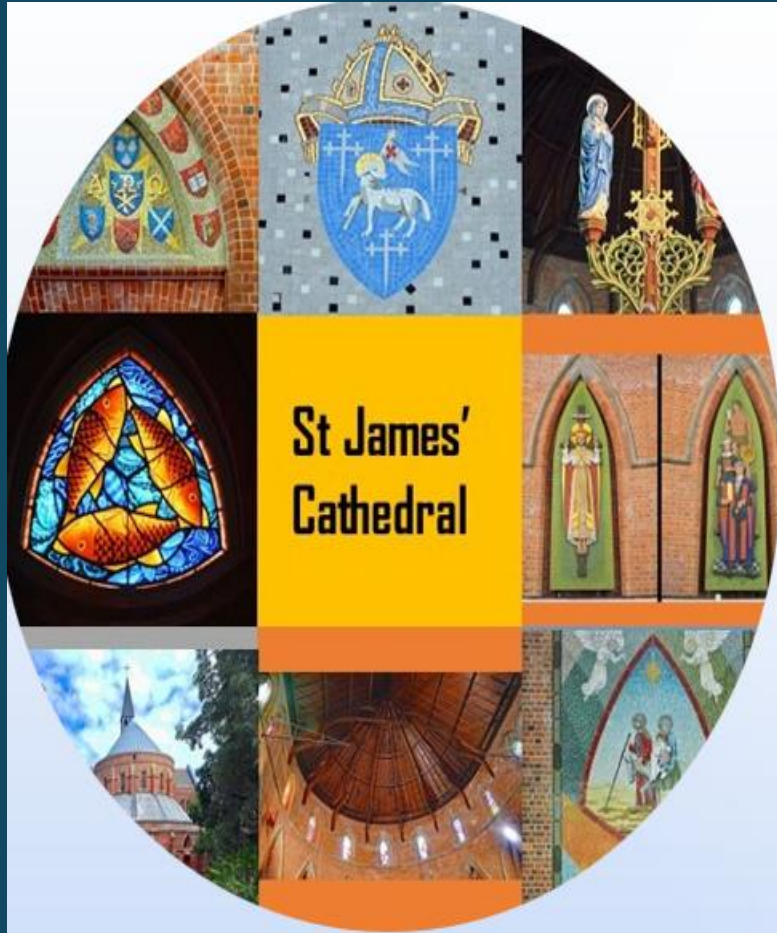




Townsville Ministry Unit

September 2026 Parish News



Cathedral Services

Monday - 8.30am - Morning Prayer followed by communion.

Tuesday - 8:30 am - Morning Prayer.

Wednesday - 8:30 am - Morning Prayer,
12:00 pm - Communion,
5:30 pm – Communion.

Friday - 8:30 am - Morning Prayer.

The Cathedral is open most Weekday Mornings 8 – 12 noon

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

Dean

**The Very Reverend
Jeffery Akoai**

Assisting Clergy

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Rev Christine Readman
Fr Mitchell Porter
Rev Shirley Thomson
Rev Frances Maltby**

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Instagram [@cathedral.tsv](https://www.instagram.com/cathedral.tsv)

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 September

September 2nd



Lilla Lashmar
Teacher



Margery Brenchley
Nurse



John Duffill
Builder



Bernard Moore
Priest



Mavis Parkinson
Teacher



May Hayman
Nurse



Vivian Redlich
Priest



Lucian Tapiedi
Evangelist and teacher

- **John Barge** Priest
- **Henry Matthews** Priest
- **Henry Holland** Priest
- **Leslie Gariardi** Evangelist and teacher

The Martyrs of New Guinea were 333 Christian missionaries, clergy, teachers, and medical staff who were killed during the Japanese invasion of New Guinea in 1942 and 1943.

- New Guinea Martyrs: discoveries - Anglican Focus

A LEGACY OF PRESENCE, A FUTURE OF HOPE

The New Guinea Martyrs chose to remain with the people they loved. Honour their legacy by supporting education and leadership programs for our neighbours in Papua New Guinea.



