



Townsville Ministry Unit



October 2026 Parish News

Services

Sunday Eucharist – 9.00 am

Monday - 8.30 am

Morning Prayer followed by communion.

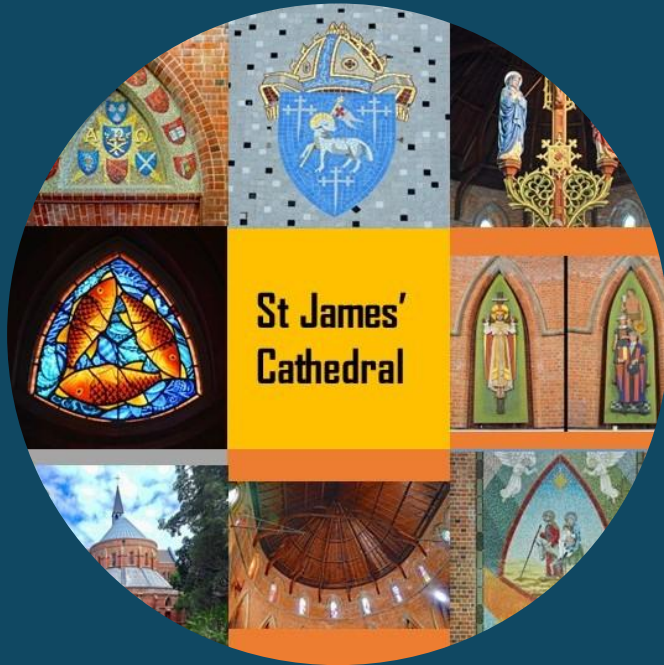
Tuesday - 8:30 am - Morning Prayer.

Wednesday - 8:30 am - Morning Prayer,
12:00 pm & 5.30pm – Communion

Friday - 8:30 am - Morning Prayer.

The Cathedral is open most Weekday Mornings 8.30am – 12 noon

Wednesdays: Fr Jeffrey will be available in the Cathedral Office.





Bolton Clarke Chapel

- Bolton Clarke Chapel is situated in Bay House, the Nursing Home.
- **Services are held there each Monday at 1.30pm** and are taken by an Anglican Priest.

Dean

**The Very Reverend
Jeffery Akoai**

Assisting Clergy

**Rev Kevin Bourke
Rev Vic Hall
Rev Christine Readman
Fr Mitchell Porter
Rev Shirley Thomson
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 October

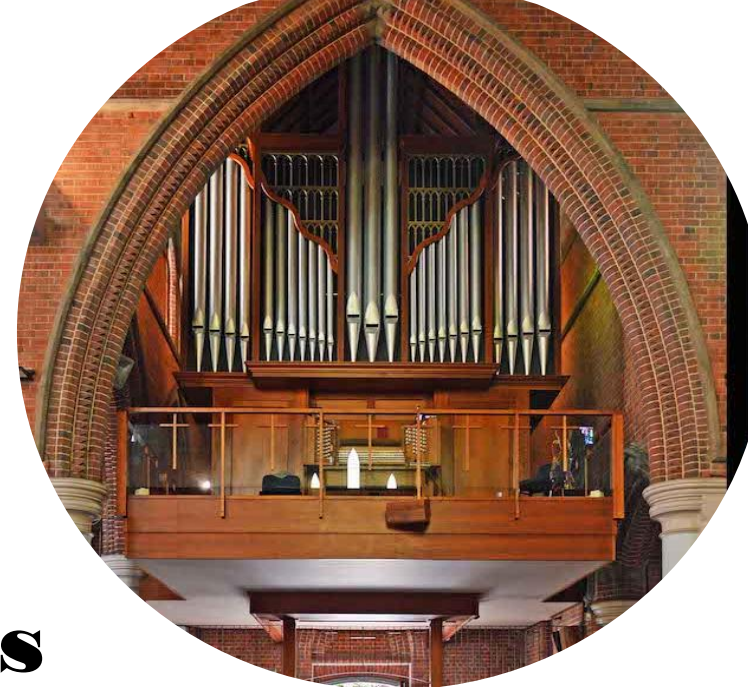


Music full of JOY to lift your spirits

11.30 am Sunday

October 4th

**Organ Recital
for 4 hands and 2 Trumpets**



**We welcome organists Rev Brendon Lukin & Catherine Lukin,
and trumpeters Dr Mark Smith & Jeffrey Bird**

Music from Vivaldi, Wagner, Bach, Percy Grainger, Mozart & Guilman including the original Bridal Chorus

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

The next Recital will be November 8th

[For more information The Organ - St. James' Anglican Cathedral Townsville](#)

6pm October 4th

EVENSONG



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.



