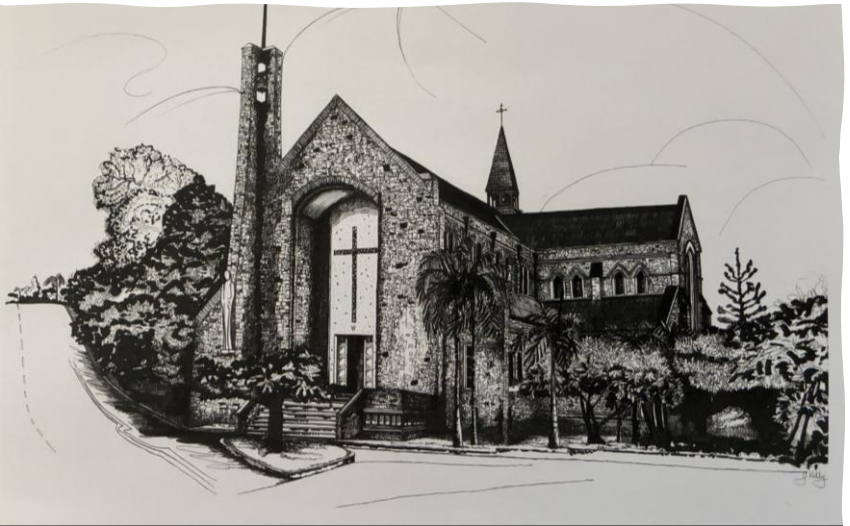








Townsville Ministry Unit

Parish News

November 2026

Service Times

St James' Cathedral, Townsville

Sunday	**9.00 am**	**Eucharist**
Monday	**8.30 am**	Morning Prayer followed by communion
Tuesday	**8.30 am**	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	**8.30 am**	Morning Prayer
	12.00 pm & 5.30 pm	Communion

> *Fr Jeffery will be available in the Cathedral Office.*
> *Phone* **0432 833 451**

Friday	**8.30 am**	Morning Prayer

The Cathedral is open most Weekday Mornings
8 am – 12 noon

DEAN

The Very Reverend
Jeffery Akoai

WARDENS

Owen Stanley
0419656816

Leigh Kennedy
0473974282

ASSISTING CLERGY

Rev Kevin Bourke

Rev Vic Hall

Rev Christine Readman

Fr Mitchell Porter

Rev Shirley Thomson

Rev Frances Maltby

Our Ministry Unit

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DIRECT DEBIT

Church Wardens of St James Cathedral General Account

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ANONYMOUS DONATION (ANFIN)

A brochure & information can be found at

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

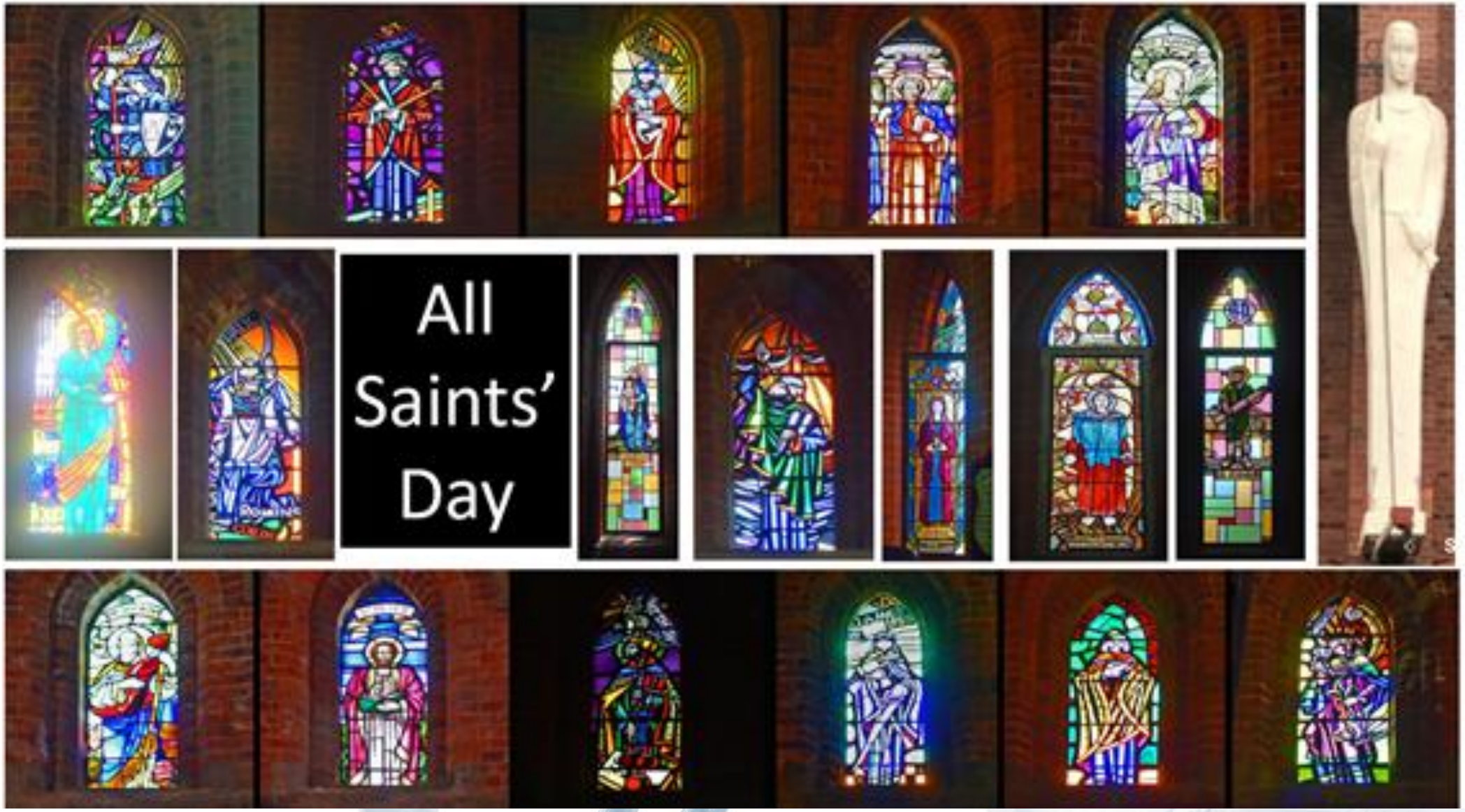
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Thanksgiving

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What’s Happening in November