Men's Breakfast with Dean Jeffery

7.30 am
September 5th
Cathedral Gardens



FATHER'S DAY MEMORIAL

Remembering those we've lost

Belgian Gardens Cemetery

Saturday 5 September 2026, 8.30 – 10am

The event will include:

*A memorial ceremony and
words of reflection*

*Opportunities for
remembrance and reflection*

*Community wellbeing and
grief-support information*

*Free barbeque breakfast and
barista coffee*

*Native plants for attendees to
take home*

*Opportunities for community
connection and conversatio*

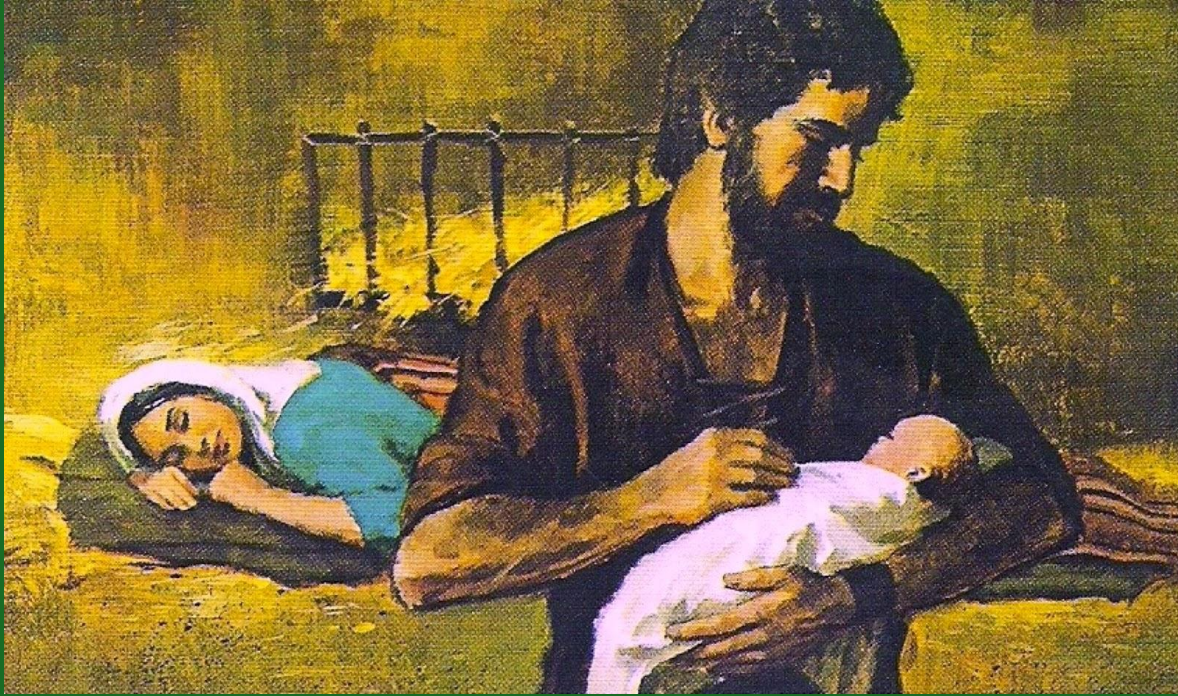


TGS



**3pm Saturday
September 5th**

GRAMMAR SINGS



Fathers' Day
September 6th

A Father's Day Prayer

**God,
Bless all the fathers in the
world. Father, we ask that You
guide them to be good role
models and loving to their
children. We also ask that You
help them to be a father like
You are. Give them grace and
patience to handle situations
in a loving way.
Amen**



Recital for Organ and Trumpet

11 am Sunday September 6th

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



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

As well as being an organist, **Brendon** is a Chaplain with the 1st Aviation Regiment, Australian Army



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

6pm September 6th

EVENSONG





All young families, and those who are
young at heart, are invited to



Lunch with Fr Jeffery & his family
at the Strand Water Park

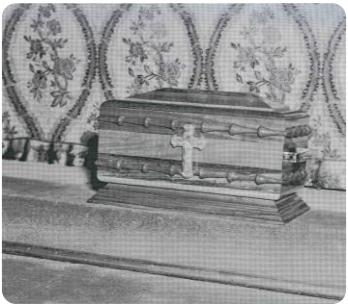
After our service September 13th

Who was 'The Blessed' Bishop John Oliver Feetham?

