

Welcome to the Townsville (CBD) Ministry Unit



**October
Parish News
2025**

Our Ministry Unit

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Services

Sundays:

7.15 am St Marks Belgian Gardens

9 am St James

Mon, Tues, Wed & Friday St James:

8.30 am Morning Prayer

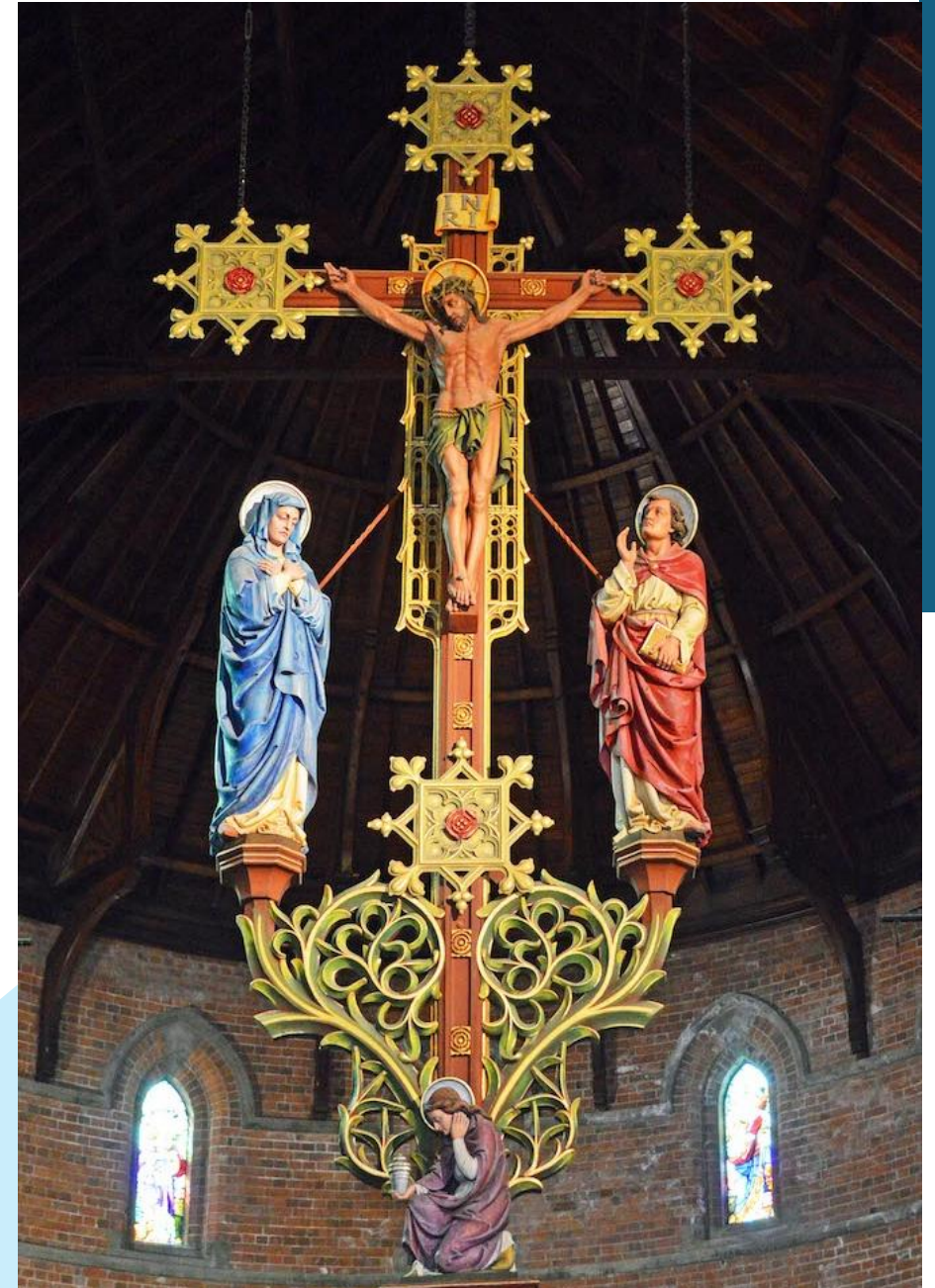
Wednesday St James:

Eucharists 12 noon & 5.30pm

Saturday:

5 pm St Margarets Magnetic Island

**St James is open most weekdays 8am-noon
(except in Jan)**



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)

Thanksgiving

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

what's happening

in

October

October, 2025

The Townsville Ministry Unit

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7.00 Bible Study 8.30 Morning Prayer 11.00 Bible Study 12.00 Eucharist at St James 5.30 Eucharist at St James	2 all day Fr Kenneth at Charters Towers 7.00 Franciscans Eucharist	3 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	4 FRANCIS OF ASSISI 8.30 Morning Prayer 9.00 Friends of the Cathedral Meeting 5.00 Service at St Margaret's
5 17TH SUN AFT PENTECOST 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 Eucharist at St James 6.00 Evensong	6 WILLIAM TYNDALE 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist 9.00 MUC Ingham 1.30 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke	7 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	8 7.00 Bible Study 8.30 Morning Prayer 11.00 Bible Study 12.00 Eucharist at St James 5.30 Eucharist at St James	9 all day Fr Kenneth at Charters Towers	10 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist 10.00 Presentation Day ASSG 5.30 Mass of God Speed ASSG	11 8.30 Morning Prayer 5.00 Service at St Margaret's
12 18TH SUN AFT PENTECOST 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 Eucharist at St James	13 8.30 Morning Prayer 1.00 Anglicare Meeting, Cairns 1.30 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke	14 8.30 Morning Prayer	15 TERESA OF AVILA 7.00 Bible Study 8.30 Morning Prayer 11.00 Bible Study 12.00 Eucharist at St James 6.00 Mental Heath Month Forum at St James	16 LATIMER AND RIDLEY all day Fr Kenneth at Charters Towers	17 IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH 8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	18 ST LUKE 8.30 Morning Prayer 10.00 Baptism at St James 4.00 Concert at St James 5.00 Service at St Margaret's
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BIBLE STUDY

11am Wednesdays



9am October 4th *Friends of the Cathedral Meeting*

[For more information go to Friends
of St James Cathedral - St. James'
Anglican Cathedral Townsville](#)



Bring your two-footed, four-footed, furry, scaly or feathered friends to our ecumenical blessing for health and wellbeing in celebration of **WORLD ANIMAL DAY** and the feast of **ST. FRANCIS**, patron saint of ecology and all animals.

Blessing of the Animals

4th October 2025

9:00 am



The theme for World Animal Day 2025 is:

*Save Animals,
Save the Planet!*

This year's theme reminds us of the connection between animal welfare and the health of our planet. From biodiversity loss and habitat destruction to industrial farming and pollution, the ways we treat animals have a direct impact on the environment – and vice versa.

17 Thomas Street, Pimlico

everyone
is
welcome



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HOUSE OF PRAYER
and Spirituality

A mission of the Catholic Diocese of Townsville

Please note: There is no foot access available from the Anderson Pk roadway. Park in Fulham Rd, Thomas St or can access via the park from Turner Street.



6pm October 5th

EVENSONG

October 6th King's Birthday Holiday



Question 1: It may be the King's Birthday public holiday across most of Australia today. But when is King Charles's actual birthday?



March 14th 1946?

June 14th 1947?

November 14th 1948?

December 14th 1949?



Queensland
Mental Health
Week

4 - 12 October 2025

6pm, October 15th

St James' Cathedral,
36 Cleveland Terrace,
Townsville City



Mental Health Forum

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Professor Zoltan Sarnyai

"Mental Health for All"

Centre Head,
Margaret Roderick Centre for Mental Health Research,
James Cook University

PANELISTS

1. Marianna Masiorski, North and West Remote Health
2. Murray James, Principal Townsville State High School
3. Eden Steel, Teacher Townsville schools.
4. Harry Pitt, Social & Emotional Wellbeing Manager TAIHS
5. Florence Onus, Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Healing Centre

Connect for mental health



SELF



COMMUNITY



OTHERS



NATURE



ST JAMES ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL



MARGARET RODERICK CENTRE
FOR MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH

October 18th St Luke

St Luke, was a first century physician and companion of St. Paul, is credited with writing both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, serving as a key chronicler of Jesus' life and the early Church, and is venerated as the patron saint of physicians and artists.