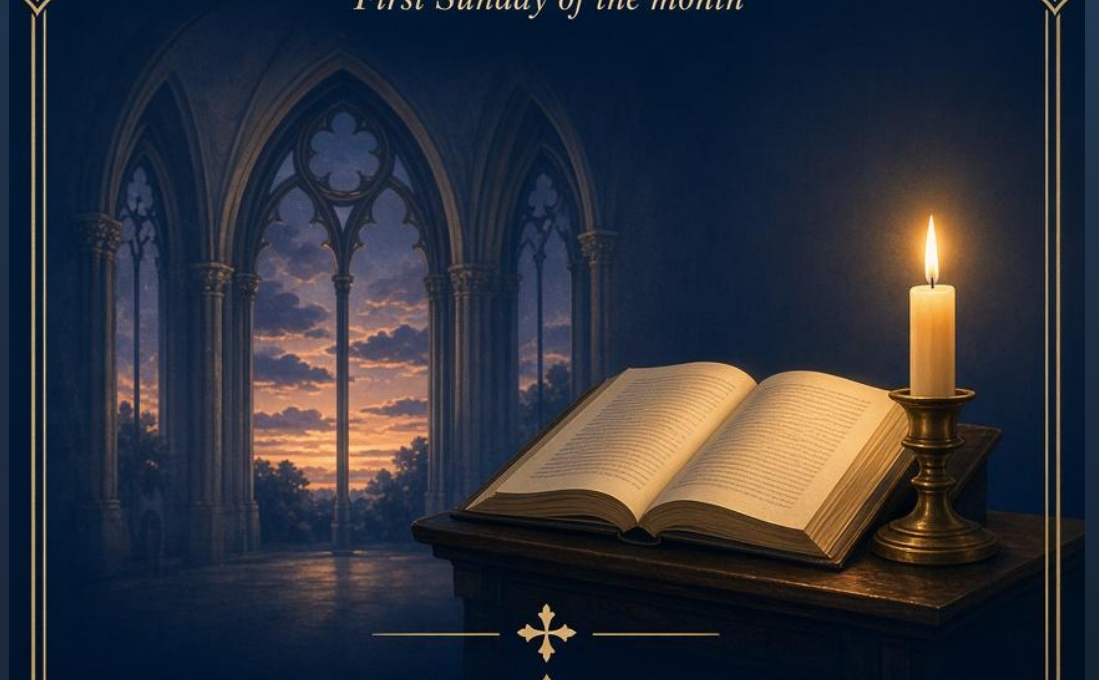
November 1st

ST JAMES' CATHEDRAL

Evensong

Sunday 1 November • 6.00pm

First Sunday of the month



November 2nd

All Souls' Day



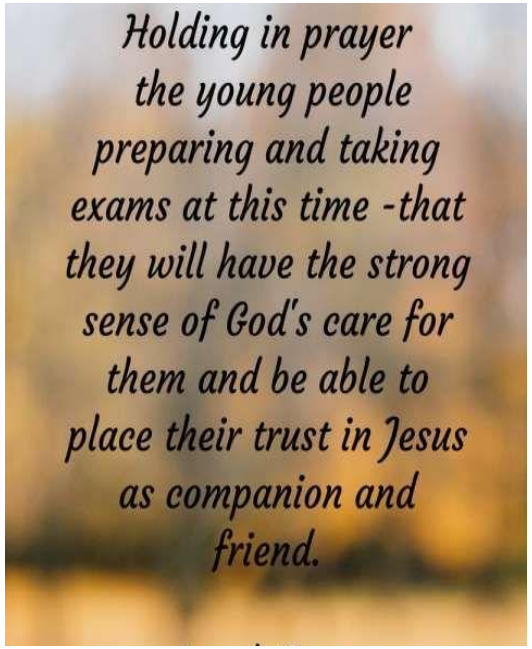
All Souls' Day is an annual Christian feast day, to commemorate those who have died but are believed to be in purgatory. All Souls' Day has been tradition since the 11th Century and is dedicated to prayer for souls which are believed to be marked by lesser sins, in order to purify them for heaven.

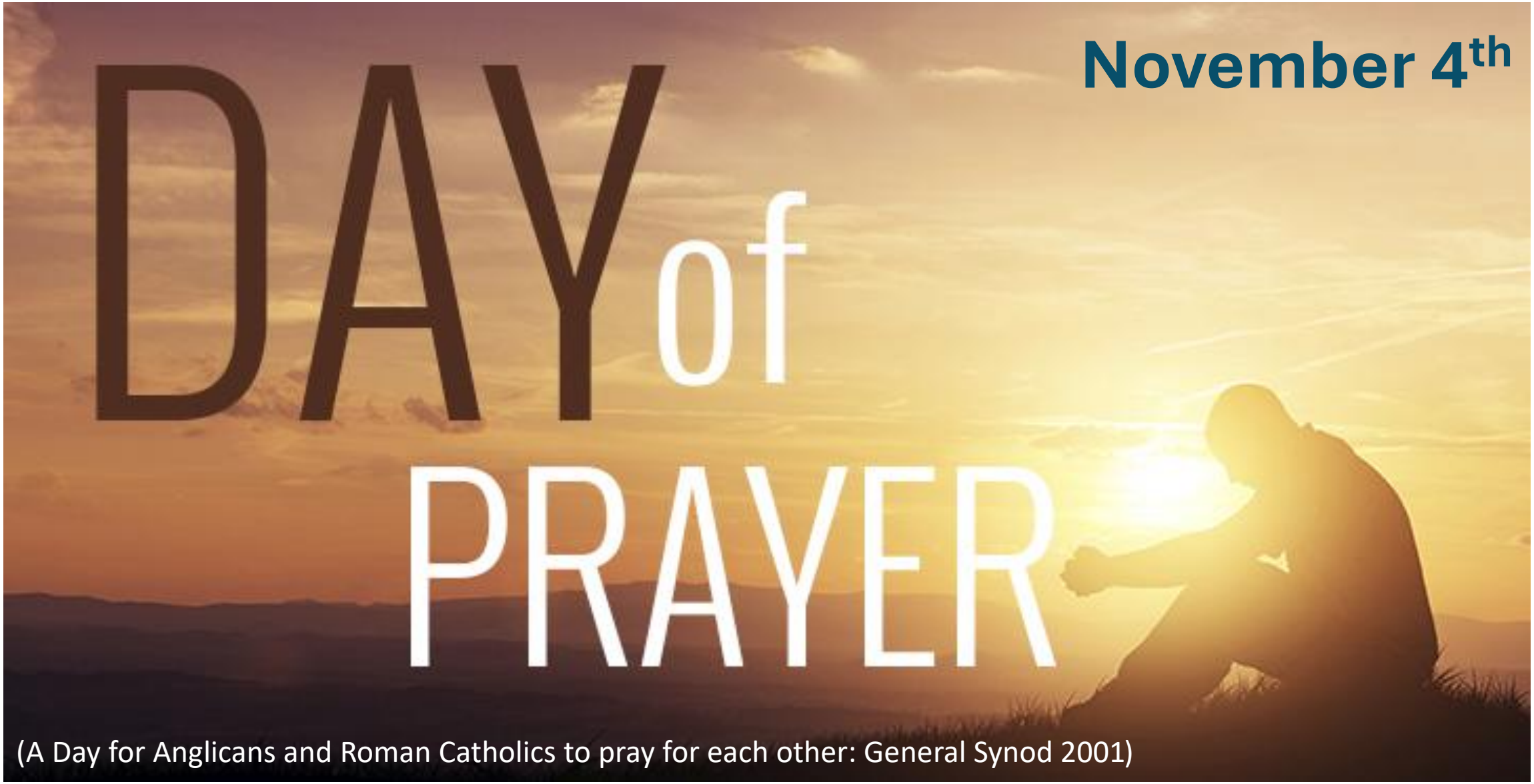
All Souls' School for boys was established by the Bush Brotherhood of St Barnabas in 1920 as a memorial school to the fallen of the First World War.