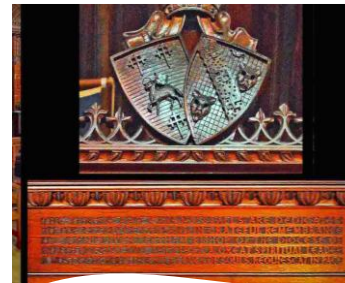
"In 1961, the Diocese of North Queensland decided to commemorate a man who, though he had died 14 years earlier, loomed large in the Anglican community in that region...He came to be known as 'The Blessed' John Oliver Feetham...and is commemorated on 15 September each year in *A Prayer Book for Australia*. His remarkable life and connection to our Diocese are certainly worth commemorating," says Archives Researcher Adrian Gibb

September 15th Bishop John Oliver Feetham₍₁₈₇₃₋₁₉₄₇₎

Anglican Bishop of
North Queensland
(1913 to 1947)



Bishop Feetham's ashes before being placed underneath the altar at St James' Cathedral in September 1947
(Image courtesy of the Records and Archives Centre, Anglican Church Southern Queensland)



The Bishop's Throne and Choir Stalls in St James' Cathedral are dedicated to him with his family crest placed along with the Anglican Diocese of NQ Crest

The text reads '*The Throne and Canons Stalls are dedicated to the glory of God and in grateful remembrance of John Oliver Feetham, then Bishop of the Diocese of North Queensland, 1913–1947, a great spiritual leader, a most generous friend, a lover of souls. Requiescat in Pace.*'