St James'
Cathedral

Concert Series



Townsville Guitar Orchestra

4 pm October 18th



United Nations

United Nations Day 24 October

- **A symbol of hope for global unity**
- United Nations Day, on 24 October, marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being.
- There is no other global organization with the legitimacy, convening power and normative impact of the United Nations. No other global organization gives hope to so many people for a better world and can deliver the future we want. Today, the urgency for all countries to come together, to fulfil the promise of the nations united, has rarely been greater.
- UN Day, celebrated every year, offers the opportunity to amplify our [common agenda](#) and reaffirm the purposes and principles of the UN Charter that have guided us for the past 78 years

STS. SIMON AND JUDE

APOSTLES

October 28th

**St. Simon and St. Jude were two of
Jesus' twelve apostles, revered for their
missionary work and martyrdom**

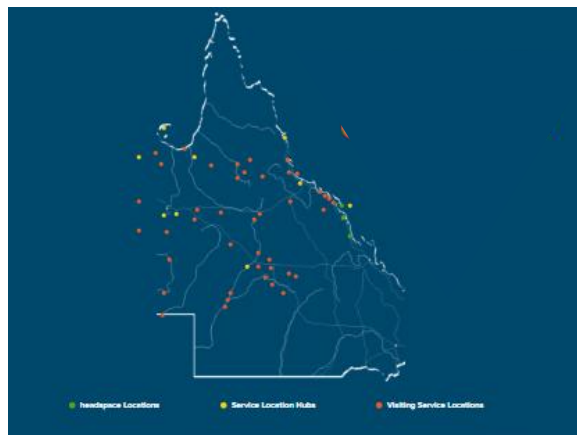


MISSION OF THE MONTH

North & West Remote Health | Mental Health, Allied Health, Disability & Aged Services QLD

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

**BSB 034 222
Account Number
250713 250713**



Allied Health

Our allied health team work together to provide holistic healthcare services throughout rural, regional and remote Queensland. From Exercise Physiology through to Occupational Therapy we tailor our services to meet your goals.



Home And Community Supports

We provide a range of aged care and disability services throughout rural, regional and remote Queensland including domestic assistance, individual and group social support, transport, and allied health. Our compassionate team aim to improve your quality of life and help you maintain your independence.



Mental Health And Wellbeing

Caring for your mental wellbeing is just as important as other areas of health. That's why our team of psychologists and mental health professionals offer confidential counselling throughout rural, regional and remote Queensland.



Carer Support

Through the Carer Gateway program, we provide a range of free services and support just for carers. Services are delivered in-person, online and over the phone and include counselling, coaching, peer support, respite care and financial support.

WHAT HAPPENED?



in September

We welcome

Alexander William Kneipp

Hallie Grace Kelly

Briar Gertrude Prater



into God's Family



STRIKE UP THE BAND

- A celebration of brass music

Join Thuringowa Brass Band as they perform music from a variety of styles, from classical to movie themes to marches and hymns - a program to suit all tastes!

Lachlan Cutler Conductor

Saturday, September 20th 2025
4:00pm

St. James' Cathedral
Cleveland Terrace, The City



September 6th 2025 4.00pm

St James Cathedral



The Stable NQ

Thanks to all who came to the concert on Saturday. It was fabulous. About \$3,000 was raised for Stable this year.



MEN'S BREAKFAST



Meeting with Mr Michael Brennan
Receiver of the Anglican Diocese of
North Queensland, about the future of
the Diocese



Research & Innovation

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jcu.edu.au



Your engagement will help shape the future of ethical review at JCU, ensuring that our processes remain rigorous, timely, and responsive to the evolving needs of research and teaching.

All training and support will be provided, with no prior experience in the role required.