St Gabriel's School for girls was established in 1921 by the Sisters of the Society of Sacred Advent.

Throughout the remainder of the twentieth century, the two schools provided an education for the children of northern Australia. Both schools became known for their ability to produce self-reliant and independent young men and women.

The old latin motto cui servire est regnare translates as "**to serve is to reign**".




DAY of PRAYER
November 4th
(A Day for Anglicans and Roman Catholics to pray for each other: General Synod 2001)



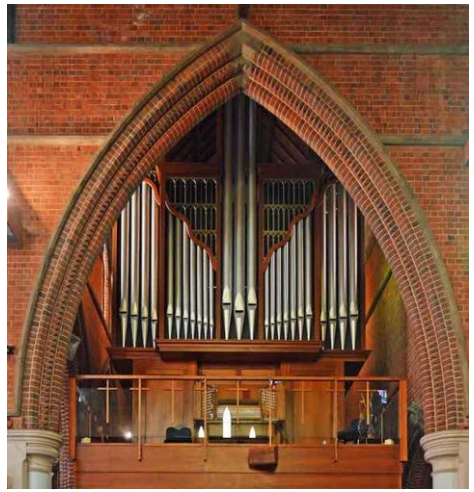
11.30 am Sunday
November 8th

Recital for
Choir, Organ & Trumpet

Cancelled

We welcome organist Rev Brendon Lukin, trumpeter
Dr Mark Smith & the Cleveland Singers

Music from World Wars I & II



DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARDS
THE MAINTENANCE OF THE St JAMES' CATHEDRAL ORGAN

For more information The Organ - St. James' Anglican Cathedral Townsville

DEFENCE SUNDAY

PRAY WITH US | SUNDAY, 8 NOVEMBER

Partner with Defence Anglican Chaplaincy

When you pray or give you are helping chaplains support Defence members and their families.

For more information and to give visit:
defenceanglicans.org.au







The Soldier's Prayer

Almighty God, whose command is over all, and whose love never fails, let me be aware of your presence, and obedient to your will.

Help me to accept my share of responsibility with a strong heart and cheerful mind. Make me considerate of those with whom I live and work, and faithful to the duties my country has entrusted to me.

Let my uniform remind me daily of the traditions of the Service in which I serve. When I am inclined to doubt, strengthen my faith. When I am tempted to sin, help me to resist. When I fail, give me the courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of your truth and keep before me the life and example of Jesus in whose name I pray. Amen.



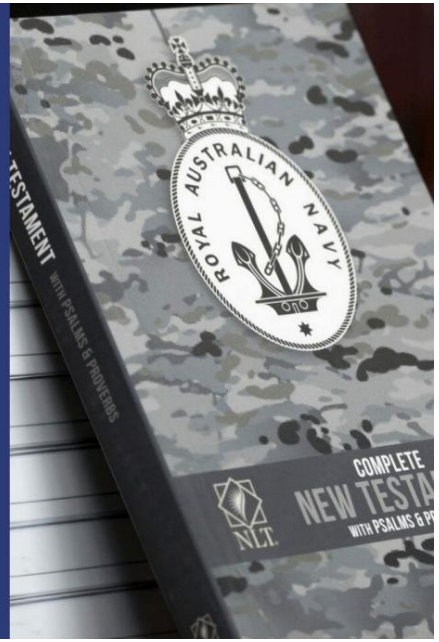
The Naval Prayer

Eternal God, creator of the heavens and ruler of the raging seas, take under your powerful protection and bless all members of the Royal Australian Navy.

Preserve them from the dangers of the sea and strengthen them so that they may faithfully serve our country.

With the help of others who love freedom may they be able to ensure security for all those who lawfully travel the seven seas, and by their effort maintain for all people the possibility of serving you in peace and justice all through their lives.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



A Prayer for the Royal Australian Air Force

O Lord our God, who has given us dominion over earth, air and sea.

We ask you to be present with us who are called to serve our country in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Give us courage, a steady nerve and ready mind.

Sustain us in days of preparation, in the daily routine of servicing and weary waiting.