CONGRATULATIONS
TRISH AND LEE
SEPTEMBER 17TH 2026



September 21st

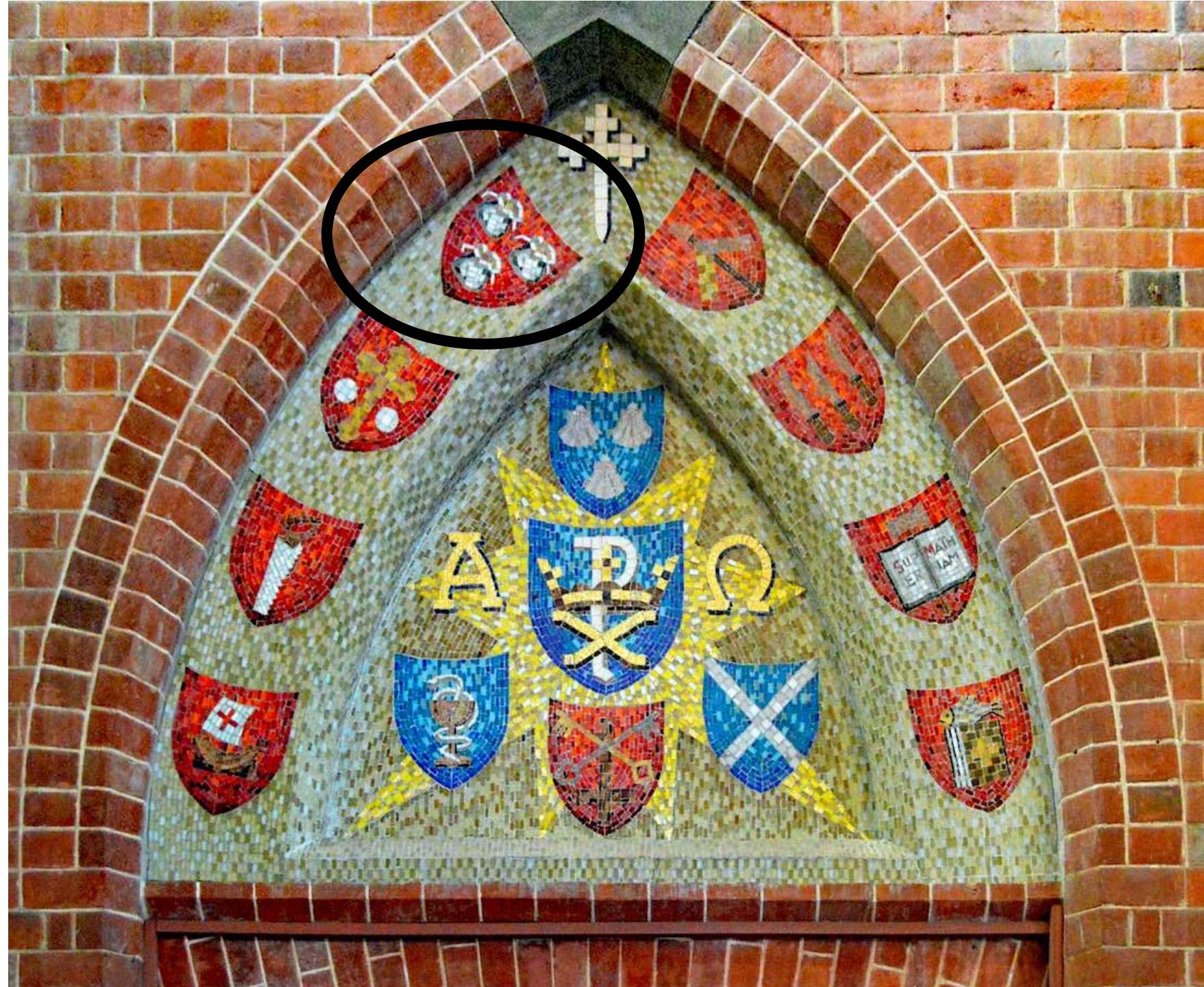
St Matthew-

symbol- bags of money

According to the Gospels, Matthew was a 1st-century Galilean, the son of Alphaeus.

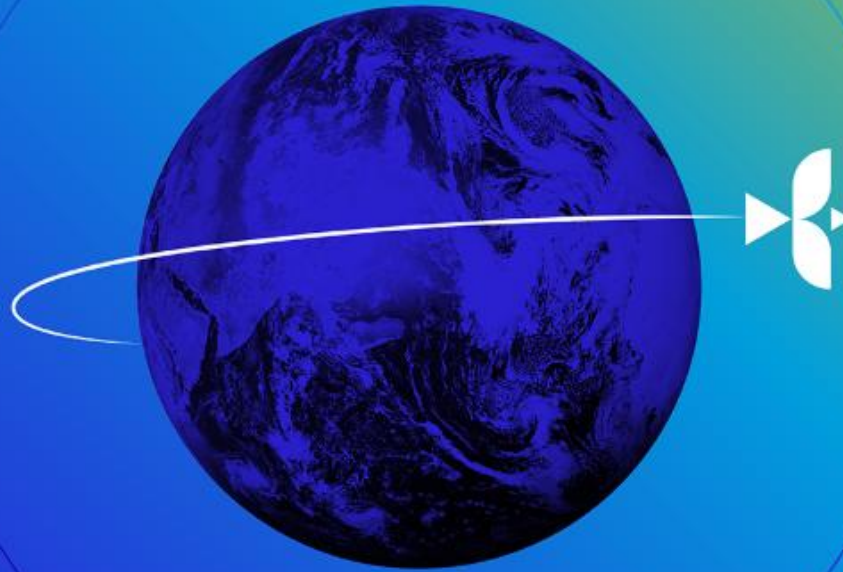
As a tax collector, he would probably not have been literate, and certainly could not write highly educated Greek. His fellow Jews would have despised him for what was seen as collaborating with the Roman occupation force.

After his call, Matthew invited Jesus for a feast. On seeing this, the Scribes and the Pharisees criticized Jesus for eating with tax collectors and sinners. This prompted Jesus to answer, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance"¹



Invest in Peace

For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
21 SEPTEMBER 2026

NATIONAL POLICE
REMEMBRANCE DAY
29 SEPTEMBER





September

Honour the martyrs by supporting literacy in Papua New Guinea

Your gift of literacy opens doors of opportunity

As the Second World War reached Papua New Guinea, twelve [Anglican martyrs](#) chose to remain in that country with the people they loved. They were teachers, nurses, priests, builders and evangelists – servant leaders who embodied Christ's love in action. The story of the New Guinea Martyrs is a living witness to faith, courage and the call for peace.

We honour their memory through the Martyrs Gift – supporting education, strong leadership and brighter futures for our neighbours in Papua New Guinea.

Papua New Guinea has a wealth of natural resources, yet for ordinary people, subsistence living is still a daily reality. Many families cannot afford the fees to keep children in school, meaning that students drop out before learning to read, write and do basic maths.

With your generous support, we are working with our local Anglican partner to run adult literacy classes, giving people a precious second chance at an education.