Members are required to attend 1 meeting per month of approximately 2 hours duration, plus allocate some time for preparation (reading and reviewing applications). The roles would suit individuals who enjoy communicating and discussing issues around animal and human welfare in research. External members of the HREC and AEC are eligible to receive a \$150 honorarium per meeting attended, in recognition of their valuable time and contribution.

For more information on the roles and committees please contact the JCU Ethics Office on 07 4781 6543 or at ethics@jcu.edu.au. To submit an expression of interest, please email the Ethics Office stating the position you are interested in, outlining your relevant experience and interest in the committee, and including a copy of your CV for consideration

For more information see Lorraine

James Cook University (JCU) is seeking Expressions of Interest from community members to contribute to the ethical oversight of research and teaching. By becoming a member of one of our Ethics Committees, you will play a vital role in safeguarding integrity, setting the highest standards in ethical conduct, and strengthening the impact of research and education at JCU.

Membership provides a unique opportunity to engage with researchers and professionals from a wide range of disciplines, gain insight into complex and evolving ethical challenges, and apply your expertise to processes that underpin responsible research and teaching. Serving on a committee also offers rich professional development, including exposure to cutting-edge research, insight into decision-making at the highest level, and opportunities to collaborate with leading experts within and beyond the University.

We are currently seeking Expressions of Interest for the following membership categories within both our Human Research and Animal Ethics Committees

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	Beth Honeycombe	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	

THE
ROSTER

Our Organ

Townsville.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.—A handsome gift in the shape of an organ, has been made by a lady in London, Miss Holland, to the above church. It is to cost £309, and will be built especially for the tropics. The organ will contain two manuals with six stops on the swell and seven on the great organ, beside composition pedals and couplers. The builders are Messrs. Bridley and Foster, of Manchester and Sheffield. The present was made with special view to a brick church being erected, and till that has been accomplished the Vicar will be at a loss to know where to put the organ. Next mail will contain the depth and height, and till that is known no definite plan can be adopted. The Rev. H. Plume received on Wednesday the handsome donation of £20 from Mr. R. Cristison, of Adelaide Point, Bowen, in aid of St. James' Mission Church, Townsville.

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Queensland Daily Guardian (Brisbane, Qld. : 1863 - 1868; 1883 - 1884)

Thu 10 May 1883



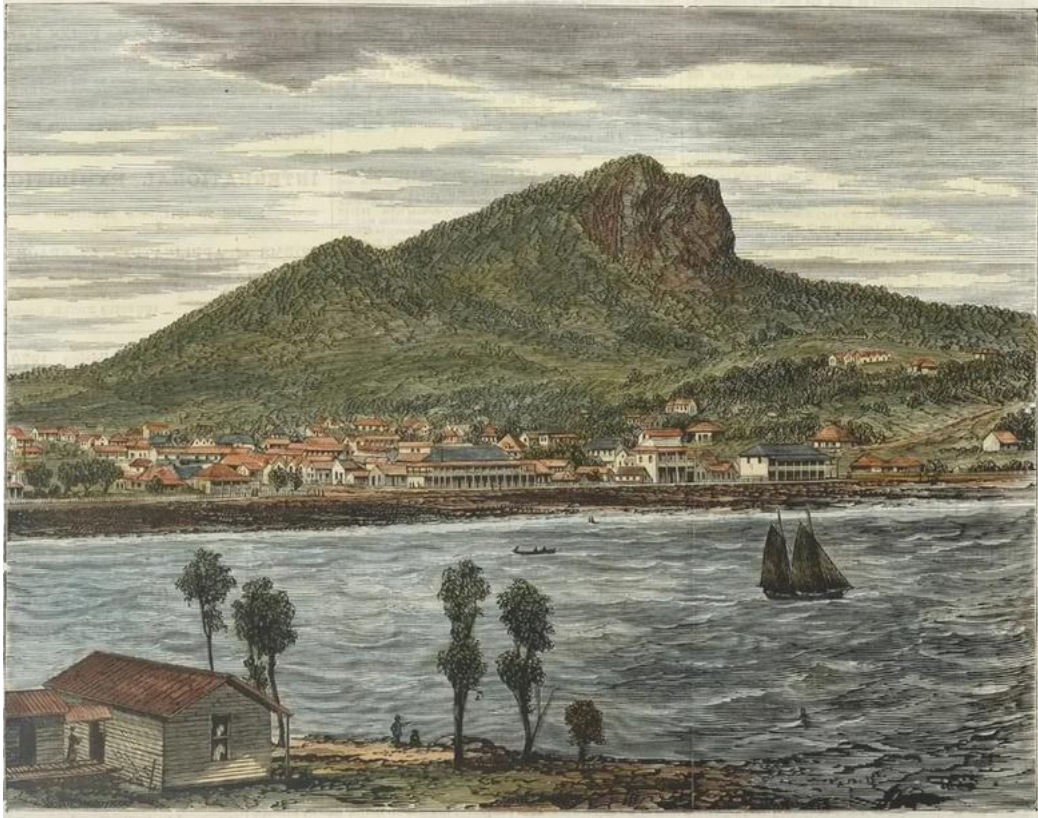
AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR

This is a good opportunity to describe St John's, South Townsville, our lovely Calendar cover church this year. The striking, tropical-style building depicted is in fact the third St John's church on this site, the first two having been destroyed by cyclones around the turn of the 20th century. Its rebuilding testifies to the parish's resilience: the present church is still among the earliest surviving Anglican buildings in northern Queensland. The image is a drawing of St John's by Ralph Power found in the Archives of Townsville City libraries.

Have you ordered your 2026 Church Calendar?

 St John's, South Townsville
2025 calendar cover image





Townsville was established in the mid-1860s to serve burgeoning pastoral settlement in the hinterland and, soon after, the discovery of gold nearby. This is a rare engraving of early Townsville, view from the Strand, c1879 by Arthur Collingridge de Tourcey (1853-1907) taken from a sketch made by a Mr Fallen. This view shows the Criterion Hotel, Quins, The Australian, the Bank of New South Wales, the school of arts and the customs house

Today Townsville is a large, vibrant and multicultural city, the major port of North Queensland, trading substantially with Asia and the Pacific. It is a major hub for the beef and sugar industries, inland mining and ore processing, and has been for many years the site of some of Australia's most important defence bases, as well as James Cook University.

To build St John's, Bishop Stanton bought land on Ross Island, the site of the early port and now known as South Townsville. This church was dedicated in 1887, with the Townsville Herald newspaper reporting that it was "a pretty little church, well patronised".

How sad it was devastated after just over ten years! The second church was built in 1898, then again was lost to Cyclone 'Leonta' in 1903.

Photo from the State Library of Queensland's collection, of the debris of St. John's after this catastrophic cyclone struck on the 9th March, 1903. Reverend Goodchild surveys the destruction.

Remarkably, that time the church furniture was saved by him. At a time of drought and economic hardship, the then Bishop Frodsham travelled overseas to enlist funds to help the congregation rebuild.





The heritage-listed St John's Church we see now was dedicated in 1907. It was designed by architect Charles Dalton Lynch, who is renowned for his work on many major buildings in North Queensland. The architectural style is Gothic attractively adapted to the needs of a tropical climate, providing cross-ventilation with sliding doors on the sides sheltered by verandas. Nowadays St John's describes itself as "a family-sized Christian community", offering both traditional and more relaxed liturgy and – from its website – a happy, inclusive atmosphere.



Above shows people assembled outside *All Saints Anglican Church*, Erub Island, 2011. The missionaries led by Reverend Samuel MacFarlane were made welcome and their faith received by the islanders with joy, which is still given voice in their strong musical tradition.

St John's Church has a strong connection with the Torres Strait Islands community in Townsville and the Diocesan ministry in the islands. The Coming of the Light Festival held each year on 1 July marks the bringing of Christianity to the islands by the London Missionary Society in 1871.

We had the pleasure of making contact with Father Elimo Tapin, beloved vicar of St John's South Townsville and much esteemed for his knowledge and promotion of Torres Strait Islands music, language and culture.



King Charles III Birthday is

November 14th 1948

**Matthew, Mark and Luke,
see me after class.
Your book reports are
surprisingly similar.**