Be with us in time of sudden peril and grant that under your mighty protection we may be preserved in body, soul and mind.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



November 11th

REMEMBRANCE DAY

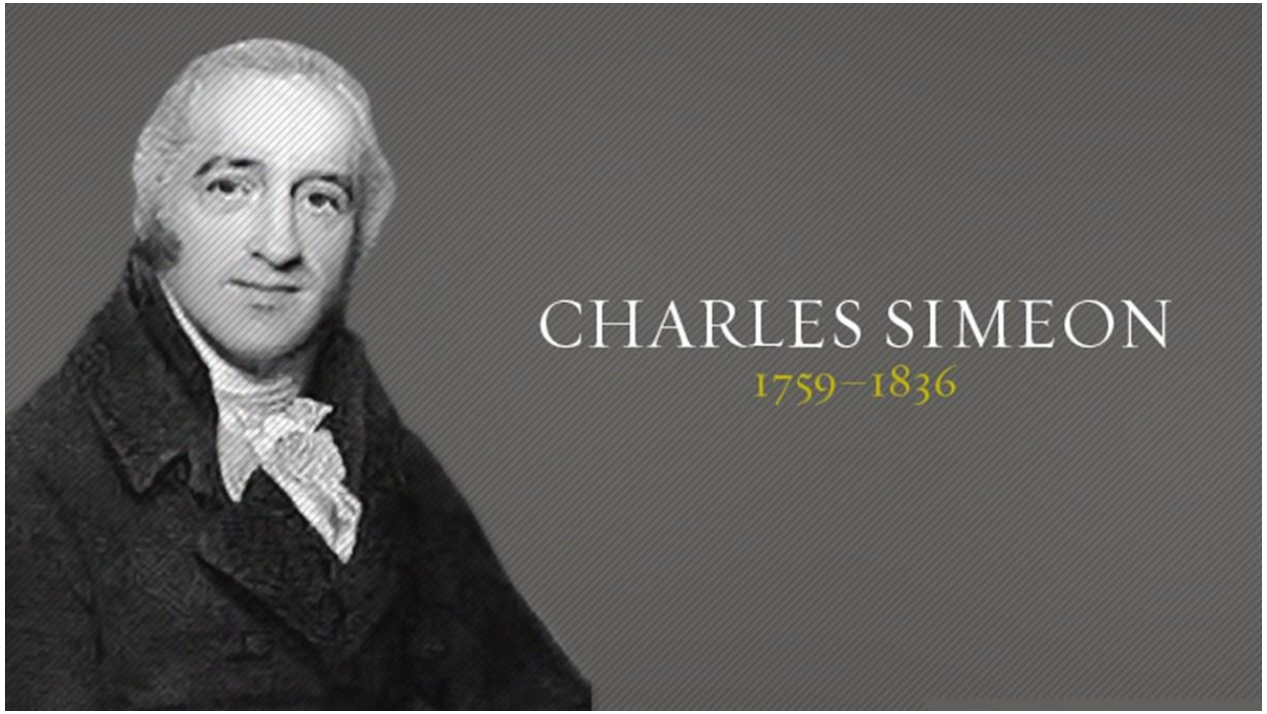
Lest we forget



12th November

Charles Simeon was the pastor of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Cambridge from 1782 to his death in 1836 – a period of 54 years. It is difficult to find anyone before Charles Simeon who set about so systematically to teach people to preach

By 1832 Simeon had published what he called a ‘skeleton’ or sermon outline on the entire bible – over 2,500 in all! They are quite detailed – a lot more flesh and blood than you might expect on a skeleton. But the skeletons were perhaps an outworking of his own experience as a preacher where for the first 7 years he said he ‘did not know the head from the tail of a sermon’.



Charles Simeon: a model for preachers – Expository Preaching Trust (eptrust.org.au)

The Warrior Chapel mosaic
by Stan Moses

Christ the King

NOVEMBER 22nd

This symbol is the crown and the Chi-Rho which is the oldest known monogram for Christ. Some call this symbol the "Christogram," and it dates back to the Roman Emperor Constantine (A.D. 306–337).
Chi (x = ch) and Rho (p = r) are the first three letters of "Christ" or "Christos" in the Greek language.

Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet and Omega is the last. Together these two letters also form a monogram or symbol for Jesus Christ, meaning "the Beginning and the End." The term is found in Revelation 1:8: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." (NIV)











Discover Nativities from around the World

26 November – 10 December

9am – 12 noon

If you have a nativity that you would like to add to the display, please see Lorraine before 26 November





9am -12 noon Daily
Nov 26th – Dec 10th
St James Cathedral

A Powerful Display
Together we can stop gender-based violence





A service to mark

16 Days of Activism

will be held at

St James Cathedral

10am

Sat November 28th

DRIVERS OF MEN'S VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

There are four factors that evidence has shown can drive men's violence against women. These are referred to as the gendered drivers of men's violence against women:

1. **Condoning of violence against women.** For example, blaming a woman for not leaving a violent partner.
2. **Men's control of decision-making and limits to women's independence in public and private life.** For example, the belief that men should be 'in charge' in their relationships and the bosses at work.
3. **Rigid gender stereotyping and dominant forms of masculinity.** For example, the idea that men must be tough and in charge, and that women should be submissive to men.
4. **Male peer relations and culture of masculinity that emphasise aggression, dominance and control.** For example, men using sexist or homophobic jokes to bond with each other.

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence was started by activists at the inauguration of the Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991.

Three decades on, the **16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence** against Gender-Based Violence is a widely recognised global campaign that encourages action to end gender-based violence.

During the 16 Days, organisations and individuals around the world raise awareness that men's violence against women in a fundamental violation of human rights.

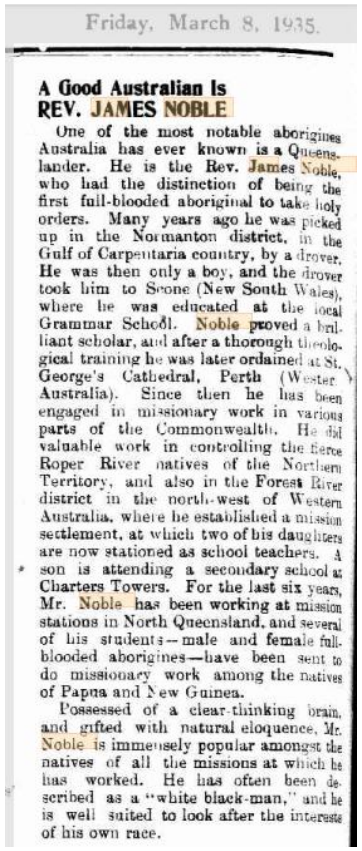


MEN'S VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The United Nations defines violence against women as "any act of gender-based violence that causes or could cause physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of harm or coercion, in public or in private life."