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

MISSION
OF THE MONTH

Come and help for a couple of hours

- **Sorting and setting up**
(Wed 2/Thurs 3/Friday 4
from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
- **Friday 5:00-9:00 p.m.**
and **Sat 8:00-1:00 p.m.**
Help with **sales, count money, Cook the BBQ, sell from the bake stall, face paint etc etc**
- **Sat 1:00 p.m. Help with pack away and clean up. If you have a ute or trailer** that could be very helpful

OR Donations can be left at the Cathedral before Wednesday

STABLE NQ FUNDRAISER
Monster Garage
SALE
+
BBQ & Bake sale

**YOUR 'TRASH' IS
SOMEONE'S
TREASURE**

4th - 5th of September
Friday: 5pm-9pm
Saturday: 8am-1pm

Aitkenvale Uniting Church
cnr Ross River Rd and Anne St

Eftpos available

Quality donations of furniture,
children's clothes, books and
bric-a-brac
received by 03/09.
Pick ups: 0413527651

THE STABLE
North Queensland Christmas Fundraiser

SEA SUNDAY in the city and the country.



The annual Sea Sunday commemoration was held at St James' Cathedral on Sunday 12th July, and we are grateful to the new Dean of St James, the Very Reverend Jeffrey Akoai, for celebrating the Eucharist, to remember yet another year of service to the seafarers by the small group of volunteers at the Port of Townsville, and for the world-wide seafaring community. The service was followed by the usual plentiful morning tea, and the cutting of the traditional Mission birthday cake.

It was also celebrated in many of the churches around the NQ diocese, and throughout the country. Townsville MTS is very grateful for donation from our friends at St Paul's Charters Towers following Sea Sunday there and various donations during the year from other ministry centres. I am aware that other faith communities have contributed both financially and in kind to our appeals over the year to date, and note with gratitude the generosity of a number of groups and individuals in keeping the work alive here at the Port of Townsville.

Sea Sunday is a moment each year when we come together to pray for seafarers, give thanks for their vital work, and find ways to support The Mission to Seafarers' frontline ministry.

We often forget, in our geographical isolation, that Australia is an island, with over 95% of everything brought into, or taken out of our country being carried by ships. So, seafarers are essential to everyday life, yet they work unseen, facing long periods away from home, isolation, and often dangerous conditions.



The Mission to Seafarers Mid-Year Newsletter Townsville 2026



Once again, to our friends taking the time to show compassion and friendship to our seafarers, we say THANK YOU.



One of our regional knitters, Aileen brought hundreds of beanies down from the Atherton Tablelands, while crew from the 'Pacific Kohinoor' sorted through a selection to wear to town in August 26. It is always good to arrive and see vessels so close to the Mission on Berth 8, 9 and 10, making it easier to deliver beanies and other items when it's only a short stroll away from the canteen...and even better for the crew who visit.

Behold, all things shall be made new!

The recent closure of St Mark's, Belgian Gardens has obviously left a number of faithful members in a state of uncertainty. However, through the determination of a small group of dedicated folk, some of the familiar items from that church building have found their way into St Nicholas' Chapel at the Mission centre inside the Port of Townsville.

We understand that things are no longer the same, but the Mission gives grateful thanks as we are able to furnish our chapel in loved and memorable pieces of the St Mark's community.

Most of the work was organised by our Chairman Mr Rod Burgess, and restoration work was carried out by Mr. Tom Gray, turning the dark stained pieces back into the beautiful original silky oak, which now gleams in the afternoon light through the glass brick wall. The warmth of the tones combines beautifully with the original silky oak pieces from the old Bishop's Lodge Chapel from the 1880's.



The Mission extends a welcome to friends from St Marks and beyond for a monthly celebration of the Holy Eucharist in our chapel. It is exciting to have our seafaring visitors meeting and chatting with visitors and friends joining us for worship.

All these pieces have gained a new life within the Mission, and we are blessed to have the restored pieces all together—combining beauty and warmth with history and meaning.

We are appreciative and privileged to be part of this new chapter of a story of rejuvenation, and pray that the Mission will be able to carry on its mission of the Hospitality of God into the future, combining the beauty of what has gone before with the opportunities of the future.



If you wish to receive the whole newsletter in your mailbox, email mtstownsville@hotmail.com

**WHAT
HAPPENED**

in

August

(what a month it has been!)

In August we welcomed through



Holy Baptism

**Florence Jean Conlon
& Zara Rose Dooley**



HEROES and VILLAINS

25TH JULY 2026
4PM

SUPPORTED BY

City of Townsville

Townsville Concert Band






Installation
of the
Dean of
St James
Cathedral,
The Very Rev
Jeffery Akoai







First Service of
Very Rev'd Jeffery Akoai
Dean,
St James' Cathedral

FRIENDS OF ST JAMES CATHEDRAL
TOWNSVILLE ICON ART PRIZE
WINNER
Kerrie Horrocks



Friends of
St James' Cathedral
Art and Craft Exhibition
Opening Night





A Day of Music & Art

August 1st



Anglican Melanesian Seasonal Workers Group

St James Cathedral
1.30pm August 2nd

Join the 30-member group as they present traditional songs and dances from the 9 provinces of the Solomon Islands.