October 20th
Anne Milanović

Happy 50th
Birthday

Several yellow stars of varying sizes are scattered around the birthday message. Two are above 'Happy', one is above '50', one is to the right of '50', one is below 'Happy', one is below '50', and one is at the end of 'Birthday'.

5.30pm, October 20th

St James' Cathedral,
36 Cleveland Terrace,
Townsville City.



Youth
Mental Health

Community Forum

Connect for mental health



SELF



COMMUNITY



OTHERS



NATURE



ST JAMES' ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL



**MARGARET RODERICK CENTRE
FOR MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH**



High Anglo-Catholic sung Eucharist

5.30pm.

October 25th

- *All are welcome.*

WHAT IS A THURIBLE?

✝ A thurible is a **sacred vessel** used to burn incense during Catholic liturgy.



USED IN WORSHIP

The thurible is used by the priest or deacon to carry burning incense in the Church.



SYMBOL OF PRAYER

The incense and its fragrance symbolize our prayers rising up to God.



A SIGN OF REVERENCE

Incense shows honor, respect, and adoration for God, the altar, the Gospel, and the faithful.



The sweet fragrance of incense reminds us that our prayers are precious to God and rise to Him like sweet incense.



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“Let my prayer be incense before You; my uplifted hands an evening offering.”

– Psalm 141:2

WHEN IS INCENSE USED?

- ✝ At the beginning of Mass
- ✝ During the Gospel
- ✝ During the preparation of the gifts
- ✝ At the Eucharistic Prayer
- ✝ During Benediction



Incense is more than a tradition—it is a prayer that fills the air and lifts our hearts to heaven.



THROUGH INCENSE, WE SEE, SMELL, AND FEEL
THE BEAUTY OF OUR FAITH AND THE
PRESENCE OF GOD AMONG US.



Why USE INCENSE DURING MASS?

Incense has been used in the Catholic Church for centuries as a beautiful sign of worship, prayer, and reverence.



1. A SIGN OF PRAYER

The rising smoke of incense symbolizes our prayers rising to God, just as Scripture describes (Psalm 141:2).



2. HONORS GOD AND THE SACRED

Incense is a way of showing honor, respect, and adoration to God, who is worthy of our highest praise.



3. SETS APART WHAT IS HOLY

Incense is used to distinguish and consecrate sacred things—like the altar, the Gospel, the offerings, and the people.



4. CREATES A SENSE OF THE SACRED

The fragrance of incense helps create an atmosphere of reverence, reminding us that we are in the presence of God.



5. UNITES OUR PRAISE

Incense fills the church, reminding us that our prayers and worship are united as one Body in Christ.

October 27th



Jed

Oct 28th
St Simon

A fish on a book represents, Simon the Zealot as through the power of the Gospel Simon became a great fisher of men.



Oct 28th
St Jude

The Ship represents
how far St Jude
travelled on
missionary journeys.





Queensland
Mental Health
Week



October

Your generosity enables us to continue our important work. When you donate, you're contributing to our vision that all young Australians are supported to be mentally healthy and engaged in their communities. We are so grateful for your contribution.

- **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**



- \$350 Donation was sent to the Nepal Flash Flood Emergency Appeal.

- If you still wish to donate you can do this directly through the ABM website.

- [Nepal Flash Flood Emergency Appeal - ABM Anglican Board of Mission](#)



**WHAT
HAPPENED**
in
September

Grammar Sings Concert



Recital for Organ and Trumpet 11 am Sunday September 6th

We welcome trumpeter Dr Mark Smith
and Rev Brendon Lukin, organist



Mark is a highly accomplished and experienced conductor, composer, educator and performer.

As well as being an organist, **Brendon** is a orchestral tuba player with Australian and international experience.





We welcomed through

Holy Baptism



**Remi Rose Warrick
James Aidan Hunt
Roger Arthur Hunt
Ellie Walker
Zara Elizabeth Jill
Mahlia Ivy Daines**

R.I.P

Rest in peace

Lynette Myra Kerwin

09 July 1944- 19 September 2026





Buying
photocopy
paper for
yourself?

Perhaps buy an
extra packet
for St James'
photocopying?