NOVEMBER 25TH A Good Australian Is REV. JAMES NOBLE

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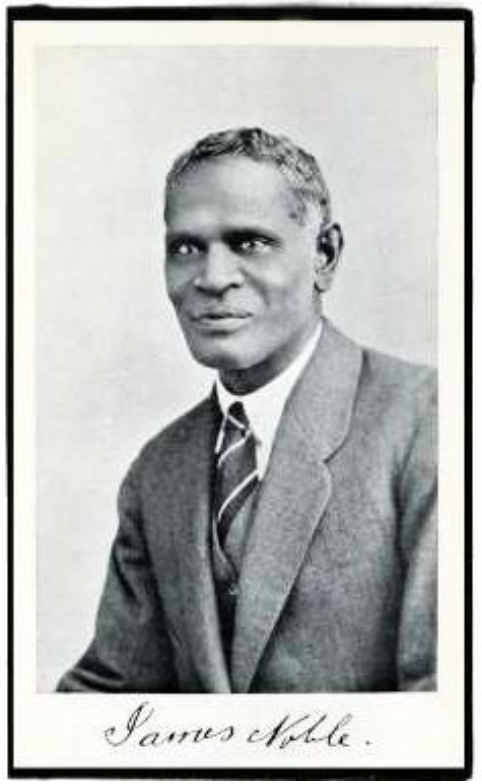


Friday, March 8, 1935.

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Papuan Courier (Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea : 1917 - 1942)
Fri 8 Mar 1935
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In the early 1890s he was a stockman for the Doyle brothers at Riversleigh on the Gregory River, and was taken south to Invermien, their station near Scone, New South Wales.

On 13 September 1925 he was made deacon at St George's Cathedral, Perth, before returning to Forrest River. Thus he became the first Aboriginal Anglican clergyman in Australia.

November 29th

The First Candle: A time of expectation and **HOPE**

Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas Advent means 'Coming' in Latin.



The candle of **Hope** that we light in this hour
Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power
We wait for a future, now hidden from view
When Christ in his glory will make all things new

ADVENT EXPLAINED



A season of hope, preparation, and expectation as we wait for Jesus.

1 WHAT IS ADVENT?

Advent is the beginning of the Church year. It is a time of hope, preparation, and expectation as we wait for the coming of Jesus Christ.

2 THE PURPOSE OF ADVENT

Advent helps us prepare our hearts for two important coming:

- Jesus' coming at Christmas
- Jesus' second coming in glory

3 THE FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT

Advent has four weeks, each with a special focus: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. We light one candle each week.

4 HOW WE PREPARE

Through prayer, reading the Bible, going to Confession, and acts of kindness, we prepare our hearts for Jesus.

5 WHAT ADVENT TEACHES US

Advent teaches us patience, faith, and trust in God. It reminds us to stay awake spiritually and welcome Jesus every day.

6 OUR HOPE IS IN JESUS

Advent is a reminder that Jesus is the Light of the world. He brings hope, peace, joy, and love to every heart.

WHAT SEASONS DO WE USE PURPLE





Purple is the color of penance, prayer, preparation, and waiting. It helps us turn our hearts toward God and prepare for great celebrations.



1 ADVENT SEASON

(The Season of Preparation)

† Purple is used during Advent, the four weeks before Christmas. It is a time of preparation as we wait and prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

2 LENTEN SEASON

(The Season of Penance)

† Purple is used throughout Lent, a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It reminds us to repent, turn away from sin, and grow closer to God.





3 PENITENTIAL SERVICES AND RECONCILIATION

† Purple is used during penance services and the Sacrament of Reconciliation to show sorrow for sin and the desire for God's forgiveness.

4 FUNERALS AND MASSES FOR THE DEAD

† Purple may be used at funeral Masses. It expresses our faith in eternal life and our hope in the resurrection of the body.





5 WAITING AND PREPARING OUR HEARTS

† Purple teaches us to wait patiently for God's promises, prepare with faith, and stay focused on what truly matters.

WHY PURPLE?

† It calls us to prayer, sacrifice, and conversion.
† It prepares us for joyful celebrations.
† It reminds us to keep our eyes on Jesus.