FEATURED ARTIST CAROLE HOWLETT

“The City as a Canvas”

In her presentation, Carole took us inside her most recent urban artworks—where city spaces, strong shapes, and expressive textures come together.



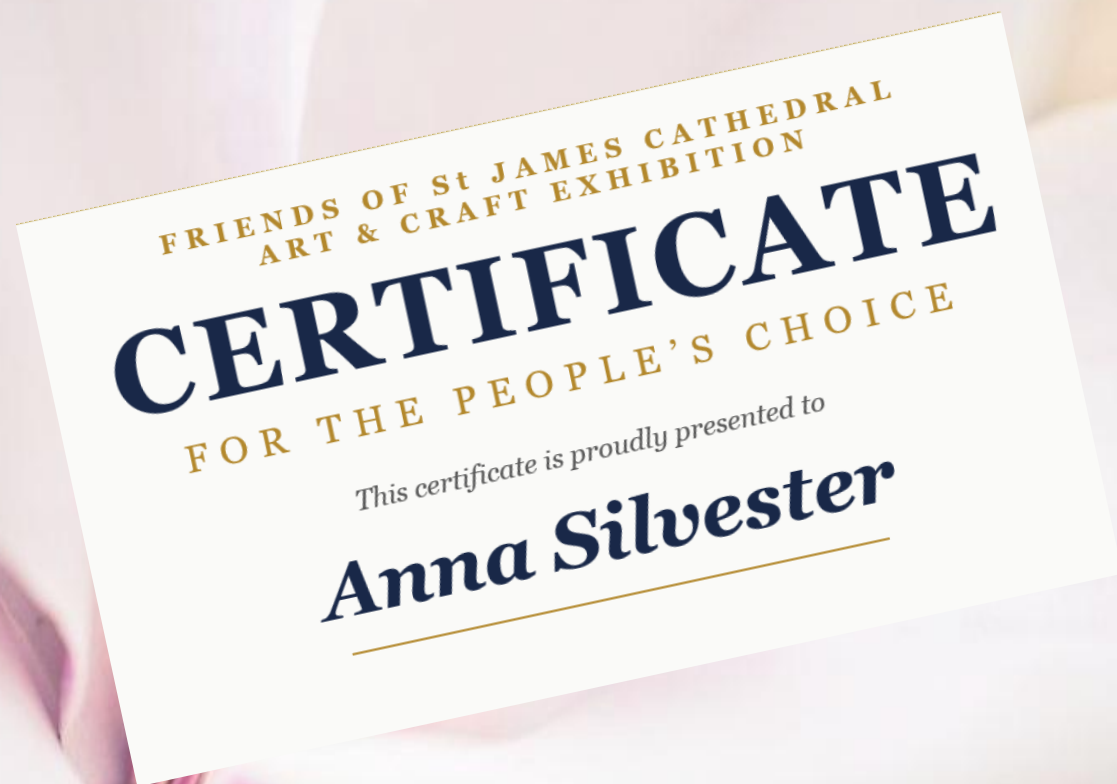
Raffle Winners



Casie being presented with her view of Castle Hill by Convenor Mary Gallagher and donor Zita Toth-Vagvolgyi

Bianca being presented with her Hummingbird by donor Jan Walker







**We welcomed local dignitaries and members of the
31st Battalion, Kennedy Regiment,
for their Annual Commemoration Service**

MUSIC

IN THE CATHEDRAL

PROGRAM

22
AUGUST

SATURDAY 4PM
36 Cleveland Terrace,
Townsville

*Enjoy an afternoon of
classical music with our
Cathedral Musicians*



Founded 1917
The Cathedral School
of St Anne & St James
TOWNSVILLE



Visitors to the Cathedral this month, apart from services

- Townsville Concert Band Concert - 80
- The Art and Craft Exhibition Opening- 95
- Visit from Kirwan Scouts - 40
- Fr Jeffery's Installation -100
- Tours– 65
- Art and Music Day - uncountable
- Fr Jeffery's first service- 100
- Melanesian Song & Dance troupe concert – 40
- Daybreak Rotary Breakfast- 15
- Featured Artist Presentation- 35
- Art and Craft Exhibition – uncountable
- Kennedy Regiment Commemoration - 100

Bolton-Clarke Residents

Endeavour Foundation



Kirwan - Scouts
To Kirwan - Scouts, +1

6:54 pm
...