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St James Cathedral

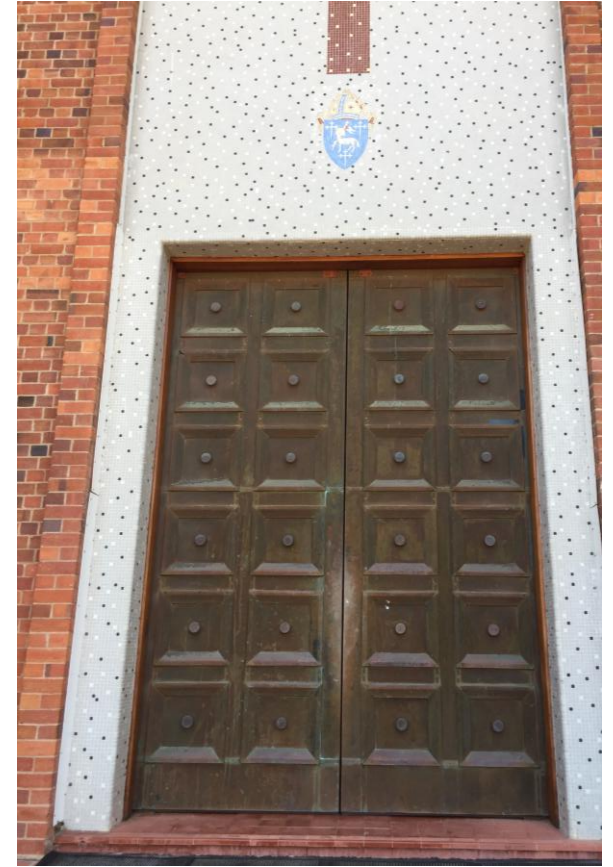
Keeping the Doors Open Roster

Have you an afternoon per week spare?

Would you like to sit in a peaceful place and sometimes listen to Tom on the organ

Thank you to all who help to keep the doors open

Perhaps you would like to help out on the roster



<i>Keeping the Doors Open</i>	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Substitute
8.30am - 12	Helen McIntosh	Julieth Akoia	Fr Jeffery (all day)	David Porter	Lorraine Kennedy	Susan Gair
12 – 4pm	Ray Bailey					

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.**
- **simple activities for children that could be done in the Cathedral**



Please pray..

While Nigeria sits at seventh on the global watch list, the sheer weight of sorrow told a far heavier story over the last year. More believers lost their lives for their faith there than in every other country across the globe combined, totaling 3,490 brothers and sisters killed alongside 3,632 churches and properties targeted. In Kaduna State alone, abductions swept through 1,116 Christians compared to 101 Muslims, prompting Pastor Barnabas to share that his people face relentless attacks every single day. That breaks down to more than thirteen believers dying daily for the name of Jesus, reminding us that while the world looks away, our family in Christ needs our prayers and steadfast support now more than ever.



"Please do not look away from Binper," Dachomo said. "Please do not allow these precious lives to become forgotten statistics."

For believers, this is a moment to stand with those mourning in Plateau State and to pray for comfort, healing, protection and justice.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." — Psalm 34:18