MEETING



All Welcome

Ministry Unit Council

10.45 am November 29th

after the service



ST JAMES' CATHEDRAL

Step into the Wonder of Christmas

First Sunday in Advent · Sunday 29 November · 5.30pm

An evening of Advent and Christmas music from around the world

Cleveland Singers · Le Cantanti Italiane
St. Cecilia's Choir · and others

Discover more than 100 beautiful Nativity Scenes

Refreshments after the concert



November 30th

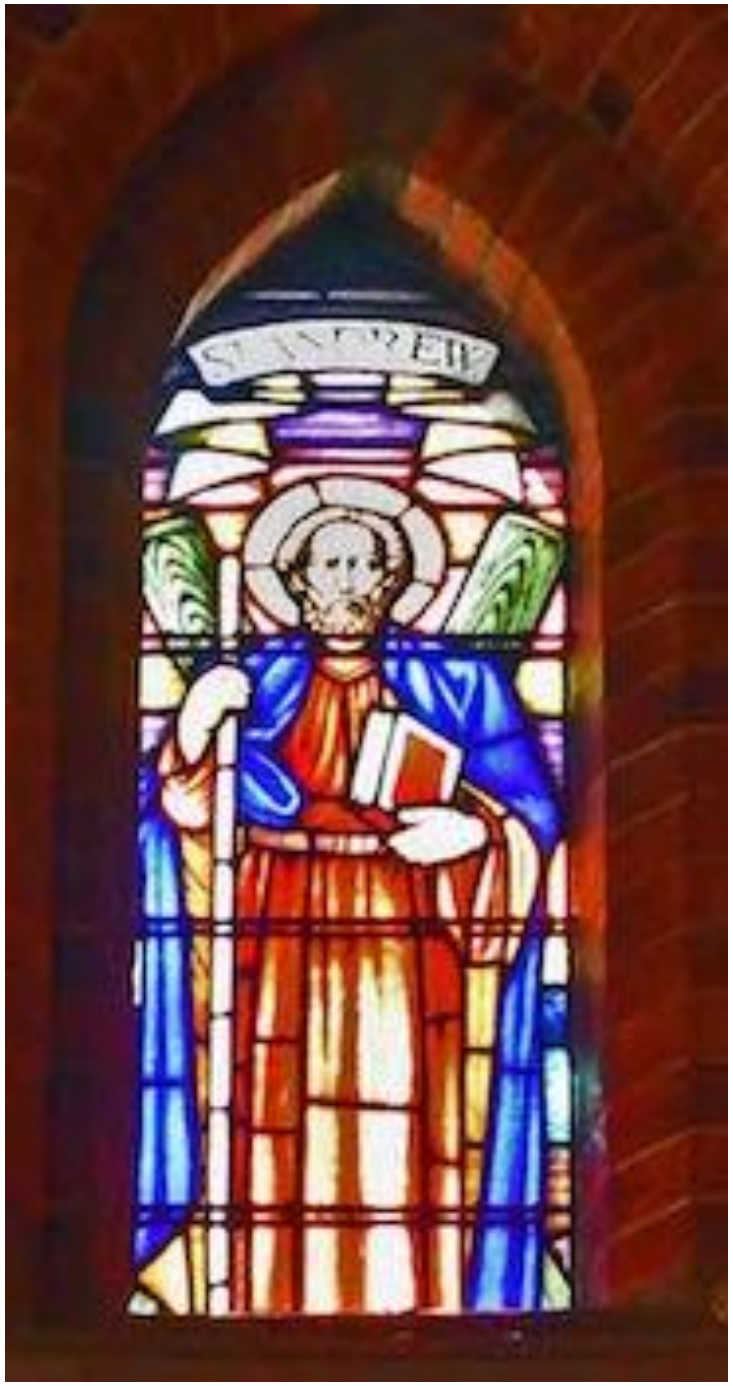
St. Andrew

Window in memory of Henry Richard Synge

Henry Synge was born c. 1870 in Tenterfield NSW died 30th October, 1909 in Townsville, as the result of an accident while diving at the Townsville Baths.

He was a gentleman of independent means and had an interest in a coffee plantation in the Mackay area.

- Original Window from 1907



2026 Archbishop of Brisbane's Appeal



Campaign by Anglicans In Development Limited

Archbishop Jeremy Greaves invites you to support the work of the Anglican Church of Melanesia in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. This work is building stronger, healthier, safer and more climate resilient communities.

2026 Archbishop of Brisbane's Appeal

November

- **Donations can be made through the envelopes or direct debit, marked with the name of Mission**
- **St James Cathedral Transfer account**
- **BSB 034 222**
- **Account Number 251142**





The Mission to Seafarers 2026
Christmas Appeal for Seafarers
at the Port of Townsville



Help The Mission to Seafarers in giving our international visitors a gift to share the Joy and Celebration, as they are away from friends and family over Christmas and New Year.

Please Donate:

The Mission to Seafarers Townsville Westpac Bank Corp

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What Happened in October



We welcome in

Holy Baptism

Matilda Rose

Cohen Stephen

James Dale Chivas





Thank you Jenisha for the music while Tom took a well-deserved rest

JOY

Music full of JOY to lift your spirits



11.30 am Sunday
October 4th

Recital
for Organ & 2 Trumpets

We welcome organist Rev Brendon Lukin,
and trumpeters Dr Mark Smith & Jeffrey Bird

PROGRAM

Vivaldi - Concerto for Two Trumpets
(Allegro-Largo-Allegro)
Young - Prelude in Classic Style
Wagner - Prelude and Bridal Chorus (From Lohengrin Act III)
Handel - Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (From Samson)
Bach - In thee is Joy!
Mozart - Alleluia (from Exsultate jubilate)
Bach - Sinfonia (from Cantata 156)
Purcell - Trumpet Tune

DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARDS THE MAINTENANCE OF THE St JAMES' CATHEDRAL ORGAN

The next Recital will be November 8th








A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH MONTH
WHICH WAY?
TOWNSVILLE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH PUBLIC FORUM
Join local community leaders, mental health professionals and researchers for a welcoming community event focused on youth mental health in Townsville. Help build a better understanding of youth mental health in our community.
TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2026
5:30pm - 8:30pm
St James' Cathedral
36 Cleveland Terrace, Townsville City
Register here
With Keynote Address by Lee Town
Ed-LinQ Program Coordinator
Senior Social Worker
Child and Youth Mental Health Services
Panelists
Dr Veronica Graham - UQ Brain Builders
Dr Timothy Leow - Townsville Hospital and Health Service
Daniel Knapp - headspace, TAIHS
Aaron Mealing - NQ Cowboys Chaplain
Prof Zoltan Sarnyai - Margaret Roderick Centre for Mental Health Research at JCU
TAIHS
MARGARET RODERICK CENTRE FOR MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH
Contact us
mrcmhr@jcu.edu.au


What will be discussed
•The criteria for a mental illness
•Common mental illnesses effecting young people
•Issues impacting on young people
•The influence of social media
•How to improve your mental health
•Supports available for everyone