Good evening all.

Firstly, a big thank you to Liam's grandmother for her very informative talk about St James.

The scouts had some really interesting questions which she was able to answer easily.

I understand that St James is open regularly and I highly recommend you visit.

Apparently, the leadlight windows are really impressive during the day.

This week we are back at the hall. We will be undertaking activities with a navigation theme.

The rotations are GPS use, compass use, map reading and topography visualisation.

< **Rotary Club of Townsville Daybreak's p...**

A wonderful morning for the Rotary Club of Townsville Daybreak members and friends as we visited St James' Anglican Cathedral for a tour and breakfast.

A big thank you to our lovely guide, Lorraine, for sharing the rich history and stories of this beautiful and iconic Townsville landmark – your knowledge and passion made the experience truly special.

The Cathedral is currently hosting its 2026 Art & Craft Exhibition, running until 9th August. The exhibition is open daily from 10am to 2pm, and Saturdays from 10am to 5pm – well worth a visit! Find our more here ➡ www.stjamescathedral.com.au

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< **Rotary Club of Townsville Daybreak's p...**



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What a Month for Caterers!!!

Thank you so much to those who helped cater for

- The Art and Craft Exhibition Opening- Marcia, Ken, Phil, Trish, Lee, Joy & Kerrie's Boys
- The Installation – Abraham, Christina, Renisha, Jenisha, Brenda
- Morning tea for Fr Jeffery's first service – Helen, David, Wendy & Eddie
- Lunch for the Melanesian Group – Abraham & Phil
- Breakfast for Day Break Rotary – Leigh
- Featured Artist Presentation- Marcia, Jim
- Kennedy Regiment Commemoration- Amy, Helen

(Apologies for anyone missed)



St James Cathedral Roster August – December 2026

Please fill your name in on the Roster for the rest of the year

	1 st SUNDAY	2 nd SUNDAY	3 rd SUNDAY	4 th SUNDAY	5 th SUNDAY
Welcomers				Trish & Lee	
1 st Reading & Psalm	Jenny Stirling		Helen MacIntosh	Ray Bailey	
2 nd Reading			Amy Webb	Lyn P	
Gospel	Rev Lynore	Rev Lynore	Rev Lynore	Rev Lynore	Rev Lynore
Intercessions					
Server	Robyn Gould		Robyn Gould		Robyn Gould
Morning Tea			Amy Webb		
Keeping the Doors Open	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.30- 12	Helen McIntosh	Julieth Akoia	Fr Jeffery (all day)	David Porter	Lorraine Kennedy
12 – 4pm	Ray Bailey				

Used stamps for
Australian Board of
Missions



Take your containers to the depot and donate to St James Cathedral, using the QR Code and the money will be deposited directly to St James



Scheme ID

C10657575

- To stay in touch with the happenings at St James, please ensure that your details are up to date.
- When speaking to new people, please ask them to fill out a Card



Read the article at
BabylonBee.com

**Church Ushers Rough Up
First-Time Visitor Trying To
Escape Without Filling Out
Connection Card**



WE ARE UPDATING OUR MINISTRY UNIT ROLL
(one card per person)

Name: _____ (underline preferred name)

Address: _____

eMail: _____

Phone: _____

In case of an emergency, please contact:

FOR SALE

Used large industrial
floor drum fan 68cm
diameter 3speeds

\$100



CHURCH TIMES

- [Gen Z are discovering the C of E's traditions](#)

Gen Z are discovering the C of E's traditions

by ESMÉ PARTRIDGE
21 AUGUST 2026

The breadth of Anglicanism provides a range of entry points for spiritually curious younger people, *Esmé Partridge* finds



**Before you speak,
pause and pass your
words through
three gates:**

MindfulChristianity

**IS IT
TRUE?**

*Speak the truth
in love.*

EPHESIANS 4:15

**IS IT
NECESSARY?**

*Let your words
be few.*

ECCLESIASTES 5:2

**IS IT
KIND?**

*Let your speech
always be gracious,*

COLOSSIANS 4:6

**What we say matters—
speak with wisdom,
grace, and purpose.**