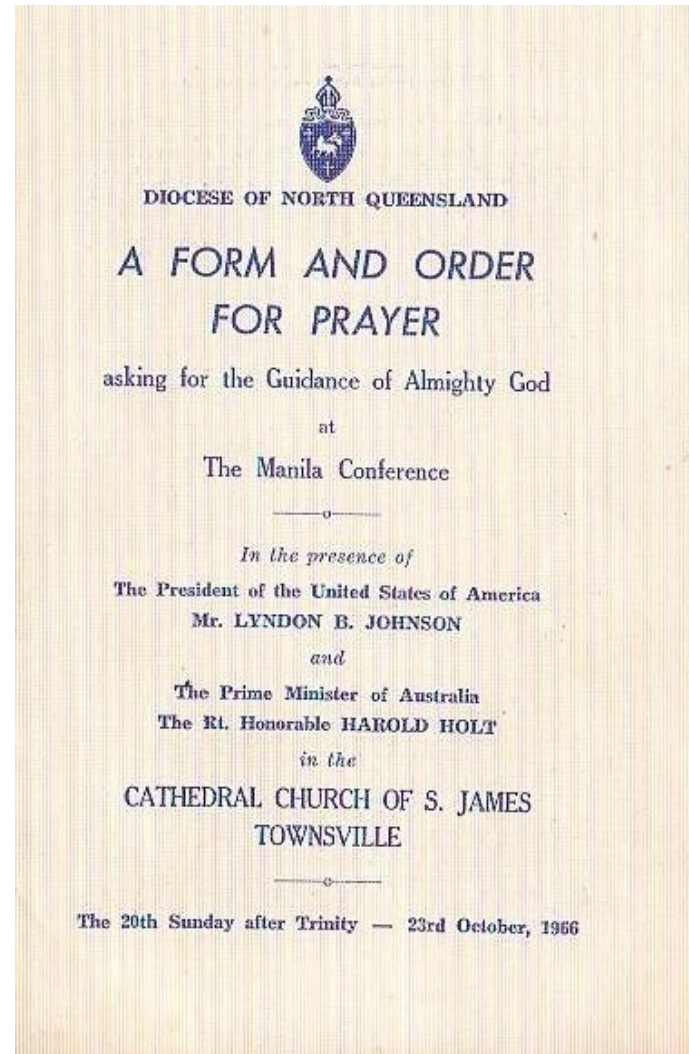


Horrific warning from Nigeria: Catholic Bishop Wilfred Chikpa Anagbe says the Christian population in his country is facing “total elimination” at the hands of jihadists.

According to Anagbe, Benue State, where his diocese is located and where he says 98% of the population is Christian, has become one of the most dangerous areas in Nigeria. He says attackers murder civilians, destroy churches, burn farmland, drive entire communities out of their villages, and then occupy the abandoned territory, describing it as a “calculated strategy of Islamization.”

The bishop also pointed to the Yelewata massacre, where around 200 people were killed. According to him, attackers set fire to a room full of civilians and “burned everyone alive,” including two babies aged three and five months.

A 2024 European Parliament resolution cited estimates that 52,000 Christians have been killed in Nigeria since 2009, while 18,000 churches and 2,200 Christian schools have been destroyed.



October 23rd 1966
US President Lyndon B.
Johnson



WHEN DO WE USE **GREEN**

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GREEN IS USED DURING ORDINARY TIME

It represents growth, hope, and new life in Christ.



ORDINARY TIME

Green is the liturgical colour used for most days of the year, known as Ordinary Time.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

It reminds us to grow in faith, to live the Gospel, and to follow Jesus more closely each day.

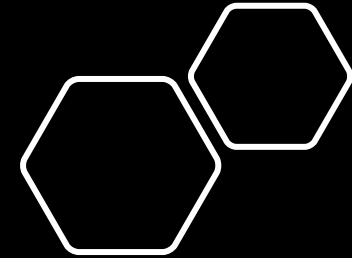


HOPE IN GOD

Green points to life, renewal, and the hope of eternal life with God.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing."

Romans 15:13



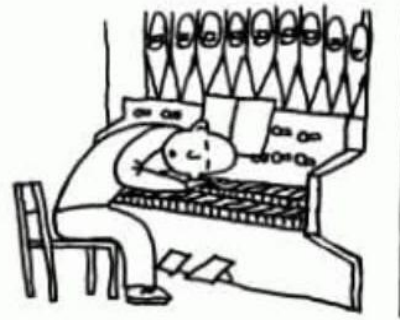
By Dave Walker.

THE LITURGICAL PAUSE

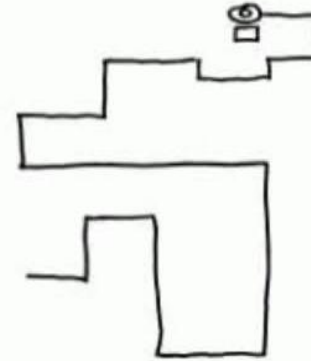
THIS IS ONE OF THE CENTRAL ELEMENTS OF A CHURCH SERVICE.
WE OBSERVE A LITURGICAL PAUSE AT THE FOLLOWING POINTS:



AT MOMENTS WHEN
PONDERING IS EXPECTED



WHEN THE ORGANIST
HASN'T COME IN



WHEN THE READER HAS
A PARTICULARLY GRUELLING
JOURNEY TO THE LECTERN



WHEN AN EASTER FIRE
OR ADVENT CANDLE
REFUSES TO LIGHT



WHEN NO-ONE WILL ADMIT TO
BEING THE PERSON DOWN
TO LEAD THE INTERCESSIONS



WHEN NOBODY HAS A
CLUE WHAT IS SUPPOSED
TO HAPPEN NEXT