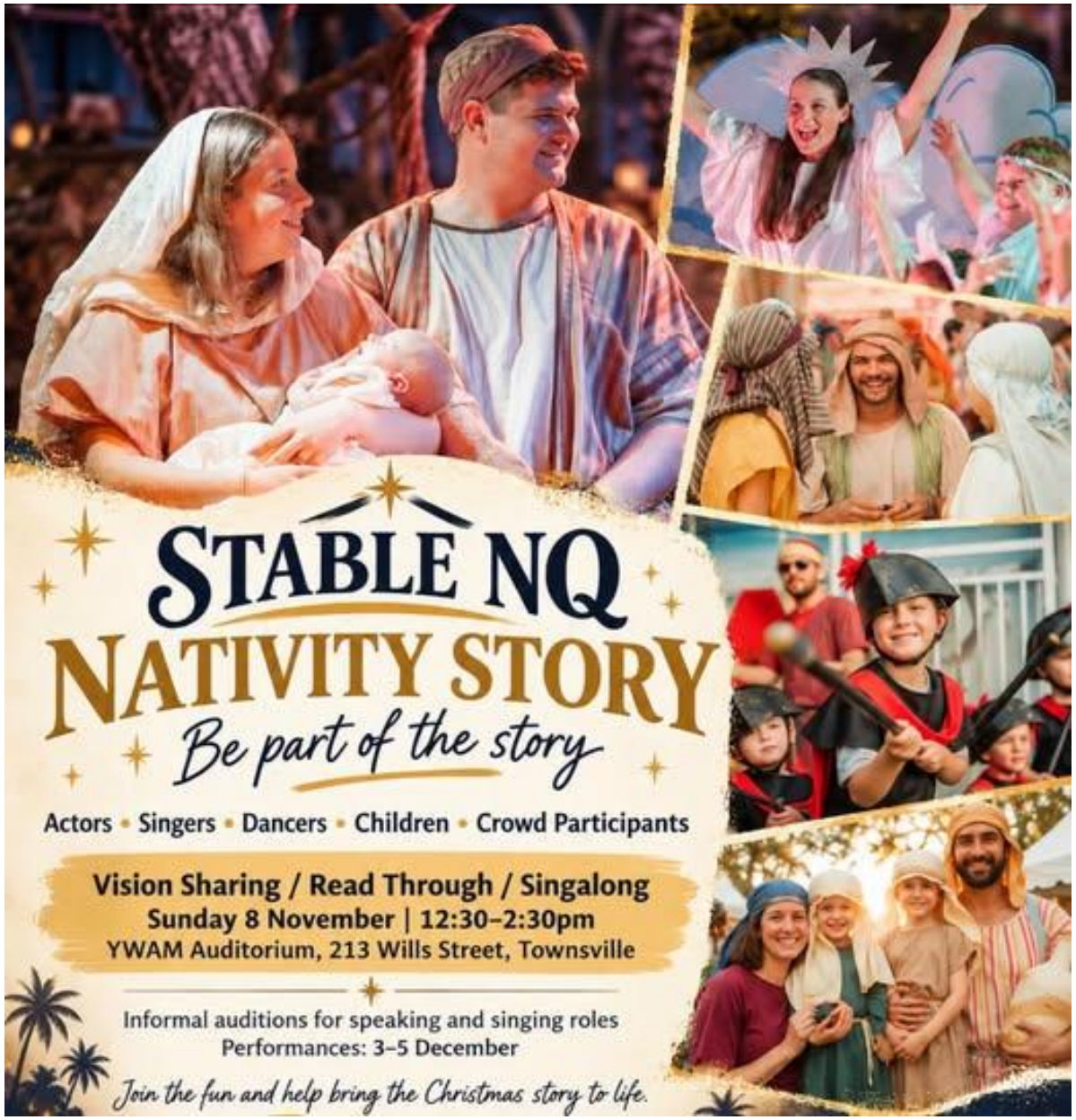






- Helen with Skip and Toto

- Geoff with Libby & Mac, and Eddie with Oscar


STABLE NQ
NATIVITY STORY
Be part of the story
Actors • Singers • Dancers • Children • Crowd Participants
Vision Sharing / Read Through / Singalong
Sunday 8 November | 12:30–2:30pm
YWAM Auditorium, 213 Wills Street, Townsville
Informal auditions for speaking and singing roles
Performances: 3–5 December
Join the fun and help bring the Christmas story to life.


STABLE
in the City
Bringing life, light & hope to our city at Christmas!
December 3–5
YWAM Youth Precinct
NEW CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE
Townsville City Lights
Supported by Stable NQ
Wander through the Townsville CBD from December 1–31 and experience the wonder of Christmas!
Visit stablenq.com.au for event details, times, parking instructions and the Townsville City Lights map.
THE Stable
North Queensland Christmas Festival
Together FOR TOWNSVILLE
@thestablenq

Stable in the City!



EVENT TIMES
Dec 3rd Thursday: 5:30pm - 9:00pm

Dec 4th Friday: 5:30pm - 9:00pm

Dec 5th Saturday 3:00pm - 9:00pm

This year, St James will be part of Stable in the City with a display of Nativities from around the World



We are also looking for

- **musicians who can sing or play Christmas Carols throughout the three opening days of the Stable.**

- **Volunteers to help with simple activities for children**

Congratulations Rod Burgess on becoming a Paul Harris Fellow

Parishioners
IN THE NEWS



The Port of Townsville Rotary Club recognised Rod's contribution to the community in his roles in the South Passage Sail Training Ass, Curator of Jezzine Barracks Museum and inovled in the Townsville Air Museum, Maritime Museum, HMAS Townsville project manager, Mission to Seafarers, Rural Fire Services, & St John's Ambulance
The Paul Harris Fellow recognition is a Rotary Foundation honour given to individuals who contribute to the community

A contribution of US $1,000 is made to the Rotary Foundation in their name.

The award includes a certificate and a Paul Harris pin and represents one of Rotary's most significant acknowledgments of humanitarian support.



Continue earning cookware credits to put towards the Curtis Stone Entertaining Range

coles

Don’t waste your CREDITS, others would appreciate new kitchenware and Althea can make this happen in their Home Starter Kits

Earn credits until Tue 12 Jan 2027. Redeem credits until Tue 19 Jan 2027. While stocks last.

Major blaze guts Charters Towers shop leading to structural collapse

Firefighters have battled an early-morning blaze on Gill St in Charters Towers that caused a partial structural collapse, with adjacent buildings saved from the flames.

Andrew McKaysmith

@amckaysmith

1 min read · September 4, 2026 11:45 am

Townsville Bulletin





Emergency services were called to the Gill St business next to the Sovereign Hotel about 2.40am on Friday after the building became well involved in flames. Picture: Suellen Skinner

Firefighters have battled an early-morning shop fire that caused a partial structural collapse in Charters Towers.

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about 2.40am on Friday after the building became well involved in flames.

Four crews and four vehicles worked to bring the blaze under control.

The fire caused significant damage to the shop, understood to be a thrift store.

Adjacent stores and buildings were saved from the flames.

One crew remained at the scene.

Queensland Police Service said the fire was non-suspicious althought the cause of the blaze was yet to be determined.

QFD is investigating.

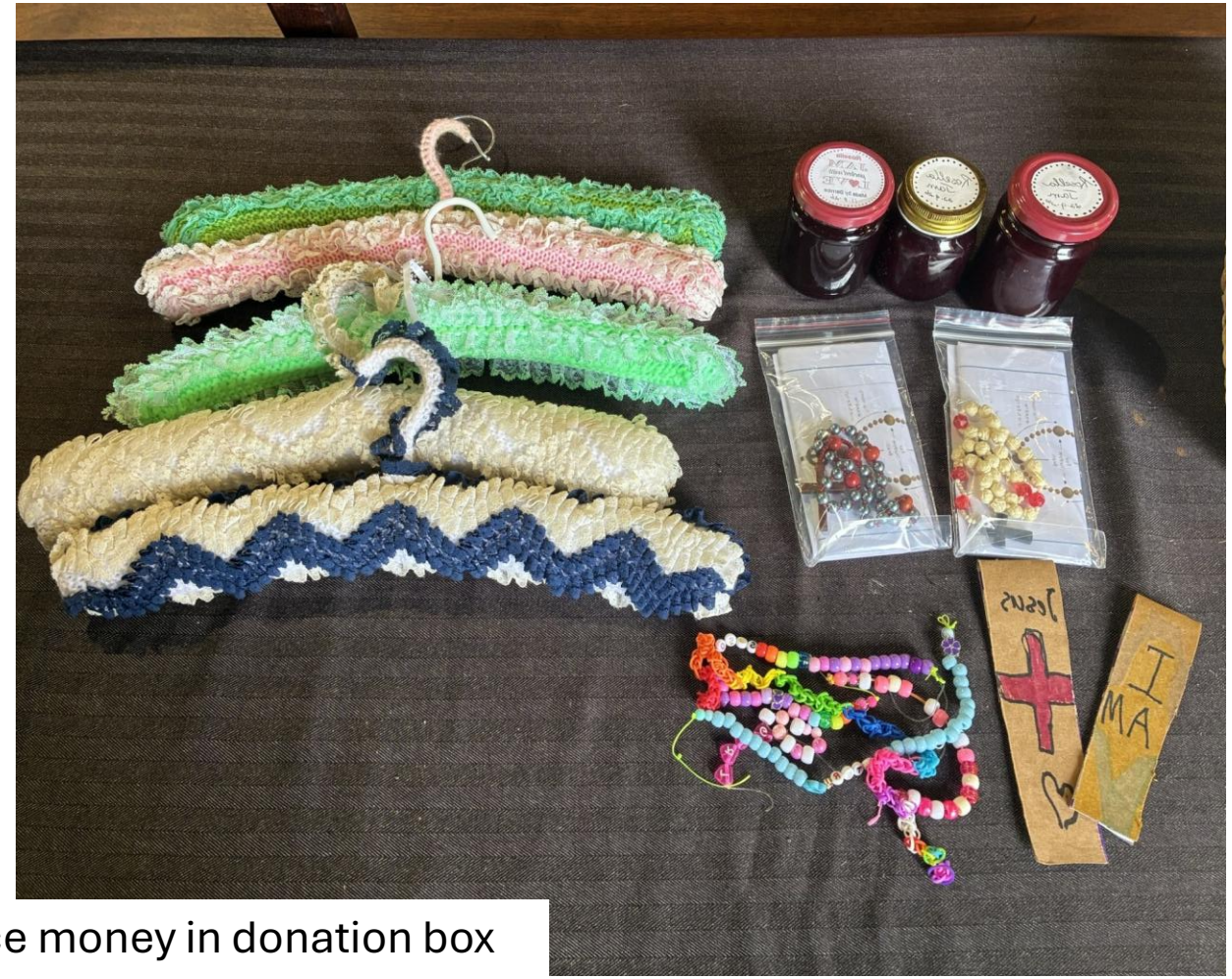
St Paul's, Charters Towers are in desperate need of clothing, books, craft items, manchester and household goods to get their Thrift Shop going again.

Goods can be dropped at St James and Fr Jeffery can transport them out

https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1ccsqcD4vF/

Suggested donation:

$5 Coat hangers
$4-5 Jam
$10-15 Anglican Prayer Beads

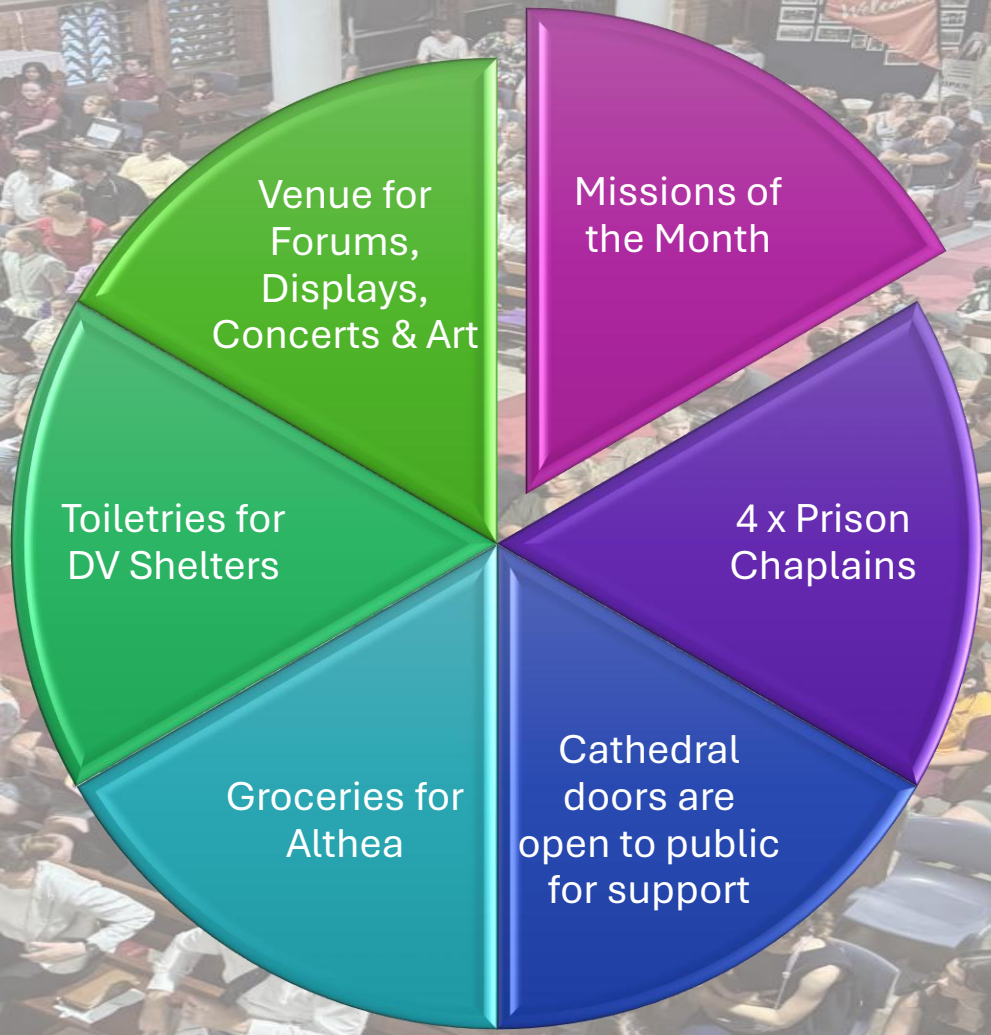


Please place money in donation box



to Charlie, Bernice, and Claudia
for the donations of handmade items

Our WORSHIP is over,



now let our SERVICE begin

Gandhi's SEVEN SOCIAL SINS

First published in 1925

WEALTH	WITHOUT	WORK
PLEASURE	WITHOUT	CONSCIENCE
KNOWLEDGE	WITHOUT	CHARACTER
COMMERCE	WITHOUT	MORALITY
SCIENCE	WITHOUT	HUMANITY
WORSHIP	WITHOUT	SCARIFICE
POLITICS	WITHOUT	PRINCIPLE

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RIGHTS	WITHOUT	RESPONSIBILITIES

